

Senate Student Welfare Committee
Minutes
February 15th, 2024

Charge: This committee shall review the conditions that contribute to the academic success, personal development, physical and mental well-being of students, and available forms of financial aid. It may seek the opinion of the Senate on such matters and make recommendations.

1. Approve Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the January 18, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously.

Old Business

2. Fall Break – return
 - a. Leo Lachut shared that this issue has been raised again and asked the group if this committee should put together a proposal for the senate to consider. Discussion ensued.
3. How will student experience be impacted by severe budget cuts (Virtual Town halls)
 - a. Nathan Fuerst shared that the appropriations hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday and the President will be presenting at that committee. He added that Tuesday night will involve student panels and that leadership is working with student leaders to engage students in this process. A question was raised regarding student services, such as mental health fees and Nathan Fuerst confirmed that these services are fee-based and are slightly different from the budget concerns that are funded by the state. Discussion ensued regarding student participation and advocacy in this process.
4. Regional Concerns
 - a. New positions and how they impact student success
5. DE & I concerns
6. Off-campus housing for graduate students- Pricing for new rentals?
 - a. Nathan Fuerst reported that pricing for new rentals has not yet been shared with his office. He confirmed that the apartments are scheduled to open in Fall of 2025. Arthur Galinat raised concerns regarding the availability of short-term housing, citing the needs of visiting faculty and international students.

New Business

1. 3:00 pm Guest -Josh Boggis & Michael Mundrane presented to the group regarding the rollout of new email system. Questions were also raised regarding the change of account names (email addresses) from firstname.lastname@uconn.edu to netid@uconn.edu. Michael Mundrane confirmed that the creation of aliases will be possible, but on request.
 1. When a student separates from the university (cancelation or withdrawal), what happens with their UConn email address? How long does it take for a student who separates to no longer have access to their UConn email address?
 1. Josh Boggis reported that they will work with the Dean of Students to ensure they are following the policy as they have outlined.
 2. And if students graduate from UConn, do they get to keep their UConn email forever?
 1. Michael Mundrane reported that there is a financial cost to this and that the email address will be allowed to receive messages, but there will no longer be an account behind it. Alumni will have an option to certify a backup email address

on an annual basis for those emails to be forwarded automatically. (i.e. students can still receive messages on their UConn email as forwarded email)

3. Can you share communications going to students regarding transition?
 1. Some broad communications and some targeted communications to students – letting them know the timeframe, what their options are and offer assistance.
 4. Can you share communications going to alumni regarding transition?
 1. Migrating alumni from google into MS 365. However, large files will not migrate and links within content to other google content will break. Photos will also not migrate. Alumni accounts go away on April 30th, 2024.
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2. Updates on Nurse Navigators at regionals: Nathan Fuerst gave an update on the rollout of Nurse Navigator vans on regional campuses.
 3. Weather response to Tuesday
 1. Leo Lachut raised concerns brought to his attention regarding clearing of the snow, particularly safety concerns for students with mobility issues.

Attendance:

Kara Aldonza
Thomas Bontly
Elizabeth Bowling (Guest)
Andrew Bush
Kimberly Duby
Nathan Fuerst
Kate Fuller
Arthur Galinat
Gavin Kuebler
Erica Granoff
Leo Lachut (Chair)
Mona Lucas
Katherine McCarthy
Tina McCarthy
Suzanne Peters
Megan Petsa
Sarah Scheidel
Lorien Touponse

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting 3/21 /24

****Meeting Update Outline: February 23, 2024****

****I. Approval of Minutes****

- Minutes from January 18, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously.

****II. Old Business****

- **Fall Break Return Proposal**

- Leo Lachut raised the issue again and proposed the committee prepare a proposal for the senate's consideration.

- **Impact of Severe Budget Cuts on Student Experience (Virtual Town Halls)**

- Nathan Fuerst discussed the upcoming appropriations hearing and involvement of student panels.

- Concerns raised about student services and mental health fees.

- Discussion on student participation and advocacy.

- **Regional Concerns**

- New positions' impact on student success.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE & I) concerns.

- Off-campus housing for graduate students, concerns about pricing and short-term housing availability.

****III. New Business****

- **3:00 pm Guest Presentation**

- Josh Boggins & Michael Mundrane presented the rollout of the new email system.

- Discussion on account name changes and creation of aliases.

- Concerns about student email addresses upon separation from the university and after graduation.

- Communication plans for students and alumni regarding the transition.

- Migration of alumni from Google to MS 365.

- **Updates**

- **Nurse Navigators at Regionals**

- Nathan Fuerst provided an update on the rollout of Nurse Navigator vans on regional campuses.

- **Weather Response to Tuesday**

- Leo Lachut raised concerns about snow clearing and safety for students with mobility issues.

This outline provides a concise overview of the meeting's proceedings and key discussions.