

Senate Student Welfare Committee

Minutes

March 27, 2025

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.

2024/2025 Student Welfare Committee Members

*Leo Lachut, ISS, Co-Chair, Academic Achievement Center
*Tina McCarthy, Co-Chair, Student Health and Wellness
*Alexis Boylan, SFA
*Andy Bush, CLAS (*absent*)
*Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries
*Erica Granoff, Student Services (Stamford Campus) (*absent*)
*Nathanael Okpych, Social Work (Hartford)
*Jennifer Pascal, Engineering
*Tracy Rittenhouse, CAHNR (*absent*)
*Sarah Scheidel, Enrichment Programs (*absent*)
*Mike Shor, CLAS (*absent*)
*Fiona Vemal, CLAS, History
Bryanna Anderson, Center for Students with Disabilities
Cynthia Costanzo, Interim Vice President for Student Life (Ex-Officio Member)
Kimberly Duby, Dean of Students Office (*absent*)
Arthur Galinat, International Student & Scholar Services
Katherine McCarthy, One Stop Student Services Office
Suzanne Peters, Financial Aid
Megan Petsa, The Graduate School
Peter Tribuzio, Student Services, Waterbury Campus

*Senate Member 2024/2025

Welcome:

Approve Minutes - February meeting; the minutes were approved with one abstention.

Old Business

- Regional Concerns

New Business

- Call for agenda items: none
- Guest- Andy Kelly, Assoc. Director of Logistics: Tina McCarthy introduced Andy Kelly who gave updates on the below items:
 1. Cost of parking: Andy Kelly explained that parking costs are covered solely by parking fees and that permit fees are not increasing going into the next academic year. He added that they are trying to find a way for student parking permit costs to be added on fee bills so that they may be covered by financial aid. A question was raised regarding parking enforcement on regional campuses and residence halls. Andy Kelly shared that his team does their best to make it down to enforce as resources allow, adding that parking enforcement in Hartford is performed by an outside vendor. Andy Kelly shared that lots at residence halls are not enforced by UConn, but with an outside vendor.

of spots available (credit minimum and where the spots are located): Andy Kelly reviewed the most available parking spots/lots, highlighting that unfortunately most available spots are not in the closest lots.
 2. transportation options to get them from that parking location to their class/work/activity in a timely manner: questions were also raised regarding transportation to/from the developing off campus housing units and whether any transportation is being taken into account for these.
 3. need for safe trail/paved sidewalks from off campus housing in proximity to campus
 4. Also- Safety in general on streets and sidewalks:
 5. More Scooters and they are moving very quickly: Andy Kelly shared that Kyle Muncy is leading an effort with an external scooter providing company to address this – speed geofencing, scooter parking, etc.
 6. Not very many places for students who are using them to store them securely in designated areas which creates the need for them to be locked on other items that at times block sidewalk etc.
 7. Need more designated bike paths
- Suzanne Peters shared that Student Life & Enrollment identified almost \$1,000,000 in funding to award to students who had outstanding balances (needs-based). This aid went to 353 students just before Spring Break.
- On campus Housing for fall 25 concerns

- Review of proposed edits to Student Welfare Committee charge: adding an amendment “undergraduate and graduate” language to the Student Welfare Committee charge.
- Guest Arthur G
 - Supporting our international students: tabled to the next meeting