

- I. Call to Order** at 7:04pm.
- II. Recognition of Senators**
- III. Special Guest/Speaker: Dwight Atherton, Manager of Transportation, Parking and Logistics**
 - a. Senator Bowman: I was wondering if UConn is planning on building new spaces, that seems to be the issue, I was wondering if this was a solution.
 - b. Manager Atherton: Yes this is being considered, I would like to see that happen before the construction of other buildings, and the problem is, is that space is an expensive space that can be used for a building.
 - c. Secretary Wong: UConn has been recently pushing for increasing both faculty and student enrollment – to about 5000 – 6000 students, what is going to happen if parking is so hard to find and expensive to make?
 - d. Manager Atherton: I don't know, we need to have parking and mitigation plans, but in order to do this we need to know which buildings are going to be built and in what order. There may be different areas, construction methods, and temporary parking. There are plans but it really depends on the construction of buildings. I do have a request for a parking and traffic consultant. We will probably need to set up public transportation and ride share programs; it may have to be a change of culture.
 - e. Director Kurian: I was looking at Northeastern when I was applying to graduate school and they reflect the cost of living in their stipend so comparing the cost of parking is not very reflective.
 - f. Manager Atherton: I have nothing to do with fees, and I understand that the price of parking is relative comfort in payment is with the amount you get. I am not saying that I don't acknowledge the fact that some students are able to pay and others are more than capable to pay. I want to simplify the system, and making the parking rates and availability reasonable and acceptable. But it is important to note that there needs to be cultural shifts of the institution.
 - g. Leland Aldridge: I park on North Campus so I am happy with parking. I do have a simple question, are there any improvements to former Farmer Browns or no because it is going to be built on?

- h. Manager Atherton: I am looking to make it better. Parking services took over enforcement, we have been hiring staff, and we want to help guide and educate people. We have also started with a warning program and are looking to bring out license plate recognition
- i. Senator Hutson: How much will it cost with everything if we are looking at license recognition?
- j. Manager Atherton: The parking revenue with enforcement has been significant but there has been a decline over the last few years. I cannot really attest to why but what I can tell you right now with warnings (we have up to 2000 now) which would have been income before we no longer have. Also the police department also has the license plate recognition software on campus so this can be done fairly inexpensively.
- k. President Charrette: What is the timeline of the university to make up the shortfall, is it reasonable to expect for example that area III parking, which gets zero revenue, or low revenue will go away? Also am I correct that faculty and staff have unionized rates non-negotiable for 5 year?
- l. Manager Atherton: Well, a report came out, one of the things that is important to do and in the president's interest to do is to improve parking. There is no deadline; we just need to start making ground. Please feel free to email me with questions, talk together and submit serious questions.

IV. Approval of Minutes: 25 September 2013

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

- a. Todd Sullivan – “Meet and Greet” – Thursday, October 17, 5-7pm, Nathan Hale
 - i. In the past we have worked with graduate students by giving assistantships and practical experience. We have many events are graduate students are open to all of them.
- b. GSS 13/14-4: That the Graduate Student Senate reallocate \$3000.00 from the Activities budget to the Special Allocations budget for the purpose of funding Tier II-organized professional development events.
 - i. Senator Coleman moves, seconded

- ii. Treasurer Beriša: Since we have no one to run professional development, we would like to put the money in special allocation so tier II-groups can utilize the money for professional development. In special allocation it will be unlabeled and put in the activities budget.
- iii. Leland Aldridge Aldridge: Will this be an official earmark or an expectation?
- iv. Treasurer Beriša: I don't know if we can formally earmark, but I will give a solid promise that it will be used for professional development
- v. Senator Kopriva: Are these funds that graduate tier IIs can request?
- vi. Treasurer Beriša: Yes, they can request it through a special allocations request. Only tier II organizations can received these funds. If you would like I can send this information to the CFO list serv or to the graduate list serv.
- vii. Senator Tomaszewski: So what would the application procedure be?
- viii. Treasurer Beriša: It would be to submit a special allocation request.
- ix. Senator Tomaszewski: Isn't this something we have always been able to do?
- x. Treasurer Beriša: Yes, but now there is more money to do this
- xi. Director Kurian: That money wasn't for professional development, the money currently in special allocations, but this \$3000 will be set aside specifically for professional development.
- xii. Leland Aldridge: During the last budgeting section there was a number of events that were cut from the budget that were cut because they were department centric, would it be appropriate for CFO is reapply for these type of events, or would these events still be seen as inappropriate
- xiii. Treasurer Beriša: It depends on the nature of those events. The executive board will still need to preapprove the request and the senate will then approve. It will be up to the executive board whether or not this will happen.
- xiv. Senator Li: Will this amount be only for the semester or will it transfer to each semester?
- xv. Treasurer Beriša: It is particularly for this year
- xvi. Vice President Mollmann: This only applies to the current fiscal year we have to revote each year on the budget

- xvii. Senator DuPont: Well why don't we put this in the general fund, it wouldn't be specifically earmark for professional development?
- xviii. Treasurer Beriša: I wanted to do this because it was approved for professional development and I wanted to remain in the spirit for the budget as it was approved. If you want to change it then Vice President Mollmann and Parliamentarian Ian can help you with that.
- xix. Vice President Mollmann: You can make a motion and if it is seconded, then agreed this can happen
- xx. Senator DuPont: I motion amend the current motion and strike the phrase for the purpose for funding tier II organized
 - 1. Micahel Hutson seconded
- xxi. Leland Aldridge: In looking through the minutes from previous minutes, there seems to be a shocking trajectory from seeing professional development as a priority as it was last year
- xxii. Senator Flaig: From when we discussed Psychology's using of the funds, if the money is earmarked for professional development then more will use it, rather than just putting it in general funds
- xxiii. Treasurer Beriša: I agree, part of the reasoning for why putting the money here is to make people more likely to get it for that thing and organize for professional development events
 - 1. Motion fails
- xxiv. GSS 13/14-4 motion carries
- c. Finance Committee – We have one remaining spot, nominations must come from a senator or officer
 - i. Treasurer Beriša nominates Jeffrey Makray
 - ii. Jeffrey Makray is elected to the Finance committee with a vote of 27 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain
- d. External Committees – We have the Diversity Committee open (Senator Amponsah volunteers) and we have two other committees open the smoking task-force (Michael Ambroselli volunteers) and the Boards of Trustees Honors and Award committee

- i. Need to approve Karen Pianteck to the UConn Reads committee
- ii. Everyone approved
- e. Fee Information –
 - i. President Charrette: I finished all the fee information (presentation), I would like to draft some memo or resolution to present to University Senate
 - ii. Leland Aldridge: One thing that seems to be missing is pay
 - iii. President Charrette: That information is impossible to get, it is publicly available for UConn but hard because it is not available for all universities
 - iv. Senator DuPont – Is there any sense how tuition falls out
 - v. President Charrette – All you get when you search is the stipend – I looked at stipend plus tuition. Also the assumption if you were a GA, did not include health insurance or parking, only considered mandatory fees
 - vi. Senator Coleman: Would you make this information known when you present?
 - vii. President Charrette: Yes
 - viii. Senator Tomaszewski: What kind of power does the university senate have?
 - ix. President Charrette: They can make laws in regard to curriculum and regulation and how students are admitted. They have no binding influence on admin, and it predominantly exists for shared governance. The administration has committed itself to working with faculty and wants to use their influence to help us.
 - x. Senator Kopriva: So what is the overall objective, we want fees lower?
 - xi. President Charrette: What should we do is target stipend target fees
 - xii. Leland Aldridge: My goal, what I would like to see is for the stipend – fee to be stabilized, maybe we should set a level and say that it cannot go any lower than it is right now. Have we figured out if the graduate school will mention the fees in the letter they send out to students?
 - xiii. President Charrette: Yes the graduate school is working on it
 - xiv. Senator Reeds: It seems what would be actionable is to give a limit, figure out an acceptable standard, and think about it in terms of differentials
 - xv. Senator Tomaszewski: Another resolution we might want to contemplate is limiting the percentile mark in peer group

- xvi. Senator Flaig: We did have a small raise but that was for international students to make quota
 - xvii. President Charrette – Before, no one had the information before to ask, is it possible to authorize the executive board to a write memo on our behalf of the senate that doesn't have to be approved, procedure. I am rushing because we need to submit this then goes up to vote, and the next meeting is Monday. I want to do this before the Rec Center Fee vote. We would then (President Charrette or Vice President Mollmann) give a presentation to the full senate.
 - xviii. Senator Tomaszewski: Did you look at volume of workloads for TAs
 - xix. President Charrette: I looked at anything for stipend. Regarding, assignment and awards I don't have access
 - xx. Senator Kopriva: I can see potentially them wanting to have more data
 - xxi. Senator Merceron: What would be the point behind the motion
 - xxii. President Charrette: To slow the ascent of fees, for the university to have consideration of amount being charged to us
 - xxiii. Senator Flaig: I motion that executive committee prepare memo to take to university senate to present to educate larger university family to holistically inform them –
 - 1. Motion passes
- f. IRB Issues
- i. Senator Pryor: I am looking to create a task forces to present concerns to the Vice President of research, Jeff Seemann, on the IRB process. The point of this task force is to email concerns, and create themes about the issues being hand. If interested, please see me after meeting, and please pass this information along to your departments. My email is john.pryor@uconn.edu and when we are done we will probably meet once before we meet with Dr. Seemann

VII. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President – President Charrette Charrette
 - i. Update
- b. Vice President – Vice President Mollmann Mollmann

- i. Career Services
 - 1. They are looking to find a new Graduate Student Rep to help us
- ii. Health Insurance
 - 1. I have talked to Ms. Vivian from human resource and grad students will be able to give input in future.
- c. Treasurer – Treasurer Beriša
 - i. Policy Reminders
 - 1. Please let your CFOs know what policy they need to follow. Everyone needs to submit a point of contact. Remind your CFOs to read the financial policy and procedures on the GSS website
 - 2. Receipts need to be itemized
 - a. We only reimburse for cash up to 100 dollars, anything more than that needs to have prior approval
- d. Secretary – Danielle Wong
 - i. Debt/GAIN survey results
 - ii. External Committee Report Form
 - iii. Promotional Items
 - iv. Attendance
 - v. New logo
- e. Activities Director – Director Kurian
 - i. Breakfast with the President, Recap
 - ii. Possible Fall Event – fall casino trip, any ideas please let Director Kurian know
 - iii. GSS “Thanksgiving Dinner” Lunch – Wednesday, November 20, 12-2pm, Student Union Ballroom 330/331
 - iv. Grad Prom Save the Date February 21, 2014
- f. Parliamentarian – Ian Gutierrez
 - i. Presidential Pay: The senate can adjust presidential pay at end of every month
 - ii. Registering Senators and Constituencies: Make sure to fill out everything
 - 1. Treasurer Beriša: make sure one of your financial point of contacts is the CFO

- iii. Procedures committee: We are currently working on clarifying the language of constituency and tier II; right now they are not equitable. Also there is the possibility of reforming election system

VIII. External Committee Reports

- a. University Senate/Graduate Faculty Council – President Charrette
 - i. President Charrette: Right now there is a limit to the amount of credits you can matriculate as freshman that count to your degree requirement. Right now it is at 90 credits but it will be going down to 30. This means there may be more classes for us to teach. This is a larger move to limit transfers and the university is trying to keep as many freshman start to finish as possible
 - ii. Senator Coleman: students transferring in and or already here?
 - iii. President Charrette: It is right now confusing. I believe it is when they are here then take summer classes that are not as hard and then try and transfer back in. This may mean for more summer courses.
 - iv. Senator Piantek: As mentioned by Sally Reis a UConn degree should be a UConn degree, to transfer 90 credits, three years of school and get UConn degree
 - v. President Charrette: 200 students total, but with 5000 incoming students this will become a bigger deal
 - vi. Eillean: geared towards freshman, credits took in high school, disadvantage, senior year of high school
- b. Student Union Board of Governors Student Union Policy Council – Vice President Mollmann
- c. External Budget Committee – Treasurer Beriša
 - i. with reassessing of budget, UConn will be taking 30.9 million from reserves to help the deficit

IX. Issues Forum

- a. Senator Ambroselli: I have had the misfortune of testing out the new dental insurance. I was under the impression we would pay 20% and them 80%, but it has actually been the opposite.

- b. Vice President Mollmann: The dental plan is very sparse and poorly worded; could you type up what transpired? This way I can take it to them and hopefully get this settled
 - c. Thomas Briggs: Have we had any updates with the Student Rec Center? Have we been able to get the swipe card information?
 - d. President Charrette: We have had no other information and are waiting on what the Board of Trustees is going to do. I have been meeting with Rose, Kent Holsinger, Dr. Chaffelouis and there has been no word
 - e. Vice President Mollmann: We expect the vote in November
 - f. Leland Aldridge: I was hoping that we would get the hard numbers for students
 - g. President Charrette: I will follow up and see if there is any new information
- X. Adjournment at 9:02pm.**

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Parking Advisory Committee

1 October 2013

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Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? Yes No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? Yes No

- Changes in Parking Policy and Infrastructure

Detailed Report

Changes in Parking Policy & Infrastructure

- Incoming head Parking Services Administrator is implementing "less punitive" ticket policy: for non-safety-hazard violations students will get two warnings before a ticket. This resets each academic year. Apparently, first offence tickets issued early in the semester were "glitches"
- This year is to be a "year of data collection" in which capacity and use will be assessed.
- There is an on-going "signage simplification effort"—the point being to have less signs for the sake of clarity and clutter. Changes in parking have outpaced this effort, leaving some areas (such as T-lot) either mis- or non-labeled.
- Changes to GA/TA areas part of larger plan to simplify the various permit categories. I could get no meaningful explanation of S-Lot permit—hopefully the rationale will be elicited during Dwight's visit.
- Changes to grad/ta/ga parking rates seem like part of larger goal of getting more money from available sources (faculty rates are locked in by union agreement). From committee chair Westa: parking is "subsidized" by university despite acknowledged "grey areas" in terms of where the money goes. Basically—don't expect it to go down.

Action Items for the Senate

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27 September 2013

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Detailed Report

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Action Items for the Senate

- No action items for this meeting

Attachments*

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