



GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

University of Connecticut

Minutes

5 December 2012

I. Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Regular meeting with Vice President Safet Beriša presiding, Secretary Erin Eighan recording.

II. Recognition of Senators

III. Special Guest: Francine DeFranco on Intellectual Property Issues

- a. Please see Addendum for Copyright and Intellectual Property Resources from Ms. DeFranco
- b. There is a webcast of last spring's lecture by Donna L. Ferullo, Director of the University Copyright Office at Purdue University, on intellectual property issues that Ms. DeFranco can send to us.
- c. The University is now more interested in hiring a Copyright Officer.
- d. Activities Director Kurian: Do the same copyright rules apply to non-traditional academic property like artwork?
 - i. Ms. DeFranco: To the best of my knowledge, it does. But the key is that it be in a fixed format.
- e. "Work for Hire" is something not considered one's own personal intellectual property.
 - i. Senator Charrette: Given that the University of Connecticut does not designate us as employees, does this rule still apply to us?
 - ii. Ms. DeFranco: I guess that if you're being paid for your work, then you would still fall under this category.
- f. Senator Rutovytssky: What if there is a patent that could be developed out of research done at the University of Connecticut?
 - i. Ms. DeFranco: I don't know the answer to that
 - ii. Senator Rutovytssky: Many national labs have specific legal agreements
 - iii. Ms. DeFranco: OSP could talk to you more about the details, I don't know enough about that piece. But I think that the intellectual property piece would belong to you, but part of the money may be divided among the University and its organizations as well.
 - iv. Senator Doran: I can speak to this. Any revenues that could come through the patent will not go to you, but to the University of Connecticut. When it goes through, you may get a bonus, but not revenue from the patent. We also explored filing the patent on our own, on our own expense, but I'm not sure what became of that.
 - v. President Messier: I think this is an issue that varies depending on the University.
 - vi. Ms. DeFranco: It might be interesting to invite someone from the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) to speak in detail about some of these issues. I know



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what I know about copyright with respect to teaching and learning, but OSP may be more helpful with regard to research and patents.

- g. If you use an external website for your course (outside of HuskyCT), be careful about what resources you post online because they may violate copyright. The key is that a course site like HuskyCT keeps the resources private, available only to students registered in the course. That, to me, falls within fair use.
- h. Senator Aponte: What constitutes permission?
 - i. Ms. DeFranco: It needs to be in writing. It needs to be documented.
- i. Senator Charrette: Is streaming video through the library ok under copyright law?
 - i. Ms. DeFranco: Yes, the library takes care of permissions and license agreements, and the library's streaming video resources gives you and your class restricted access.

IV. Approval of Minutes: 14 November 2012

V. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President – Chantelle Messier
 - i. Executive Committee
 - ii. Provost Search
 - 1. Met all three of the Provost candidates. They are all great candidates, though I do not know who will be hired for the position. The University Senate Executive Committee formed recommendations to send to President Herbst. We expect to see a new Provost hired next semester.
 - iii. Professional Development Symposium
 - 1. Was developed in answer to a really strong graduate student demand for professional development support. The Graduate School responded by offering a number of workshops for academic job searches. GSS, however, will be putting together the Symposium to address non-traditional job searches, or getting jobs outside of academia. We have a lot of programming already.
 - 2. The Benton Museum of Art will be posting a post-Symposium Reception afterwards, open to all graduate students (not just those who registered for the Symposium).
 - 3. If you have any alumni in your department who are working outside of academia, please contact Chantelle.
- iv. Revised Travel Policies
- v. WRTD (Windham Regional Transit District) Committee Representative



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1. Senator Kilroy will be unable to attend the WRTD meetings next semester, and we will need someone else to represent us. If you're interested, please contact Chantelle.
 2. The meetings are the last Wednesday of every month.
- b. Vice President – Safet Beriša
- i. Student Life Committee
 1. Please see Addendum for full report.
 2. If you have any suggestions about the survey, please contact Safet.
- c. Treasurer – Ian Yue
- i. Finance Committee
 1. We have recently discussed and voted on a number of issues related to Tier-II organizations and budgets. I can't get into the details because of privacy issues with the organizations.
 - ii. GSS Activities Budget for the Spring
 1. In the past, the spring budget for the Activities Committee was not put together or passed in the previous academic year in order to limit influence on the next Activities Director's plans.
 - iii. GSS Monthly Financial Report for November
 1. Please see Addendum for more information.
 - iv. Graduate Student Activity Fee Increase Update
 1. Reviewing the \$3 suggested fee increase by analyzing archives of GSS data
- d. Secretary – Erin Eighan
- i. Public Relations Committee
 - ii. GSS Meeting Schedule for Spring: 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24
 - iii. GSS Meeting Space for Spring: Whetten 200
 - iv. Contact GSS: gssuconn@gmail.com
 - v. Attendance
- e. Activities Director – Anish Kurian
- i. Activities Committee
 - ii. Ted's Social Night had great attendance (216 people)
 - iii. Nathan Hale Social Night: Beginning of Spring Semester
 1. Co-sponsored by the Graduate School
 - i. Grad Prom: Friday, March 1
 1. If you have ideas for themes, please contact Anish.



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- f. Parliamentarian – Leland Aldridge
 - i. Procedures Committee
 - 1. We had a received a petition about forming a Kinesiology constituency, but that petition was recently withdrawn.
 - 2. We also received a petition from Art and Art History to form separate constituencies. Please see the recommendation offered by the Procedures Committee below in “New Business.”
 - ii. Presidential Pay
 - 1. As per the Bylaws, if no one objects and motions to act otherwise, the President will be paid for her service for December (\$333.33).
 - iii. At-Large Senator Elections
 - 1. We still have 2 unfilled seats for At-Large Senators.

VI. External Committee Reports

- a. University Senate Executive Committee – Chantelle Messier
 - i. Please see Addendum for full report.
- b. IT Governance: Teaching and Learning Committee – Ryan Tomchek
 - i. Please see Addendum for full report.
- c. Parking Advisory Committee – Ryan Tomchek
 - i. Please see Addendum for full report.
- d. SUBOG SU Policy Council – Shawn Washart and Safet Beriša
 - i. Please see Addendum for full reports.
- e. Joint Elections Committee – Leland Aldridge
 - i. The Committee was split into two sub-committees: a marketing/advertising committee, and a logistics committee. We need someone to fill the marketing/advertising spot.
- f. University Budget Committee – Ian Yue
 - i. Most of the problems people are facing with Kuali have to do with people transitioning to the software, not the software itself. The major things missing from Kuali are data and data collection reports.
 - ii. If anyone is having any major issues, contact the Office of the Comptroller.
- g. Student Fee Advisory Committee – Ian Yue
 - i. Please see Addendum for the SFAC Public Hearing Schedule. Please do consider attending the open hearing and making your views known.



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- ii. Activities Director Yue: Is there a way for us to find out how/to whom our fees are being distributed?
 - 1. President Messier: Last fall, Bill (our previous treasurer) gave a thorough report on the Graduate University Fee. If you go back through the minutes, you may find more information. If you are concerned about the fact that we support Greek Life with our fees, in the Spring a representative from Greek Life wants to visit us, so you can raise your issues to that representative, as well.
- h. Provost Library Advisory Council – Safet Beriša
 - i. Please see Addendum for full report.
- i. University Senate Diversity Committee – Leland Aldridge, Michelle San Pedro
 - i. Please see Addendum for full report.
- j. Student Technology Advisory Group – Derek Doran
 - i. Senator Doran was not contacted about any of the meetings this semester until yesterday.
 - ii. UITS gave STAG 10% of their Student Fees, so it is the responsibility of STAG to devise projects that will support students at UConn. They have to come to a consensus about what their projects will be within the next few months. However, the ideas so far are very undergraduate-centered.
 - iii. There is a new IT initiative called “SecureU” (not the same as Safe Connect), a comprehensive plan of what IT security will look like at UConn in the next few years. Visit secureu.uconn.edu. If you have any specific concerns about the software, please let Derek know.
 - iv. Identity Finder is a piece of software that Derek has some concerns about, because the software searches for files that may contain sensitive information (passwords, social security numbers, addresses, etc.). If there is an IT policy instituted next year that includes this, Derek wouldn’t be surprised. To find out more about the software, visit identityfinder.uconn.edu.

VII. Issues Forum

- a. Professional Development Symposium: Alumni Connections – Chantelle Messier
 - i. As a reminder, if you know any alumni in your graduate programs who are working outside of academia, please send their contact information to Chantelle.
- b. Syllabus Requirement – Aidalí Aponte-Avilés



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- i. The Committee of Scholastic Standards wants to make sure that there is a requirement for a syllabus; however, when it comes to graduate student works the policy is vague. How do you deal with your syllabus? Quite frankly, the Committee doesn't know how graduate students deal with syllabi.
- c. Senator Ambroselli: By December it will be mandatory that everyone moves over to Gmail; I just came across this by accident. I complained to UITs and they were able to move me to Exchange. So if anyone else is concerned about the switch to Gmail, you can contact UITs.
- d. Senator Kilroy: I've become aware of some opportunities for part-time employment open to graduate students as well as volunteer opportunities. The Community Outreach Program is looking to hire some part-time coordinators of their programs. If you're interested, please contact me. They really want to increase graduate student involvement.

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

- a. GSS 12/13-12: That the Graduate Student Senate allocate an additional \$19,550 to the Special Allocations budget, and allocate \$16,500 for the Spring 2013 Activities Budget and \$3,050 for the 2013 GSS Professional Development Symposium.
 - i. Please see Addendum for details.
 - ii. Motion: Senator Doran. Seconded.
 - iii. **MOTION PASSES.**
- b. GSS 12/13-13: That the Art and Art History constituency be no longer recognized, a Studio Art constituency consisting of graduate students seeking an MFA Studio Art degree be recognized and apportioned one senate seat, and an Art History constituency consisting of graduate students seeking an MA Art History degree be recognized and apportioned one senate seat.
 - i. Motion: Senator Mollmann. Seconded.
 - ii. **MOTION PASSES.**
- c. GSS 12/13-14: That the Graduate Student Senate award \$500 to the Vice President, Safet Beriša; \$500 to the Secretary, Erin Eighan; \$1000 to the Treasurer, Ian Yue; \$800 to the Activities Director, Anish Kurian; and \$500 to the Parliamentarian, Leland Aldridge, according to the Senate Bylaws.
 - i. Motion: Senator Kilroy. Seconded.
 - ii. Senator Hutson: Motion to reduce the stipends by 10%. Seconded.

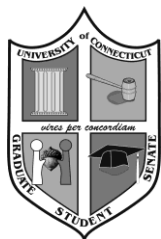


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1. **MOTION DOES NOT PASS.** (Re: 10% reduction).
 - iii. Senator Ambroselli: Motion to extend the meeting. Seconded.
 - iv. **VOTE: MOTION PASSES by unanimous consent.**
- d. At-Large Senator Elections
- i. Activities Director Anish Kurian nominates Rahul Narayan. Seconded.
 - ii. **VOTE: MOTION PASSES by unanimous consent.**
- X. **Adjournment at 9:14 p.m.**



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Name	Email	Constituency	Role
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Addendum: Copyright and Intellectual Property Resources

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Overview (University of Connecticut)

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/copyright/>

This web site provides an overview of copyright information and guidelines.

Overview (Stanford University)

[http://fairuse.stanford.edu/Copyright and Fair Use Overview/](http://fairuse.stanford.edu/Copyright%20and%20Fair%20Use%20Overview/)

This web site provides an extensive overview of copyright, fair use, copyright permissions, etc.

Overview (Purdue University)

<http://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco/CopyrightBasics/index.html>

This web site provides an overview of copyright information and guidelines.

Author Rights (Purdue University)

http://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco/ForResearchers/author_rights.html

This site provides information related to retaining copyright to works developed for publication in books or journals.

Intellectual Property Information for Graduate Students (Purdue University)

<http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/RCR/trifold/TrifoldFourIntOwnership.pdf>

This web site discusses intellectual property rights specifically related to graduate students roles/responsibilities.

American Library Association Copyright Tools

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/copyright-tools#genie>

This web site includes resources that explain public domain, fair use, and copyright exceptions for educators.

Reproduction of Copyrighted Work by Educators and Librarians

<http://www.copyright.gov/circs/circ21.pdf>

This document provides legal and statutory explanations about fair use and photocopying issues faced by faculty and library staff.

Fair Use Analysis (University of Minnesota)

<http://www.lib.umn.edu/copyright/welcome>

Guidelines for determining fair use for educational purposes.



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Copyright Scenarios (University of Minnesota)

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/copyinfo/scenarios/>

This web site includes information on a wide variety of copyright and intellectual property issues.

Video Resource: Copyright on Campus

http://www.copyright.com/content/cc3/en/toolbar/education/resources/copyright_on_campus.html



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Addendum: GSS Monthly Financial Report for November 5 December 2012

Income:

501	Donations	-
502	Dues	-
512	Advertising	-
513	Awards and Prizes	-
515	Contractual Services	-
516	Co-Sponsorships	-
517	Food Sales	-
518	Merchandise Sales	-
519	Participation Fees	-
522	Registration Fees	-
523	Rental	-
524	Travel	-
530	Penalties and Fees	-
531	Miscellaneous	-
532	Prior Year Income	-
533	Change Fund Returns	-
540	Business Taxes (Tier III/Univ.)	-
546	Interest (Univ.)	-
547	Student Fees (Tier III/Univ.)	41,865.20

Total Income:

\$ 41,865.20

Expense:

601	Donations	-
602	Dues	-
603	Gifts	672.50
604	Photocopying	364.00
605	Postage	48.87
606	Printing	56.06
607	Promotional Items	-
608	Refreshments -- Organization	1,153.87
609	Subscriptions	-
610	Supplies -- Organization	258.83
611	Telephone	605.38
612	Advertising	-
613	Awards and Prizes	197.02
615	Contractual Services	2,770.00
616	Co-Sponsorships	-
617	Cost of Goods Sold -- Food Sales	-
618	Cost of Goods Sold -- Merchandise Sales	-
619	Participation Fees	-
620	Refreshments -- Events/Programs	24,025.08
621	Supplies -- Events/Programs	272.60
622	Registration Fees	-
623	Rental	1,366.85
624	Travel	595.48
625	Equipment	-
626	Equipment -- Capital	-
627	Insurance	-
628	Repairs and Maintenance	-
629	Utilities	-
630	Penalties and Fees	-
631	Miscellaneous	-
632	Prior Year Expenses	-
633	Change Funds	-
640	Business Taxes (Tier III/Univ.)	-
641	Employee Benefits (Tier III)	-
642	Wages -- Student (Tier III)	6,978.90
643	Wages -- Non-Student (Tier III)	-
644	Wage Taxes -- Student (Tier III)	77.16
645	Wage Taxes -- Non-Student (Tier III)	-

Total Expenses:

\$ 39,442.60

Net Profit (Loss)

\$ 2,422.60

Beginning Balance as of 7/01/12

30,442.55

Plus Net Profit (Loss)

2,422.60

Current Balance

\$ 32,865.15



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Addendum: Committee Reports

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Student Life Committee

29 November 2012

Chair: Safet Beriša
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Representative: Safet Beriša
GSS Vice President
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Website: [N/A](#)

Committee Type: GSS Internal/Standing

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- The Student Life Committee met to brainstorm questions for the new student life survey.

Detailed Report

Student Life Committee intends to create a survey seeking information regarding where our graduate students live. We are mainly interested in location, type, and cost of housing; availability of public transportation; proximity to grocery stores; as well as satisfaction with various aspects of their housing situation. The meeting was very productive—we came up with, quite possibly, the bulk of the questions we want to ask graduate students. The Chair will come up with a draft survey which will be discussed at the next SLC meeting and will be presented to the Executive committee as well as the Senate at large for review and input. Please contact the Chair if you are interested in the details OR you have suggestions/wish to be involved with the survey.

Action Items for the Senate

- None

Attachments*

Do you have an attachment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

What is the file name? N/A

Should it be displayed during your report? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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University Senate Executive Committee

30 November 2012

Chair: Andrew Moiseff
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Neurobiology
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Representative: Chantelle Messier
President, GSS
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Website: senate.uconn.edu/exec.htm

Committee Type: External

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Growth and Development
- Diversity
- Budget
- Student Welfare
- Scholastic Standards

Detailed Report

Growth and Development

- Discussed communicating more effectively to University community about Virtual PC
- Problems with Kualii
 - Communication barrier
 - Redistribution of effort has causes issues/confusion
 - Trouble with subcontractor
- Modifications to Kualii are on the way, with travel procedures at the top of the list

Diversity

The Diversity Committee alerted SEC that the Fisher case will be ruled in February. The ruling will decide whether it is legal for universities to collect demographic data as part of the admissions process.

Budget

The Budget Committee is awaiting more detailed information about graduate tuition-on-grants, specifically about how many grad students are funded on grants.



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Student Welfare

- Met with a rep from Student Financial Aid and discussed student debt
 - UConn is about in the middle range in terms of borrowing and default rates
 - Financial Aid provides a [financial literacy webpage](#)
- Investigating the possibility of asking for a total smoking ban at UConn
- Will soon propose amendments to the University Senate bylaws on final exams, including the issues of bunched finals and scheduling finals for online courses

Scholastic Standards

- Discussing policies on multiple re-admissions
- Will soon propose amendments to the University Senate bylaws to add a mandatory syllabus policy; still working on the wording, which is more likely to be brief and broad than precise and detailed

Respectfully submitted,
Chantelle Messier

Action Items for the Senate

- N/A



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IT Governance: Teaching and Learning Committee

26 November 2012

Chair: Nancy Bull
UITs Vice Provost
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Representative: Ryan Tomchek
Senator
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Website: uits.uconn.edu

Committee Type: GSS Internal/Standing

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- IT Governance is a new system to help fine tune the IT projects on campus and help introduce new technologies to the campus.
- TLC is in charge of the technologies related to teaching and learning at UConn

Detailed Report

- What is IT Governance?
 - Administrative Systems (ASC)
 - PeopleSoft
 - Faculty Logins
 - Teaching and Learning (TLC)
 - HuskyCT
 - iClicker
 - Mobile Apps
 - Research and Scholarship (RSC)
- The overall main goal of IT Governance is to fine tune the process of implementing new technology to the campus, update and/or improve existing technologies, and raise awareness of what the faculty and students can do.
- The TLC establishes direction and priorities related to teaching and learning at UConn. Our focus is online high-tech classrooms and teaching methodologies using technology.
- President Herbst wants to personally approve any technology improvement that would cost more the \$200K. Anything less than that will go through IT Governance.
 - UTIS has set aside \$1 million to fund for half the cost of these projects. The rest will be prioritized through the Student Technology Fee budget. (Which Derek Doran, our rep on the Student Tech Advisory Committee, would know more about how that is used)
- Assessment



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- Assessment involves the use of empirical data on student learning to refine programs and improve student learning.
- This is primarily used in the accreditation of the schools on campus. Each department needs some sort of method to show how their students are learning in order to prove they are worthy of accreditation.
- OATS used by majority of departments, but does not apply to certain programs.
- Interesting Things on the Table
 - Mobile Apps instead of iClickers
 - Online Student Evaluations
 - Faculty Standards is also discussing this
 - The fact that there is no budget to support hi-tech classrooms.
 - Technology Testing Centers
 - Some departments would like rooms with 200+ computers where students can take exams online and still monitored by a proctor.
- itRequest (itrequest.uconn.edu)
 - We would like more of our ideas to come from faculty. iRequest is online tool where you can propose ideas and recommendations for technology improvements to IT Governance.
 - Currently, only faculty can log onto this site, not grad students, but I will be sure to bring it up at the next meeting why we can't.

Action Items for the Senate

- Would the grad studnets who are TAs like me to try and get itRequest open for their use?



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Parking Advisory Committee

4 December 2012

Chair: Karla Fox
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Representative: Ryan Tomchek
Senator
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Committee Type: GSS Internal/Standing

Website: www.park.uconn.edu

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Motor Bike, Moped, and Motor Scooter Rules and Registration will start next semester.
- PAC is currently aware of the parking issues and UConn Parking is doing their best to find spaces.

Detailed Report

- Transportation
 - GPS
 - On the home page there is a map that shows where the buses are via a GPS system.
 - There is also an App called "Husky Bus"
 - Shows the locations of all the buses.
 - The wait times at each stop.
 - Free!
 - Facebook
 - The best way to learn about closed routes and delays is through their Facebook page: UConn Transportation Services. So be sure to Like their page. It is also connected to Twitter as well.
 - Stuff the Bus: December 4th-7th across from Gampel
 - Hurricane Sandy –Cleaning supplies, blankets, toys
 - Troops in Afghanistan –DVDs, CDs, snacks, magazines, toiletries
 - Covenant Soup Kitchen –Non-perishable foods
 - No-Freeze Shelter and Veteran's Home –Winter clothes, gloves, hats, toiletries, snacks
- Parking



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- They are well aware of the parking situation and are doing their best to work through it, but they can't do much until they get more spaces.
- Apparently the main issue comes from the faculty hires. They get first priority for spaces and they have to take them from someone...
- The Motor Bike, Moped, and Motor Scooter Rules and Regulations should be put into effect in the coming semester.
- Your issues
 - The main reason for no parking in the commuter lots between 1-5am is for safety reasons. There are commuter lots that are resident lots as well (F and W) where overnight parking is allowed.
 - I brought up the point that if someone has to walk from F or W to the other side of campus than it wouldn't really be safer.
 - Solution would be to park in a faculty lot and move it back to the commuter lot before 7am.
 - Parking Prices
 - A lot of complaints I have been receiving about parking are the price of the GA/TA spots. I understand that \$110 seems like a lot to pay all at once, but if you do the math that is less than \$10 a month and roughly \$0.30 a day.
 - Area 3 Parking
 - Seems to be that having to get to campus early to get your spot is just the price you have to pay for a free parking pass.
 - Knowing where to park. When you get your permit you receive a paper that tells you where your pass is valid, but it seems the only way to find them online are via the map which is hard to read.

Action Items for the Senate

- Keep sending me your issues and concerns!



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SUBOG Student Union Policy Council

15 November 2012

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Committee Type: External

Website:
www.studentunion.uconn.edu/policy_council.html

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- The Space Allocation Committee met to come up with procedures for implementing the Space Allocation criteria approved in October.

Detailed Report

The Space Allocation criteria are relevant only to the groups with office space in the Student Union. Since this impacts only a minority of the senate AND the procedure is still in draft version, interested parties should contact VP Safet Beriša directly if they would like more information on the matter.

Action Items for the Senate

- None



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SUBOG SU Policy Council

29 November 2012

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Representative: Shawn Washart
Senator
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Website: http://www.studentunion.uconn.edu/policy_council.html

Committee Type: External

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- Nothing of importance to graduate students

Detailed Report

The Policy Council discussed possible events for Spring Weekend

Action Items for the Senate

- List any action items that you would like to present to the Senate or another Committee
- Include any points for discussion to be raised during the Issues Forum
- Ask for Senate feedback on particular issues



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University Budget Committee

26 November 2012

Chair: Thomas D. Bontly
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Representative: Ian Yue
Treasurer
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Website: <http://senate.uconn.edu/budget.htm>

Committee Type: External

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Special guest Charlie Eaton, the University of Connecticut Controller, was invited to talk to the University Budget Committee about the Kual Financial System (KFS)
- The reason many Kual users are struggling with using the system at this time is because it is always difficult transitioning from an old financial system (FRS) to a new system (KFS). This reality, however, should not cause the KFS user to automatically make value judgments on the merits of KFS itself just because of the difficulty of adjustment.
- The biggest Kual issue being dealt with right now is the implementation of the "Data Mart and Reporting" section, which allows data to be prepared in a clean, presentable format. A new consultant was just hired to address this very issue.
- If Kual users in your department are facing major problems that significantly inhibit work, contact the Office of the Controller -- or even the Controller himself -- to inform the University of the problem(s).

Detailed Report

SPECIAL GUEST

Charlie Eaton, the University of Connecticut Controller, was invited to talk to the University Budget Committee about the Kual Financial System (KFS).

BACKGROUND ON KUALI



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Kuali is an open-source suite of software created “for higher education, by higher education”. So, what is commonly referred to as “Kuali” on the UConn campus is in reality just one program in the Kuali Suite: the Kuali Financial System (KFS). The former UConn financial system, Financial Records System (FRS), had been in use at UConn since 1991. The University had known for a couple of years that the financial system was in need of updating. Because KFS is an open-source software system, UConn won’t have to pay a licensing fee, which will theoretically save the University money over time. (However, UConn has opted to become a Kuali member, which gives the University a say in the development of Kuali software and the management of the Kuali organization in exchange for an annual membership fee.) Additionally, KFS differs from FRS in that while FRS was a mainframe system based out of the Storrs campus, Kuali is a web-based system accessible from all over the world. KFS was officially launched for use in new fiscal year, starting July 1, 2012.

MAJOR POINTS MADE BY CHARLIE EATON AS IMPORTANT “TAKEAWAYS”

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- The biggest Kuali issue being dealt with right now is the implementation of the “Data Mart and Reporting” section, which allows data to be prepared in a clean, presentable format. A new consultant was just hired to address this very issue.
- If Kuali users in your department are facing major problems that significantly inhibit work, contact the Office of the Controller -- or even the Controller himself -- to inform the University of the problem(s).

Action Items for the Senate

- Inform your departments and constituents about the continued developments in the implementation of KFS at UConn.
- Ensure that your departments’ KFS users report major problems using Kuali to the University’s Office of the Controller.



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Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee

30 November 2012

Chair: David Clokey
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Representative: Ian Yue
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Committee Type: External

Website:
http://www.dsa.uconn.edu/committees_sfac.html

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee (SASFAC) only considers service and activity fees (i.e. no academic or infrastructural fees).
- The graduate student fees considered by SASFAC include the Graduate Student Activity Fee (funds that directly support GSS), the General University Fee (GUF), the Transportation Fee, and all Parking Fees.
- If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to direct to the SASFAC, you may do so at the student Open Forum to be held on Monday, February 4, 2013 in the Student Union, Room 304B.
- All student activity and service fee-requesting units will hold budget hearings in front of SASFAC. You are welcome to attend any of these budget hearings. See the attached document for the listing of these organizations and the dates and times of their budget hearings.

Detailed Report

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF SASFAC

SASFAC first started as a task force in the Fall of 2000, becoming an official University advisory committee in the Fall of 2001. SASFAC does not advise on all fees, only on activity and service fees (i.e. no academic or infrastructure fees). The committee, overall, considers around \$40 million in fees every year and has specific protocols in place for fee-requesting units to follow when requesting fee increases, decreases, or elimination. SASFAC makes fee recommendations to the



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central University administration, which then makes a recommendation to the full University Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees makes the final and definitive vote on fee amounts. To this day, the Board of Trustees has never gone against the SASFAC recommendations.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY FEE (GUF)

GUF is paid by all Storrs-based students. The fee amount charged depends on one's student status, proportional to the number of credits considered to be "fulltime" (9 credits for graduate students and 12 credits for undergraduates). Thus, graduate students pay approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ the amount undergraduates pay in GUF fees. GUF carries an Overall Fund Balance of about 6-8% of the annual revenue projected in order to cover surprise maintenance fees and/or a revenue shortfall due to student enrollment not being as expected for the school year. Any money above the Operating Fund Balance threshold is available to be used for one-time disbursements to GUF funded units (see below for a list of GUF funded units). Any money not disbursed as one time disbursements above the Operating Fund Balance is moved to a Plant Fund account for GUF unit capital improvements.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Starting in the University's fiscal year 2014, all fee-requesting units must account for collective bargaining in their budgets.

STUDENT FEES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

An overview of the activity and service fees charged to Storrs-based students were presented to the committee. For graduate students, these fees include the Graduate Student Activity Fee (\$26/semester for 2012-2013), the General University Fee (no exact amount given, but includes funding for Student Health Services, One Card Office, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, Division of Athletics, UConn Marching Band, Student Union, Student Activities, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Off-Campus Student Services, Career Services, and Wellness and Prevention Services), and the Transportation Fee (\$50/year for 2012-2013). Information was also given about the SASFAC recommendations to the Board of Trustees for student fee increases for the 2013-2014 school year and beyond.

SPECIAL FEE REQUESTS FOR THIS YEAR'S SASFAC TO CONSIDER

The Daily Campus, Graduate Student Senate, and Waterbury Associated Student Government are the three groups requesting a fee increase the year. Guard Dogs is making an inquiry into whether it can become a Tier III student organization, and thus receive funds directly from undergraduate student fees instead of through the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) funding process (as USG is no longer interested in overseeing programming, which Guard Dogs falls under). None of the



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fee increases, if any, will be approved for earlier than Fall 2014. The reason requests need to be made this far in advance is because the Board of Trustees does not usually vote on approving the fee requests until the February following the SASFAC recommendations' May release.

Action Items for the Senate

- Inform your constituents about the Open Forum and budget hearings. See the next page for the schedule. SASFAC is serious about listening to student concerns regarding fees.
- If you have any questions about student fees charged to graduate students and/or would like to advocate for or against specific fees, please be sure to let the Treasurer know.



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Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee Public Hearing Schedule

Monday, February 4, 2013, Student Union, Room 304B

3:30-4:30 p.m. Open Forum

Thursday, February 14, 2013, Student Union, Room 331, Storrs Campus

11:00-11:30 a.m. SFAC
11:30-12:00 p.m. Storrs Summer Session Fee
12:00-12:30 p.m. SUBOG
12:30-1:00 p.m. USG
1:00-1:30 p.m. WHUS
1:30-2:00 p.m. UCTV
2:00-2:30 p.m. Daily Campus
2:30-3:00 p.m. Nutmeg Yearbook
3:00-3:30 p.m. GSS
3:30-4:00 p.m. Opportunity for Public Comment

Friday, February 15, 2013, CUE, TBD, Storrs

1:00-1:20 p.m. SFAC Pre Meeting
1:20-1:40 p.m. Hartford Student Government Fee Videoconference,
1:40-2:00 p.m. School of Social Work Activity Fee Videoconference,
2:00-2:20 p.m. Law School Bar Association Videoconference,
2:20-2:40 p.m. Waterbury Student Government Fee Videoconference,
2:40-3:00 p.m. Avery Point Student Government Fee Videoconference,
3:00-3:20 p.m. Stamford Student Government Fee Videoconference,
3:20-3:40 p.m. Torrington Student Government Fee Videoconference,
3:40-4:00 p.m. Opportunity for Public Comment

Friday, February 22, 2013, CUE, TBD, Storrs – ONLY IF NEEDED

1:00-1:20 p.m. SFAC Pre Meeting
1:20-1:40 p.m. Hartford Parking Fee
1:40-2:00 p.m. Law School Parking Fee
2:00-2:20 p.m. Torrington Parking Fee
2:20-2:40 p.m. Waterbury Parking Fee
2:40-3:00 p.m. Avery Point Parking Fee
3:00-3:20 p.m. Stamford Parking Fee
3:20-3:40 p.m. Opportunity for Public Comment

Thursday, March 7, 2013, Student Union, Room 331, Storrs Campus

11:45-12:00 p.m. SFAC
12:00-12:30 p.m. Jorgensen
12:30-1:00 p.m. Parking & Transportation Services
1:00-1:30 p.m. Athletics
1:30-2:00 p.m. UConn Marching Band
2:00-2:30 p.m. Student Activities
2:30-3:00 p.m. Student Union
3:00-3:30 p.m. One Card
3:30-4:00 p.m. Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
4:00-4:30 p.m. Off Campus Student Services
4:30-5:00 p.m. Career Services
5:00-5:30 p.m. Student Health Services
5:30-6:00 p.m. Wellness & Prevention Services
6:00-6:30 p.m. Opportunity for Public Comment



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Provost's Library Advisory Committee

5 December 2012

Chair:	Sylvia Schafer History sylvia.schafer@uconn.edu	Representative:	Safet Beriša Vice President safet.berisa@uconn.edu
Website:	N/A	Committee Type:	External

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Possible library renovation/remodeling plans were discussed.

Detailed Report

Brinley Franklin and Scott Kennedy told the Committee about possible Library renovation plans. Of note are the following:

- Potential move of low use materials to an offsite storage location. Some of the materials considered are journals (particularly the older issues), dissertations and theses, documents (foreign, federal, state), and maps.
- Level 4: designated quiet study; removal of group study spaces, creation of a graduate student quiet study space, enhancements of the individual workspaces
- Level 3: contemporary collaborative learning spaces; 20 group study stations, banquet-style group seating, movable soft seating, meadiaspaces with large monitors and multiple inputs
- Level 2: individual study and collaborative learning; mix of individual and collaborative spaces; updates to the Class of 1952 classroom or conversion to digital scholarship lap, updates to the Class of 1950 lecture center or conversion to a digital media center
- Level 1: learning commons: architectural and design changes for a unified look
- Plaza: unchanged
- Level A: addition of University offices (for new faculty) or quiet study and low use collections

Action Items for the Senate

- N/A



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University Diversity Committee

7 November 2012

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Committee Type: Subcommittee

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Targeted recruitment of minority faculty
- Mentoring students and faculty
- Pre-doctoral diversity fellowships

Detailed Report

1. **RESEARCHING UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY INITIATIVES.** The Vice Provost for Diversity, Jeff Ogbar, discussed with the committee several key initiatives that he is planning to implement at UConn. He has been in conversation with officials from different Universities that have been successful in implementing those initiatives. UNC, for example has a very successful track record, Notre Dame and Spelman College are other examples.
2. **MINORITY STUDENT RECRUITMENT & RETENTION INITIATIVES.** The Vice Provost mentioned two programs targeted at recruitment and retention of minorities: “Pipeline Connect” and Students Engaged in Academic Leadership (SEAL). The Pipeline Connect is a mentor partnership between a non-profit, “Hartford Communities That Care” and UConn’s *African American Cultural Center* and the *Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center*. Currently there are 10 students from each Center who will serve as mentors of high school students who visit the UConn Campus once a month. A symposium will be organized around March 30 with 100 students from Hartford high schools and 50 from UConn. The SEAL program is designed for sophomores. Fifteen students are chosen for this program, they are already UConn students that



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have demonstrated leadership. They will be ambassadors for prospective students. Any student can join the program including 1st generation students. These two programs are designed to increase graduation rates among male and female African American and Latino students. More information regarding these two programs can be seen in the Vice Provost of Diversity's website.

3. **FACULTY DIVERSITY.** The Provost also discussed UConn's unique opportunity to increase diversity with the unprecedented hire of more than 200 faculty in the next 3 years. Jeff Ogbar has met with almost every School and College to discuss hiring practices and to address problems during the hiring process. The Vice Provost also mentioned diverse strategies targeted at recruiting diversity and discussed some of the issues that affect female applicants including the less enthusiastic letters of recommendation they get compared to their male counterparts. As Jeff Ogbar pointed out, any recommendation from faculty or staff to increase diversity is welcomed. Gene Solorio discussed the minimum and preferred qualifications that have been set up by the Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE). He mentioned that this procedure does make Search committee members review carefully every single applicant for any particular position resulting in a more transparent hiring process.
4. **MENTORING STUDENTS & FACULTY.** The mentoring of diversity students was also addressed by the Vice Provost of Diversity. The philosophy of mentoring is not properly addressed in this Institution and many faculty members either junior or senior do not care to participate in this process. Further, race, ethnicity and gender are important for mentoring and there are not enough individuals among the faculty to fully cover mentoring for all diversity students at UConn. One of the things that was mentioned was the alarming low number of minority female full Professors across UConn departments.
5. **DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP.** The pre-doctoral in-residence fellowship to advance diversity in higher education was also discussed. The hosts for fellows for other Universities will be the 4 Institutes: *African American Studies*, *Asian Studies*, *Latina/o*, *Caribbean and Latin American Studies* and *Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)* will each host one fellow in-residence per year. Other Universities have been very successful in these programs including Notre Dame and UVA. Jeff Ogbar discussed the great success rate of Spelman in graduating students from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) sciences. He mentioned that only 14 schools do better than Spelman and that they have a higher endowment than UConn. Willena Price mentioned that she is a graduate of Spelman.
6. **NSF PROPOSAL FOR WOMEN IN STEM.** The Vice Provost also mentioned Alice Hogan's visit to UConn. Alice Hogan is the founding director of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) ADVANCE Program, a program targeted at improving Institutional climate for the hiring, retention and professional advancement of women from STEM disciplines. She was invited by Nancy Naples, the director of WGSS,



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Allison Mackay from the School of Engineering who is also in the advisory board of the Vice Provost for Diversity, Kathleen Holgerson, the director of the Women's Center and Maria Luz Fernandez, Chair of the Senate Diversity Committee. The purpose of her visit is to meet with key administrators across campus to assess the status of current efforts, obstacles we face, and potential strategies to have a successful resubmission of the ADVANCE grant (a grant proposal was submitted in 2011 that was not funded). Jeff Ogbar will be Co-PI of this new submission in 2013.

7. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CASE.** Finally, the Vice Provost discussed the *Fisher case* that will probably be ruled in February. He mentioned the possibility of inviting lawyers involved with the case and to become pro-active if it comes down to eliminating Affirmative Action from University's admission processes. Gene Salorio suggested that if the ruling bans affirmative action (AA) on the basis of race, that UConn as a state-supported institution then consider an AA-policy based on under-represented school districts. Robert Forbes suggested that UConn might want to get out ahead of The Supreme Court of the United States by exploring more meaningful metrics than "race" to achieve the desired outcomes in terms of diversity and outreach to underrepresented communities.

Action Items for the Senate

- Not applicable



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Addendum: GSS 12/13-12 Spring 2013 Activities Budget 5 December 2012

GSS 12/13-12: That the Graduate Student Senate allocate an additional \$19,550 to the Special Allocations budget, and allocate \$16,500 for the Spring 2013 Activities Budget and \$3,050 for the 2013 GSS Professional Development Symposium.

Basics

Tier II Organization: Graduate Student Senate
Event Name: 2013 GSS Professional Development Symposium
Event Date: February 28, 2013
Event Location: Student Union Ballroom and The William Benton Museum of Art
Anticipated Attendance (Total): 50-100
Anticipated Attendance (Graduate Students): 50-100

Proposed Budget

Expense Code	Expense Category	Expenses
606	Printing	\$100.00
612	Advertising	\$400.00
615	Contractual Services	\$1,050.00
620	Refreshments – Events/Programs	\$1,750.00
624	Travel	\$1,750.00
Sub-Total:		\$5,050.00

Revenues from Outside Funding

Expense Code	Expense Category	Revenue
615	Contractual Services	\$250.00
624	Travel	\$1,750.00
Sub-Total:		\$2,000.00

TOTAL: \$5,050.00 – \$2,000.00 = **\$3,050.00**