

Senate Student Welfare Committee

Agenda

August 29th, 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.

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
*Kate Fuller, UConn Libraries
*Erica Granoff, Student Services (Stamford Campus)
*Nathanael Okpych, Social Work (Hartford)
*Jennifer Pascal, Engineering
*Tracy Rittenhouse, CAHNR
*Sarah Scheidel, Enrichment Programs
*Mike Shor, CLAS
*Fiona Vernal, 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
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

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Welcome & Introductions:

Leo Lachut welcomed members of the committee and thanked Tina McCarthy for taking on the role of Co-Chair of the committee this week. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes - [April 18, 2024 Meeting](#)

Minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting approved with two abstentions.

Old Business

1. Non-Binary identifier in Peoplesoft

Leo Lachut gave an update that he followed up on this at the end of the Spring semester and that this is being addressed and developed in Peoplesoft and should be available soon.

2. Regional Concerns

3. D,E & I concerns-

New Business

1. Cynthia Constanza & Isaac Barber

a. [//policy.uconn.edu/recent-updates/](https://policy.uconn.edu/recent-updates/)

Cynthia Costanzo shared that a taskforce that worked over the summer on clarifying policy and policy changes. She invited Isaac Barber to go into more detail regarding the scheduling and management of outdoor spaces on different campuses. He shared that outdoor spaces are managed by a scheduling office, and each office has its own procedures for booking an outdoor space. Cynthia Costanzo reviewed the [Outdoor Activities Policy](#) which became active on August 24, 2024. She also shared that the [“InForm” Website](#) will be rebranded as “Get Informed” so that information and resources can be easily accessible to students.

The floor was opened to questions and Erica Granoff asked whether faculty and staff who schedule and manage events will receive training on these new policy changes.

Discussion ensued regarding a lack of clarification regarding the policy regulations (if any) on camping. Leo Lachut asked about any external groups that would like to come to campus, citing the upcoming election. Isaac Barber shared that this is also managed by the scheduling office to ensure safety and security of these proposed events; they do not do content review of the event.

2. How will the university manage moving forwarding incoming class size as it relates to class size, off campus housing, transportation, staffing needs

Leo Lachut introduced the topic and opened the floor to Cynthia Costanzo who went into more detail about the re-established office for off-campus support, which will be led by John Armstrong. She also shared that this fall was the largest incoming class, and the highest number of on-campus students have been housed as a result. She said that the full “residential stock” around the Storrs campus, including both on- and off-campus options, is important to consider. Discussion ensued regarding housing on the Stamford campus and students’ access to other resources, such as a recreation center.

3. Regional Campus -[WOW](#) resources/programming

Leo Lachut introduced the topic and said that we can circle back on this at a later date after checking in with leadership, citing Tadarayl Starke specifically, for updates on this.

4. Additional Concerns

- a. Future Guest- Sue Peters, Changes and updates with Financial Aid 24-25, 25-26
- b. Fiona Vernal asked whether there would be deliberations on AI policy. Leo Lachut said that a few people came to a meeting last year from Community Standards, but he has not heard of any departmental or institutional policies, so he can follow-up for updates.

Attending:

- Bryanna Anderson
- Isaac Barber (Guest)
- Andrew Bush
- Cynthia Costanzo
- Kate Fulle
- Arthur Galinat
- Erica Granoff
- Leo Lachut (Co-Chair)
- Katherine McCarthy
- Tina McCarthy (Co-Chair)
- Nathanael Okpych
- Jennifer Pascal
- Megan Petsa
- Tracy Rittenhouse
- Peter Tribuzio
- Fiona Vernal