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I. Call to Order at 7.04pm

II. Recognition of Senators

III. Special Guest/Speaker: Kent Holsinger, Dean of the Graduate School

- a. Dean Holsinger praised the turn out for the GSS meeting. He explained the role of the Graduate School has shifted from having solely an administrative function to one where they aim to support graduates and help build a graduate community. He emphasized that one in four students at UConn are graduates, and one in three incoming students are graduates and that graduate students are an integral part of the university.
- b. Senator Benevento asked what he considered the most important issues for the Graduate School.
- c. Dean Holsinger explained that GSS Senators have an important role to let him know what are the most important issues facing graduates by representing their constituencies, bringing up and discussing the key issues at GSS meetings, passing resolutions and bringing these issues to the attention of the Graduate School.
- d. Senator Nanda asked what ideas more broadly does the Graduate School have about key issues that affect graduate students.
- e. Dana Miranda stated that he is one of the 6 new graduate associate fellows at the Graduate School. Graduates should feel contact him at dana.miranda@uconn.edu to communicate their needs to the Graduate School.
- f. Monique Golden asked about the new Student Recreation Centre and whether its development will lead to an overall loss of beds for housing on-campus. She also asked about whether there are any plans to develop the Depot Campus as the site for graduate housing.
- g. Dean Holsinger explained that he is unaware of any plans to develop the Depot Campus. He stated that UConn has the highest proportion of undergraduate students provided with on-campus housing of any public university in the U.S.
- h. Jeremy Jelliffe, Board of Trustees representative, said that not all issues are discussed by the Board of Trustees and that many important decisions at UConn are passed through the Executive. He stated that although things have improved there is still progress to be made regarding communication about decision-making.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- a. GSS meeting minutes for 22nd April 2015, approved by Senate
- b. GSS Executive meeting minutes for 9th September, approved by Executive

V. Unfinished Business

- a. GSS 15/16-1: That the GSS approve the amendments to the GSS Bylaw XIII for the GSS Service Award proposed by Danielle Wong (see attached amendment for more details).
 - i. Senator Ambroselli motioned to vote, seconded, passes.

VI. New Business

- a. GSS 15/16-2: That the GSS allocate the GSS budget surplus FY15 of \$17,627.38 for \$3,500 for GSS Durable Goods, \$8,000 for GSS Activities Budget Refreshments, and \$6,127 for Tier II organizations by Special Allocation Fund (see attached).
 - i. Treasurer Treich motioned, seconded
 - ii. Treasurer Treich explained that there was an increased attendance at the GSS Food Truck Festival and we expect an increased attendance for other GSS Activities this year. He explained that any money not spent this year can be moved to the next year's budget but we should not be running large surpluses.
 - iii. Senator Simning advised that it would be more effective to spend the increased Activities budget on a lot of small events than a few large events.
 - iv. Activities Director Behandish explained that moving money to Special Allocations would be the most effective way to give Tier II GSA's access to the funds and encouraged GSA's to apply for Special Allocations.
 - v. Senator Ambroselli asked how much the computers for the GSS Office cost.
 - vi. Treasurer Treich stated that they are \$800 for the tower and \$300 for the monitor and the costs are fixed as they have to purchase university procured computers.
 - vii. Senator Ambroselli stated that the computers in the GSS office are too old and slow and warrant replacing, but asked whether the printer needed replacing.
 - viii. Treasurer Treich explained that they need a colour printer which the office does not currently have.
 - ix. Senator Heichel motioned to vote, seconded, passes.
- b. Finance Committee nominations

- i. Nominees (see attached list for full nominees)
 - 1. Ameya Akkalkotkar nominates himself
 - 2. David Baldwin nominates himself
 - 3. Pariksheet Nanda nominates himself
 - 4. Suvash Dhakal nominates himself
 - 5. Senator Ambroselli nominates Ross Dardani
 - 6. Shariq Mohammed nominates himself
- ii. Elections will be held at the next GSS meeting
- c. At-large Senators
 - i. Parliamentarian Price explained the process to become an At-large Senator
 - ii. Senator Ambroselli asked whether the requirement to collect 25 signatures is new.
 - iii. Parliamentarian Price stated that it is in the Bylaws and Constitution.
- d. Special Allocations Request – Writing Centre, Patrick Lawrence
 - i. GSS 15/16-3: That the GSS allocate \$1,197.00 to the Writing Centre to run 6 Writing Retreats on the first Saturday of every month for between 100-130 graduate students.
 - ii. Activities Director Behandish asks that the Writing Centre mentions GSS as providing funding for this event in their emails announcing the writing retreats.
 - iii. Senator Treich motioned to vote, seconded, passes.
- e. External Committees nominations
 - i. President Patelunas explained the important roles of university committees and the need for graduate representatives to sit on them. He stated that the scheduled dates and times for University Senate meetings can be found online
 - ii. Nominees (see attached list for full nominees)
 - 1. Christina Sneed nominates herself for the Senate Diversity Committee
 - 2. Shariq Mohammed nominates himself for the Senate Faculty Standards Committee
 - 3. Alec Calvo nominates himself for the Senate Growth and Development Committee

4. Kacie Davis nominates herself for the Senate Faculty Standards Committee
 5. Taylor Barr nominates herself for the UConn Environmental Policy Advisory Council
 6. Brandon Benevento nominates himself for University Parking Advisory Committee
 7. Julia Drouin nominates Nick Monto for Recreation Student Advisory Committee
 8. Lexy Parrill nominates herself for the UConn Community Resources Team
- iii. President Patelunas explained that elections will be held at the next GSS meeting and if anyone wishes to nominate themselves or someone else they should contact the GSS Executive.

VII. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President – Tony Patelunas
 - i. Student Health Insurance. I have spoken to Joseph Sweet at the Procurement Office who has told me that the previous Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) did not qualify for the Affordable Care Act, and that the university has switched from the Platinum Plan to the Gold Plan resulting in an increased cost from the previous year. This plan is bid on every five years and I hope GSS can help ensure we get a good deal for students.
 - ii. Regional campus graduate students. All five deliberative bodies are based at Storrs campus, however we should look into increasing access for graduate students at regional campuses. One possibility is to use telecasting of meetings.
 1. Victoria Blodgett, Assistant Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, stated that she can provide GSS with a list of rooms which have telecasting facilities.
 2. Senator Sun explained how he is from Avery Point and they do not see themselves as “Avery Point students” who are different to Storrs students, rather they see themselves as “UConn students at Avery Point.”

They are also affected by issues such as parking and health insurance and would like to be part of GSS.

- iii. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The GSS Executive are due to receive training about FOIA soon and will present about it at the GSS Meeting afterwards, and what it means for GSS and Senators.
- iv. The role of the GSS President. I see myself as an external liaison to the rest of the campus but as well as facilitating communication I need to know in what direction graduates would like to see GSS go. It is my role to advocate on behalf of graduate students, both individually and as a body, and I rely upon your input. Please let me know how you think GSS can best serve graduate needs. What do you want from GSS and what do you think is GSS?
- b. Vice President – Vanessa Lovelace
 - i. Student Union Board of Governors Student Union Policy Council. I attended SUBOG but it did not meet quorum so was unable to pass any decisions.
 - ii. Bus-passes. UConn Transport will require students, staff, and faculty to use a bus pass in order to ride the buses from 28th September 2015. Their UConn ID will no longer be sufficient. Bus-passes can be collected from the UConn Parking Office or the Mansfield Town Clerk's Office.
 - 1. Senator Ambroselli asked why they are doing this as it makes taking the bus harder not easier to use.
 - 2. Communications Director Briggs explained that UConn Transport state they are doing this in order to better survey and communicate with UConn riders. He also expressed concern that riders may not be made aware of this change in time for its implementation.
- c. Treasurer – Greg Treich
 - i. Student Loan Fund.
 - 1. Dana Miranda announced that Ross Dardani will be giving a talk at 10.30am on 24th September at the Graduate School about the GSS Student Loan Fund.

- ii. 30 Day Reimbursement Policy. I have reminded Tier II GSA's that they need to get the paper work to me within 30 days of their event otherwise they will not receive reimbursements. Please make sure that you submit your reimbursement requests within that deadline.
- d. Communications Director – Thomas Briggs
 - i. Introduction. I am responsible for taking reliable minutes, and distributing them in a timely fashion. I also am responsible for maintaining the GSS website and Facebook page. I am creating a GSS Group Email List based on attendance of GSS meetings. Please let me know if you wish to be taken off this list at any point.
 - ii. Attendance
 - iii. Promotional Items. I attended the Vendor Fair today. Please let me know if there are any promotional items you believe GSS should purchase and distribute.
 - iv. Public Relations Committee. Let me know if you want to be part of the Public Relations Committee where we can discuss the best way to promote GSS.
- e. Activities Director – Morad Behandish
 - i. Activities Committee.
 - 1. Senator Simning volunteered to be part of the GSS Activities Committee
 - ii. GSS Food Truck Festival. The feedback forms from this event were mostly positive and I have taken on board the criticisms (see attached presentation). It is likely that we will try the same Food Truck formula next year rather than the previous GAIN format.
 - iii. Future Events
- f. Parliamentarian – Phillip Price
 - i. Treasurer and President Pay
 - 1. Presidential and Treasurer pay remains the same.
 - ii. Senator Registration Forms. Please submit your Constituency Registration Forms as soon as possible and I will continue to chase up Senators who have not done this.
 - iii. Activities Director summer pay

1. Senator Ambroselli motions to approve \$400 award for work over summer to the Activities Director, seconded, passed.

VIII. External Committee Reports

IX. Issues Forum

- a. Mandatory Tier II training for GSA's – Brandon Benevento
 - i. Senator Benevento asked if GSS could speak to the training department regarding the number of training workshops graduates have to attend in order to be on the committee of a Tier II GSA. A lot of the training is unnecessary and superfluous to graduate needs, and places an undue burden on graduates at the start of the academic year.
 - ii. President Patelunas agreed and suggested that returning students who have already take the training should not have to repeat training sessions each year. It would also be beneficial to have training sessions tailored for graduate students. GSA's also tend to be different from undergraduate associations as they are mostly departmentally or culturally based.
 - iii. Victoria Blodgett suggested contacting Michael Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs, because he would be keen to help facilitate training more geared toward graduate needs.
 - iv. Senator Parrill stated that she works for the Student Activities Leadership Office and offered to help with this issue.
 - v. Dana Miranda asked whether students at regional campuses have to attend GSA training.
- b. Flexible incentivized pay
 - i. Senator Simning suggested offering more performance related pay for GSS Executive Officers.
 - ii. Activities Director Behandish mentioned the problem of limited hours of work for international students on visas
 - iii. Senator Ambroselli stated that the work of the GSS Executive Officers is already part of their duties for which they are paid.
- c. Vice President motioned to extent the meeting 30 minutes, seconded, motion fails.



GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
University of Connecticut

Minutes
16 September 2015

X. Adjournment at 9.06pm

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Alec Calvo	Alec.calvo@uconn.edu	Psychology (Industrial / Organizational)	N
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Bylaw XIII: GSS Graduate Community Service Award

1. Name
 - a. The name of the award shall be “The GSS Graduate Community Service Award.”
2. Purpose
 - a. The GSS shall institute the annual awarding of the GSS Graduate Community Service Award to honor a graduate student who, through his or her exemplary service, has made a significant contribution to **the** intellectual, cultural, and professional capital of the graduate student community at the University of Connecticut.
3. Eligibility
 - a. Eligible Award candidates must:
 - i. Be **currently** enrolled in a graduate-degree granting program at the University at the **time of awarding**.
 - ii. Be in good academic standing.
 - iii. Have completed at least one full year of study at the University at the time of awarding.
 - b. Individuals ineligible to receive the Award shall include:
 - i. Current executive officers of the GSS.
 - ii. Current Service Award Committee members.
 - iii. The Graduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.
 - iv. Past award recipients.
 - c. Preference for the award shall be given to:
 - i. Nominees whose service to the graduate student community was primarily uncompensated and/or voluntary in nature **and/or not a requirement for a degree granting program**.
 - ii. **Nominees whose service is broadly beneficial to the overall graduate student community.**
4. Service Award Committee
 - a. Each year, the GSS shall form the Service Award Committee (hereafter, “the award committee”) to certify nominations and award the nominee who has demonstrated the most significant contribution to the graduate student community over the course of his or her graduate career at the University among those nominated.
 - b. Membership
 - i. The award committee shall consist of five voting members. All committee members must represent different constituencies.
 - ii. The Communications Director shall serve as the chair of the award committee. All other GSS officers shall not be members of the award committee.
 - iii. All other graduate students may be members of the award committee.

- iv. All committee members shall be appointed by the Senate.
- 5. Nominations
 - a. Nominations for the GSS Service Award shall open March 1st and close March 31st. The Communications Director shall announce this fact via the graduate student listserv and the GSS website.
 - b. Nominations may be submitted by graduate students, faculty, or staff of the University.
 - c. Nominations shall be submitted to the Communications Director.
 - d. The award committee shall determine the method and procedure for accepting nominations.
 - e. Self-nominations shall not be considered by the award committee.
- 6. Voting
 - a. The award committee shall meet to select the recipient of the GSS Service Award within ~~one week~~ **two weeks** after nominations close.
 - b. **The Communications Director shall circulate all award nominations to the award committee before meeting, to allow each member of the award committee to review the nominations**
 - i. **Each member shall choose their top three candidates and one alternate for the purpose of winnowing down the candidates**
 - c. The award committee shall select the recipient of the GSS Service Award from among those nominated by a four fifths vote of the committee.
 - d. The award committee may, in the absence of a meritorious nominee, elect to suspend granting of the award for that year by a four fifths vote.
 - e. **In the absence of a meritorious nominee, the award committee may consider past nominations as long as they still meet all of the eligibility requirements.**
- 7. Presentation of Award
 - a. The **Communications Director** ~~Vice President~~ shall notify the awardee and invite him or her to the next meeting of the ~~S~~enate.
 - b. **The award committee shall submit a statement detailing the awardee's accomplishments to be sent out to the graduate student listserv and to be read out during presentation of the award at the next meeting of the Senate.**
 - c. **The award committee shall submit a short paragraph of each nominee for the purposes of being published on the GSS website to acknowledge all nominees for their service.**
 - d. At the next meeting of the Senate, the awardee shall receive a certificate of award and \$500 as a token of the Senate's appreciation for his or her service.
 - e. The awardee shall be given the opportunity to address the Senate.

GSS 15/16-2: GSS Budget Surplus allocation:

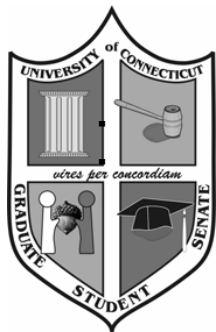
**University of Connecticut
Graduate Student Senate
Financial Statement FY15
June 30, 2015**

Total Income:	\$ 109,304.25
Total Expenses:	\$ 91,676.87
Net Profit	\$ 17,627.38

\$3,500 for Durable Good (Office Computers, Printer, Banner, Table Cloth)

\$8,000 for GSS Activities Budget Refreshments

\$6,127 for Tier II's by Special Allocations Fund



Special Allocation Request Form

University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate

Phone: (860) 486-3907
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Email: gssuconn@gmail.com

Student Union, Room 213
2110 Hillside Road, U-3061
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GSS Executive
Committee Meeting: ____ / ____ / ____

GSS Meeting: ____ / ____ / ____

Proposition #: _____

Organization: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Is your organization a fully registered and active Tier II organization with the Student Activities Office? Yes
No

Name of Proposed Event: _____

Date(s) of Proposed Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

Please describe the event **and** provide an estimate of the anticipated number of total and graduate student attendees:

How do you plan on advertising your event to the graduate student body? (select all that apply)

Graduate student listserv

Facebook

Other email/distribution lists

Please describe: _____

Flyers around campus

Announcements

Other

Please describe: _____

Please list any contributors to the event (note their financial contributions on the back under the "Revenues" section):

BUDGET**Requested:****Allocated:**

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Total Expenses:

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REVENUES**Expected:**

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Total Revenues:

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Total Requested:

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Committee Nominations

GSS Committees

- GSS Finance Committee
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- Senate Scholastic Standards Committee
 - Kacie Davis
- Senate Student Welfare Committee
 - Michelle San Pedro
- UConn Environmental Policy Advisory Council
 - Taylor Barr
- Distinguished Professor Committee
 - Niko Tracksdorf
- University Parking Advisory Committee
 - Brandon Benevento
- Recreation Student Advisory Committee
 - Phillip Price
 - Parker Sorenson
 - Nick Monto
- UConn Community Resources Team
 - Lexy Parrill

The first annual **GSS FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL** FALL 2015



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The Orders: 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM

Dr. Martino: 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

GRAD student ID is required
for FREE food and door prizes.

GSS FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL Fall 2015

A GUIDE TO REGISTRATION

1. Check-in at the **entrance** that matches your first name initial.
2. Show your **graduate student ID** to the check-in volunteer.
3. Find your name in the RSVP list on the check-in table.
4. You'll receive two tickets for **food+drink** and **dessert**.
5. Go to a food truck/booth line to get the food+drink/dessert.
6. Sit at one of the seating areas and enjoy the food and music.

A GUIDE TO TICKET COLORS



ONE Food Item - A Choice of

- Ted's steamed ham/cheeseburger
- Whey Station's 'Monger' 5-cheese
- Woody's 'Deputy' foot-long hotdog
- Lizzie's hamburgers and hotdogs
- Domino's pizza (2 X-large slices)

ONE Drink Item also included



ONE Dessert Item - A Choice of

- Insomnia Cookies' assorted cookies
- Snowie of Connecticut's shaved ice

Keep these coupons for raffles
(both blue and yellow tickets)

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Refreshments

Vendor	Original Price	Discount Price	Paid Price
Ted's Cheeseburger	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$0 (engine fire!)
Whey Station	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$1,200 + \$243
Woody's Hotdog	\$1,700	\$1,250	\$1,250
Lizzie's Catering	\$2,400	\$1,300	\$1,300 + \$650
Snowie of CT	\$900	\$800	\$800
Domino's Pizza	\$750	\$0	\$0 (donation)
Insomnia Cookies	\$580	\$0	\$0 (donation)
Sodas (2 rounds)	\$90	\$90	\$90 + \$100
TOTAL	\$10,420	\$6,040	\$5,633

GAIN Budget

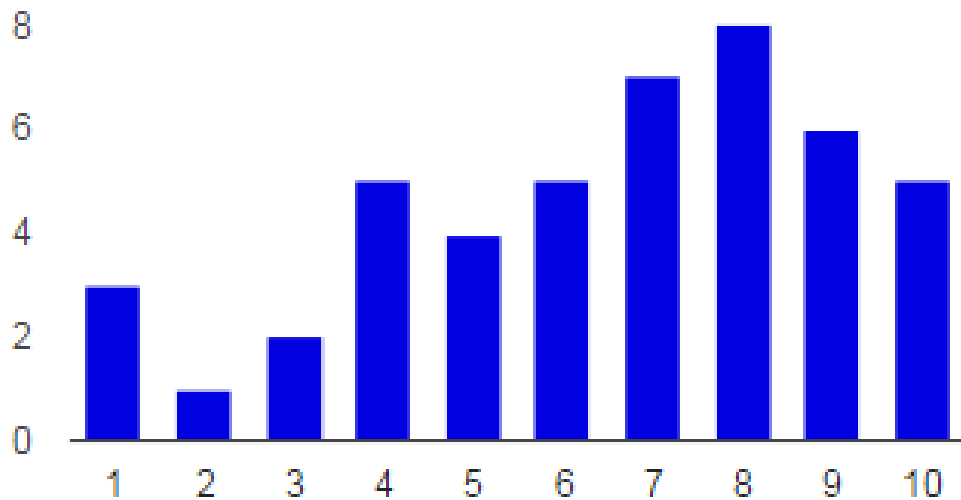
<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
613 Awards & Prizes	\$150.00	\$150.00
615 Contractual Services	\$400.00	\$400.00
620 Refreshments	\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00
621 Supplies -- Events/Programs		\$5,633.00
623 Rental	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
624 Travel		\$340.00
625 Equipment (<\$1k)		Supplies \$204.00
Total	\$10,950.00	\$7,950.00 \$6,177.00

Activities Budget

<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
613 Awards & Prizes	\$250.00	\$250.00
615 Contractual Services	\$2,845.00	\$2,495.00
620 Refreshments	\$35,420.00	\$31,920.00
621 Supplies -- Events/Programs	\$200.00	\$200.00
623 Rental	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
624 Travel	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
625 Equipment (<\$1k)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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Total	\$42,715.00	\$37,665.00

Feedback Results

Satisfaction



Horrible: 1 **3** 6.5%

2 **1** 2.2%

3 **2** 4.3%

4 **5** 10.9%

5 **4** 8.7%

6 **5** 10.9%

7 **7** 15.2%

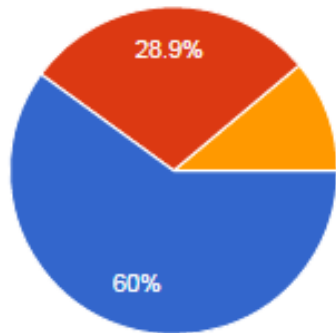
8 **8** 17.4%

9 **6** 13%

Fantastic: 10 **5** 10.9%

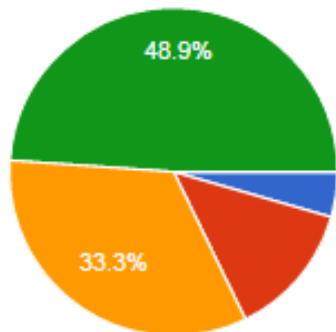
Feedback Results

Food Truck Festival or GAIN BBQ?



GSS Food Truck Festival on Fairfield Way	27	60%
GSS GAIN BBQ (as before) at South Quad	13	28.9%
Other	5	11.1%

One more thing: GRAD PROM Date?



Friday Nov 20th, 2015 (right before Thanksgiving recess)	2	4.4%
Friday Dec 18th, 2015 (right after the finals)	6	13.3%
Friday Feb 19th, 2016 (just like past years)	15	33.3%
I don't care!	22	48.9%

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University Recreation Student Advisory Committee
9/8/2015

<i>Chair:</i>	Cynthia Costanzo Executive Director – Uconn recreation N/A	<i>Representative:</i>	Phillip Price Graduate Student N/A
<i>Website:</i>	N/A	<i>Committee Type:</i>	GSS External

Overview of Report

This meeting was not confidential

Relvant information for graduate students

- As detailed in a campus-wide email the site for the new recreation center has been chosen.

Detailed Report

During the summer the Recreation Department reallocated space in the current Recreation Center to optimize accessibility to all students and reduce overcrowding.

There was mention of needing to create another committee at some point in the future to help choose an architect to construct the center itself. Details on what would be asked or required of those committee members were absent or vague except that it would be one full-day meeting at then the committee would disperse. More information will hopefully be available when that date is nearer.

In addition there is work in progress attempting to rework some running trails around campus as well as open up one of the sites in the depot campus for use as gym space.

Action Items for Senate

- None

Attachments*

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Senate Executive Committee
9/11/15

Chair: Gary English
Dramatic Arts, SEC

Representative: Tony Patelunas
President, GSS

Website: URL Address

Committee Type: University Senate

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential?

The first meeting is confidential, the second is not

Was anything of relevance to graduate students?

- Growth and Development Report – Cost of graduate students after GEU contract is close to APIR with less teaching
- Taskforce is established for a potential “School of Public Health” creation

Detailed Report

Scholastic Standards Committee report

The timeline of Add/Drop was discussed as being too long

The composition of Senate committees was discussed. Scholastic Standards is currently made up in majority of non-faculty.

There is a review of revising dismissal requirements for student in the Ratcliff School for the 2 year degree.

Faculty Standards Committee report

There is a high number of Associate Deans and Administrative positions on the University Seante.

GEOC (General Education)

The 10 year review of General Education requirements is underway.

The goal is to assess the whole GE curriculum similar to previous W taskforce.

Diversity Committee report

Discussion revolved around the lack recruitment from the Senate Diversity Committee for the Diversity Task Force last spring

Student Welfare Committee

Currently assessing the removal of the reading day
Common Schedule mandate for Spring 2016 will effect students at regional campuses (GRADUATE CLASSES ARE NOT INCLUDED; will effect TA schedules)

Growth and Development Committee

After the GEU Contract, hiring graduate students costs more than APIR and Postdocs

There is a taskforce formed to investigate the merger of Pharm/Nursing/Allied Health/HDFS into a "College of Public Health"

Action Items for Senate

- None

Attachments*

None

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Graduate Faculty Concil

Date: 09-16-15

Chair: Kent Holsinger
Graduate School Dean
N/A

Representative: Phillip Price
Parliamentarian
N/A

Website: URL N/A

Committee Type: GSS
External

Overview of Report

The details of this meeting are not confidential.

Relevant items for graduate students:

- There may be a gap in health care coverage for incoming students who opt to receive the GA health insurance plan.
- UConn Transportation services is partially funding a WRTD bus route that leaves campus at 9:00 PM.
- Premiums for graduate student health plans increased this year

Detailed Report

Dr. Holsinger began the meeting by mentioning some statistics about the number of graduate students attending Uconn. Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total students enrolled at Uconn are graduate students (about 7000), and of those about %30 are international students (~2000). He went on to discuss the recent formation of the union to represent graduate students and let it be known that the Graduate School has hosted several information sessions to discuss the implications of this with faculty members and any interested parties. Due to poor attendance there was talk of dropping these meetings although a faculty member suggested many might be waiting to take it later.

He also brought up two issues relating to health care coverage. One is that new students next year will potentially face a period of a few weeks during which they will not have access to the GA health plan. This will potentially pose a big problem for international students whose visa depends on having health insurance. The HR office should have some form for receiving temporary health insurance during that period to fulfill that requirement although this would require active participation from incoming international students. The other issue is that health insurance premiums for graduate student health plans will increase a significant amount this year. The reason given was that the previous plan was operating at a loss big enough to warrant changing the plans, so for this year it was adjusted to be within accepted norms.

Lastly, he mentioned that Uconn Transportation Services will be partially funding a late night WRTD bus route from Uconn campus to Willimantic. This late night bus will leave campus at 8:54 PM, later than the previous late night bus route offered by WRTD. To help accurately record usage of this route beginning September 28th all graduate students and faculty members will be required to use a bus pass to ride for free. These passes can be obtained for free from the Uconn Parking Office and the Mansfield Town Clerk's Office with a Uconn ID.

Action Items for Senate

- None

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