

University Planning Committee Meeting
9/9/24
Virtual (MS Teams)

Committee Members:

*Bonnie Burr, Co-Chair, CAHNR
*Amvrossios (Ross) Bagtzoglou, Co-Chair, Engineering
*Oksan Bayulgen, CLAS
*Christian Brueckner, CLAS
*Kenneth Fuchs, SFA
*Beth Ginsberg, CLAS (Stamford Campus)
*Justin Rogowski, Law Library
*Del Siegle, Neag School of Education
Maria Groza, UPDC
Dan Schwartz, Office of the Provost (Ex-Officio Member) (**absent**)
Julie Schwager, OVPR (**absent**)

*Senate Member 2024/2025

1. Welcome & Introductions: Bonnie Burr welcomed everyone, and each person introduced themselves to the group.
2. Review of Committee Charge: Bonnie Burr read the committee charge and opened the floor to any questions.

This committee shall review the University planning processes and consider their potential outcomes. The committee may provide on behalf of the Senate an evaluation and review of specific issues and activities related to institutional advancement

3. Review & acceptance of [4/15/2024 Draft Meeting Minutes](#) : the minutes were approved with one abstention.
4. Parking Update (Ross Bagtzoglou): Bonnie Burr reviewed discussion which took place on this topic during the last academic year and asked representatives from the Law School and Stamford campus to share any parking concerns from their perspective. Beth Ginsberg shared that parking at the Stamford campus is an issue. She also shared concerns regarding overall crowding on the Stamford campus, particularly regarding common spaces for booking events and classrooms. Ross Bagtzoglou asked Maria Groza to give a general update on space and construction. Maria Groza shared that she works with a partner on the Stamford campus regarding space concerns. She added that there are two projects ongoing on the Stamford campus that she is aware of, one related to Nursing and the other related to DMD. She added that a space analysis was done in 2018 for the entire Stamford building, and it was determined then that the space was sufficient for enrollment at that time, though several improvements were made, citing the electronic posting of each classroom's schedule at the door so that the space can be easily accessible when available. She added, however, based on 2019 numbers that egress did not meet code, and that the number of available restrooms was insufficient, so changes had to be made to ensure compliance with these regulations. For Avery Point and Waterbury, Maria Groza

shared that she has partnered with the campus to create a SHaW access point for students. She added that a newly leased building in Waterbury will also soon be available. In Hartford, there is also a planned expansion by local lease. Ross Bagtzoglou gave a general update on Storrs parking, citing the report which was shared via email in advance of this meeting. He shared that this report has been sent to the administration, specifically Andy Kelly, and has not yet received a formal response. Ross Bagtzoglou shared his screen and reviewed the main points of concern. Concerns were raised regarding parking in front of Science 1; Christian Brueckner said that it appears to be designed Area 1 and is largely underutilized. Kenneth Fuchs added that parking behind the School of Fine Arts (particularly S lot) has lost a significant amount of parking spaces over the years due to construction and is a concern. Ross Bagtzoglou will continue to follow up.

5. Upcoming Topics:

- a. Procurement & Travel (Concur) Discussion (ongoing): Bonnie Burr summarized the presentation from Joe Thompson which was made to this committee last Spring and asked the group what they would like to pursue or clarify so that we can invite the appropriate people back to present again this semester. Michelle Everard will follow-up with Joe Thompson for him to return with an updated presentation for this committee, specifically regarding the status of the “points of pain” and which are “unchangeable” due to policy or regulation and which may (or may not) change and when/why.
- b. Christian Brueckner: green planning of the University. Discussion ensued regarding the way that topics come to be on the agendas for these meetings. This is a topic to continue following up on.
- c. Del Siegle: strategic plan of the University and how our committee can fit into this greater plan. Michelle Everard added that Margaret Feeney will be presenting on the Strategic Plan to the SEC and Senate Committee chairs on Friday, September 27th which should help determine next steps.