

Senate Student Welfare Committee

Agenda

September 26, 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 (*absent*)
*Tracy Rittenhouse, CAHNR (*absent*)
*Sarah Scheidel, Enrichment Programs (*absent*)
*Mike Shor, CLAS
*Fiona Vernal, CLAS, History
Bryanna Anderson, Center for Students with Disabilities (*absent*)
Cynthia Costanzo, Interim Vice President for Student Life (Ex-Officio Member) (*absent*)
Kimberly Duby, Dean of Students Office
Arthur Galinat, International Student & Scholar Services
Katherine McCarthy, One Stop Student Services Office (*absent*)
Suzanne Peters, Financial Aid (*absent*)
Megan Petsa, The Graduate School
Peter Tribuzio, Student Services, Waterbury Campus

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Welcome & Introductions

Approve Minutes - August meeting: minutes were approved unanimously

1. Center for International Students & Scholars (CISS): Arthur Galinat presented a presentation summarizing the resources offered by the CISS office to international students and faculty. He added that the focus of this office is to support international students through their entire UConn experience, but academic and cultural, and that supports continue post-graduation to students who opt to stay in the United States and work for up to three years within the terms of their student visa. Arthur Galinat gave details on the welcome and support programs, English language workshops, and Socio-Cultural/networking events. He also gave details on the UCAELI Support and Pathway program, which is a program specific for students who have consistently been performing poorly in language intensive courses and need additional language focused courses. Leo Lachut thanked Arthur Galinat for their presentation and opened the floor to questions. A

question was asked regarding the graduation rate of international students compared to the university's aggregate rate and Arthur Galinat said he would look for those numbers and report back. A question was also raised regarding the common challenges that international students are facing today and Arthur Galinat shared that affordable housing for international graduate students is a big challenge.

2. Karen McComb Director, Health Promotion and Community Impact Wellness Designation: Emily Pagano presented on National Recovery Month, which runs through the month of September and shared a number of events that are taking place during the month ([flyer](#)). Emily Pagano also shared that UConn has joined the [Okanagan Charter](#), which serves as a call to action for universities to become a health-promoting university following the aspirational guidelines laid out in the Charter. As a part of this, UConn has created official institutional commitments, as [laid out online](#). She added that there will be both a student and a staff advisory board for this initiative and nominations for either are welcome. For more information, contact Matthew Gallup, UConn's Recovery Community Coordinator.
3. Topic Generator Activity: not discussed.

Old Business

Regional Concerns
WOW resources for fall 2025 at Stamford
D,E & I concerns-

Future Meetings

Sue Peters – Financial Aid
Kristina Stevens, SHAW & Maureen Armstrong, DOS
Vern Granger, Admissions