

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **University of Connecticut Board of Trustees**

#### **Student Life Committee December 5, 2024 Special Virtual Meeting**

Committee Trustees: Shari Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean Dunn,  
Bryan Pollard

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representative: Tina McCarthy

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Anne D'Alleva, Nathan Fuerst, Robert  
Corbett, Cynthia Costanzo, Fany Hannon, Jeffrey Hines,  
Philip Hunt, Tadarayl Starke, Michelle Williams

Vice-Chair Trustee Cantor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### 1. Public Participation

No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.

#### 2. Minutes from the September 30, 2024, Special Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2024, Special Meeting.

#### 3. Standing Updates:

Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Fuerst provided updates on several topics, including the results of voter participation at the UConn Bookstore, a summary of the Mansfield community cleanup day, and on the Early Decision application process.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs D'Alleva shared updates on several key initiatives, including the transition of the Cultural Centers, Metanoia, undergraduate career success, the recent career fair, and changes to midterm grade reporting.

Dean of Students Hannon provided an overview of key student support initiatives, including post-election resources, access to hair and wellness products, and the establishment of designated prayer spaces for Muslim students.

4. Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan:

Vice President Fuerst and Deputy Chief of Staff Hunt gave a brief presentation on the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan. The presentation outlined how stakeholders across the institution are working together to develop an Enrollment Plan that aligns with the University Mission, the University Strategic Plan, and supports strategic initiatives across all UConn undergraduate and graduate programs and campuses.

5. Housing Improvements

Vice President Fuerst and Interim Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design, and Construction Corbett gave a brief presentation on the enhancement and restoration of UConn's housing program to meet both current demand and future needs. The discussion also covered long-term plans for expanding housing across all campuses to support the growing student population.

6. Proposed Student Trustee Election Committee By-Law Revisions

Provost D'Alleva shared a document detailing the proposed By-Law revisions from the Student Trustee Election Committee aimed at addressing election concerns, including changes to procedures, language, committee structure, and candidate responsibilities.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

7. University Senate Representative Report

University Senate Representative Tina McCarthy reported that the Student Welfare Committee discussed several topics, including the University's Strategic Plan, financial transparency, and ways to improve communication about costs and financial aid to support student retention and success. The Student Welfare Committee also discussed concerns about off-campus housing, transportation access, and campus safety.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Zecchini  
Secretary to the Committee