

Senate Student Welfare Committee
Agenda
April 18th, 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.

Present:

Leo Lachut (Chair)
Bryanna Anderson
Thomas Bontly
Kimberly Duby
Kate Fuller
Arthur Galinat
Erica Granoff
Brian Goepfrich (Guest)
Gavin Kuebler
Mona Lucas
Katherine McCarthy
Tina McCarthy
Suzanne Peters
Megan Petsa
Lorien Touponse

Absent:

Kara Aldonza
Andrew Bush
Jennifer Dineen
Nathan Fuerst
Jennifer Pascal
Mohsina Rahman
Sarah Scheidel
Peter Tribuzio
Fiona Vernal

1. Approve Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously

Old Business

2. Fall Break – creating Report
3. Regional Concerns
 - a. Updates on Nurse Navigators at regionals/Grad students have access
4. D,E & I concerns- Campus climate: Leo Lachut introduced the topic as an item which will continue to be monitored. Kimberly Duby shared additional details regarding issues that have arisen particularly related to posters on campus by different, and sometimes opposing groups.
5. Off-campus housing for graduate students- Pricing for new rentals?

6. Campus response to NCAA tournaments and safety – The group shared positive feedback regarding the recent NCAA tournament viewing parties related to safety.

New Business

1. University response/communications to loss of students: Maureen Armstrong has offered to help in this respect. He added that sometimes the University can be slow to communicate which causes some concerns.
2. Academic misconduct (Use of AI) presented by Guest Brian Goepfrich Community Standards
 - a. Brian Goepfrich presented slides regarding Academic Integrity and AI. He overviewed the history and definition of AI and what the current UConn Policy is (Academic, Scholarly, and Academic Integrity Policy) and how it relates to AI. He also went into the reporting process in detail. From August 2023 – April 9, 2024, the office has responded to 183 cases; 161 of these were found in violation (70 for plagiarizing, 92 for cheating, 3 for misrepresenting, 0 for noncompliance). 9 cases pending resolution and 4 responded cases determined not to be ASPIM concerns. 25 cases directly involved AI (6 charged with cheating, 19 charged with plagiarizing). The floor was opened for questions and discussion.
3. Co-Chair proposal Tina McCarthy: Leo Lachut shared that Tina McCarthy has accepted co-chairing this committee next academic year and discussion ensued regarding the Committee listing, with a few corrections.
4. End of year report: Leo Lachut shared that he is drafting this and will share the draft with the group for feedback. The report will be presented at the April 29th
5. Additional Concerns