

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition of Senators

III. Special Guests/Speakers

- a. **Tanya Husick, UConn Transportation Planner.** Tanya explained UConn's Master Plan for expanding the UConn Storrs campus and how the transportation infrastructure needs to keep pace with the construction (see attached). She explained that the UConn Transportation department are due to conduct a survey about transportation very soon. She discussed UConn's role working with transportation initiatives in the wider Connecticut area and the opportunities the offer to help improve transport to UConn Storrs, for example schemes to improve transit along Route 40 and Route 195. She explained that currently Windham Regional Transit District (WRTD) are currently the only public transit service provider other than UConn Transport who offer services to UConn Storrs, and she attends their board meetings to ensure UConn interests are being represented as UConn partially funds the WRTD Storrs-Willimantic bus service.
- b. Kathleen Ragon stated that she currently sits on the Parking Advisory Committee as a representative of the Graduate Employee Union. She asked if Tanya ever attends this committee.
- c. Tanya explained that she normally attends that committee but this year it has been going through a transition and so it has not been meeting regularly and she will attend it once it has re-established itself.
- d. Senator Sneed asked if the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) has a representative sitting on this committee.
- e. Tony Patelunas stated that Brandon Benevento used to sit on this committee but had to leave it this semester so GSS elected Ehsan Moharerri at its meeting on 17th February after he gave a presentation at the GSS meeting on 27th January about his strong willingness to improve campus parking.
- f. Michelle San Pedro stated that Ehsan was designing a survey to send out to graduate students to gain data that could be used to lobby the university to improve services for graduates.

- g. Tanya suggested that Ehsan Moharreri gets in touch with her as soon as possible as she is sending out a similar survey herself, and she has not heard from him.
- h. Thomas Briggs read out a question sent to him by Ria Bhattacharya from Economics who expressed concern about an incident where she went to take the last bus service on Saturday, 30th January, and the bus never arrived. Thomas stated that he was aware of this incident and that other graduate students were left stranded in Storrs. He asked Tanya to ensure that WRTD communicates clearly to its drivers the specifics of the bus timetable and the scheduled routes to make sure this does not recur.
- i. Thomas Briggs asked what action graduates should take to improve the WRTD Storrs-Willimantic bus service.
- j. Tanya said that bringing issues to UConn Transportation's attention is the best way that they can help address issues.
- k. **Martha Bedard, Vice Provost for University Libraries.** Martha spoke about the proposed changes to the Homer Babbidge library (see attached). She explained that many collection items are being reformatted, which means they are being kept in electronic format rather than print format to free up space in the library. She also explained that they are going to replace furniture in the library, some of which is thirty years old. She also explained how they are renovating the library to create a space for adjunct staff who currently do not have office space on campus. She also stated that the Humanities Institute is moving to the top floor of the library. She stated that they plan to expand the Graduate Commons area of the library into where the Roper Centre used to be located. She explained how a lot of these proposed changes are funding dependent. She said that there will be a new library fee possibly introduced for Fall 2016.
- l. Michelle San Pedro asked about increased security rounds to ensure undergraduates were not using the graduate study area.
- m. Martha said she will make security in the library aware of this issue.
- n. Senator Jaynes asked what will happened to the print collection. She emphasized that books are essential to graduate study, especially for English students, and at times it

seems the library is not focused on this essential purpose of the library and too focused on creating social spaces for undergraduates.

- o. Martha explained that a lot of space will be saved by introducing compact shelving. She stated that certain items that are not used will be relocated to a preservation facility scheduled to be built on depot campus where they can be easily delivered to students. She stated that this does work on the assumption that a preservation facility will be built. She added that she is aware of the fundamental importance of books to graduate students, but that graduates are less concerned about journals being in print rather than electronic form.
- p. Tony Patelunas asked when the library fee Martha mentioned was scheduled to start?
- q. Martha stated in Fall 2016.
- r. Senator Sneed asked whether the plans for the library will ensure wheelchair accessibility and if we could sell books to help fund the library.
- s. Martha stated that it will accommodate all users' needs. She explained that public universities are not permitted to sell their books but UConn does donate to the Better World Books company which provides books or a percentage of its profits to literacy projects around the world.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- a. GSS meeting minutes, 9th March 2016 (*approved by Senate*)
- b. GSS Executive meeting minutes, 23rd March 2016 (*approved by Executive*)

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

- a. GSS Executive Committee Officer elections
 - i. Senator Simning declined his previous nomination for Treasurer.
 - ii. Morad Behandish nominated Senator Parent for Activities Director. Senator Parent declined.
 - iii. Phillip Price explained that currently we have the same person nominated for Vice President and Treasurer and the GSS Bylaws and Constitution do not allow the same person to have both positions.
 - iv. Deepthi Varghese declined her previous nomination for Vice President.

- v. Senator Simning nominated Senator Parent for Vice President. Senator Parent accepted the nomination,
- vi. Senator Sneed spoke to the Senate about her goals and aspirations as GSS President and her aim to make GSS a powerhouse of graduate interests.
 - 1. Chriss Sneed was elected next year's GSS President.
- vii. Senator Ambroselli asked if the voting procedure could be done with a single vote as the candidates were running unopposed.
- viii. Phillip Price explained that the votes should not be combined as it runs the risk of jeopardising accountability and transparency, and that it is appropriate for important elections to take the necessary time to ensure they are run fairly. He added that we should use this practice to test the voting procedure.
- ix. Senator Parent spoke to the Senate about his qualifications for the role of Vice President (see attached statements) and that he would work to ensure the effectiveness of GSS meetings and work to support the President.
 - 1. Matthew J. Parent was elected next year's GSS Vice President.
- x. Deepthi Varghese spoke to the Senate about her suitability for the position of GSS Treasurer, particularly that she knows the current GSS Treasurer, Greg Treich well.
 - 1. Deepthi Varghese was elected next year's GSS Treasurer.
- xi. Senator Simning spoke to the Senate about his suitability for the role of GSS Activities Director. He said that he has experience helping the current GSS Activities Director, Morad Behandish, and that as well as being familiar with GSS events he also has some good new ideas.
- xii. Morad Behandish gave his support to Senator Simning.
 - 1. Eric Simning was elected next year's GSS Activities Director.
- xiii. Donyheil Hoy spoke to the Senate about his suitability for the role of GSS Parliamentarian. He explained what his main responsibilities would be, such as interpreting the GSS Bylaws and Constitution and making recommendations. He said he would try to make the election process for GSS Executive Officers run more smoothly.

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- xiv. Jordan Rees spoke to the Senate about her suitability for the role of GSS Communications Director, and how in her previous job as a social worker she has experience taking minutes and sending out announcements.
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- b. GSS 15/16-16: Tarang Special Allocation request (see attached)
 - i. Deepthi Varghese explained that request was for \$200 for refreshments for the Asha-Tarang Cricket League, a social event on 9th April to raise money for Asha for Education, an organization that raises money to build schools that promote socioeconomic growth in rural parts of India. She explained that the money raised from this event would go towards scholarships that promote female student attendance in schools in India.
 - ii. Senator Gallilea asked what is cricket?
 - iii. Vignesh Vasu explained that it's like baseball for gentleman.
 - iv. GSS 15/16-16: Special Allocations request was approved by the Senate.

VII. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President – Tony Patelunas
 - i. Connecticut Young Professionals event. Tony stated that the first joint CTYP-GSS Social event was being held at Dave and Busters in Manchester tomorrow, Thursday 31st March, 6.00-8.00pm, where there will be free food, drinks offers, and gift promotions to all attendees. He recommend graduates attend as this will be a good event to network and that GSS hope to work closely with CTYP more in the future.
 - ii. Board of Trustees Graduate Representative. Tony announced that Kevin Braghirol had been elected to the Graduate Representative to the Board of Trustees.
 1. The Senate congratulated him on his election.Tony stated that he hopes he continues to work closely with GSS and wished him all the best for his tenure.

- iii. Student Health Services Executive Director search. Tony announced that there are three candidates invited to campus for interviews for the position and that he will ensure that they are aware of graduate interests.
- b. Vice President – Michelle San Pedro
 - i. Michelle explained that the University Senate Student Welfare Committee had not met since the previous GSS meeting was held and that she will report at the next GSS meeting.
- c. Treasurer – Greg Treich
 - i. Finance Committee. Greg announced that the Graduate Student Organisations (GSOs) budget hearings have finished and took over 10 hours in total to provide GSOs with an opportunity to hear feedback and ask for budget increases. Greg said in total GSS has provided over \$60,000 of funding to Tier-II GSOs.
- d. Communications Director – Thomas Briggs
 - i. Attendance
 - ii. GSS Service Award. Tom announced that nominations for the GSS Graduate Community Service Award close on Thursday 31st March at midnight. He stated that he will send an email to the GSS Graduate Community Service Award Committee with the award nominations that has received. He will arrange a meeting of the committee to decide the winner and present it at the next GSS meeting.
- e. Activities Director – Morad Behandish
 - i. Event updates.
 - 1. Gayatri Phadke asked how much money is left in the Activities budget? Morad estimated that it was between \$1,000-2,000. He looked up the exact amount which was \$2,300.
 - 2. Victoria Blodgett, Assistant Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, stated that GSS is co-sponsoring graduate appreciation week, 4-9th April, and advised all graduates to attend and take advantage of the week's events.
- f. Parliamentarian – Phillip Price

- i. President and Treasurer pay remains the same
- ii. GSS 15/16-17: Bylaw amendment, Nominations of Officers and Officer Voting Process (see attached)
 - 1. Phillip Presented the Bylaw amendment.
 - 2. The Senate approved the amendment.

VIII. External Committee Reports

- a. Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) Policy Council report. Ross Dandanini reported that the Adventure Centre will no longer be occupying a space in the Student Union so there is vacant space in the Student Union. He asked for suggestions from the Senate regarding what services they would like to see in that space. He stated that his request for a Graduate bar had already been denied. Ross stated that the undergraduates were suggesting another HuskyOne desk as well as the one in Wilbur Cross Building.
 - i. Senator Parrill suggested a space for shops for UConn-based young entrepreneurs
- b. Senate Diversity Committee report. Senator Sneed stated that the meeting had been cancelled and she will be able to make her report at the next GSS meeting.

IX. Issues Forum

- a. Parking. Senator Simning stated that GSS should propose an idea to put to the university and that it should take advantage of the Parking Advisory Committee (PAC).
 - i. Tony Patelunas explained that the PAC Tony is a place-holder, and only acts in a deliberative capacity and is not a decision-making body.
 - ii. Senator Simning stated that student bodies do not have enough of an authoritative say in decisions affecting them.
 - iii. Victoria Blodgett stated that it is important for graduates to sit on committees and make them active.
 - iv. Tony Patelunas explained that at the next GSS meeting the Senate will have the opportunity to talk to Scott Jordan, the Executive Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer, who will be able to provide authoritative information on these issues.

X. Adjournment – 8.59pm

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 - c. Treasurer – Greg Treich
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 - d. Communications Director – Thomas Briggs
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 - ii. GSS Service Award
 - e. Activities Director – Morad Behandish
 - i. Event updates
 - f. Parliamentarian – Phillip Price
 - i. President and Treasurer pay
 - ii. Bylaw amendment - elections

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GSS Attendance

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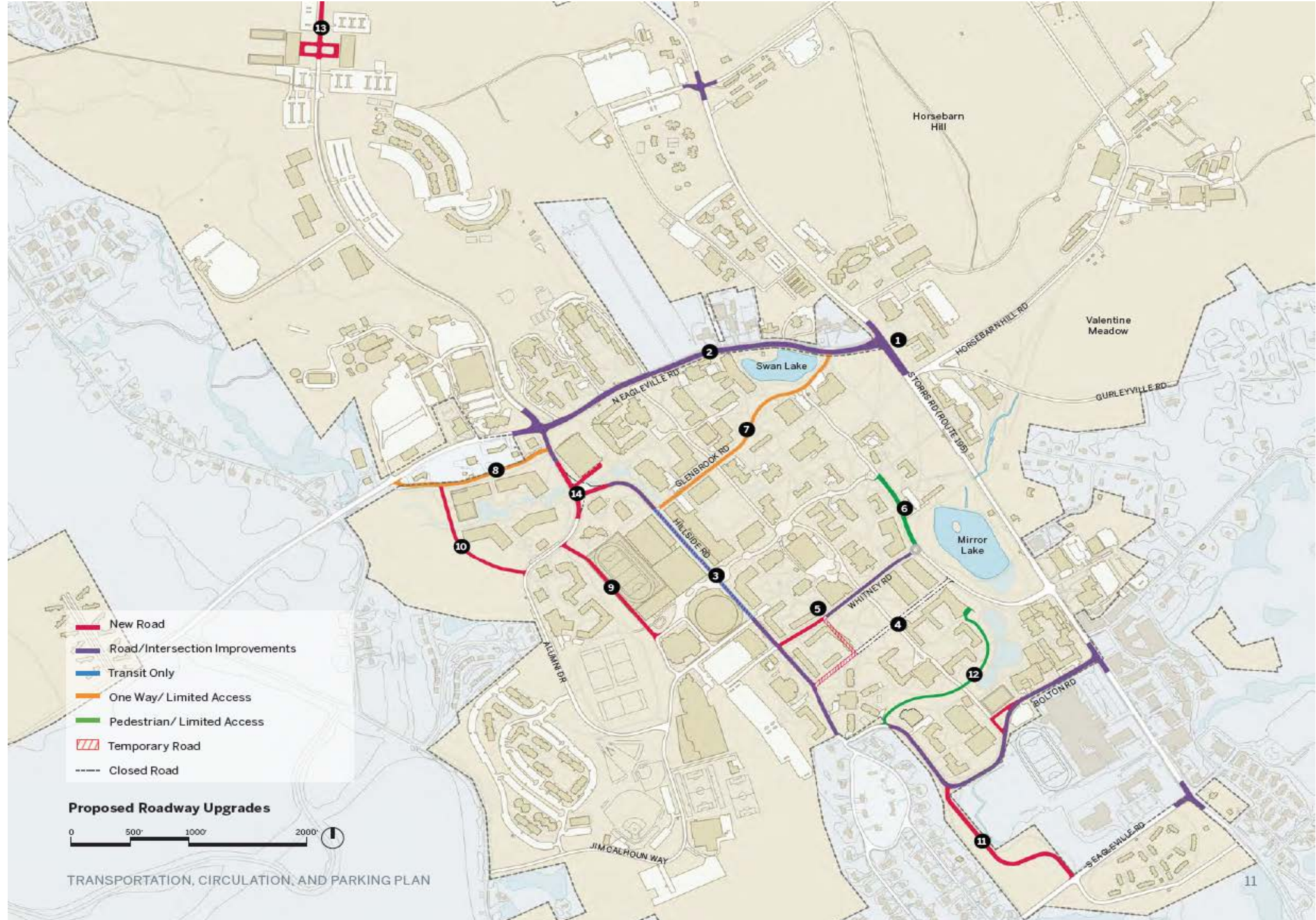
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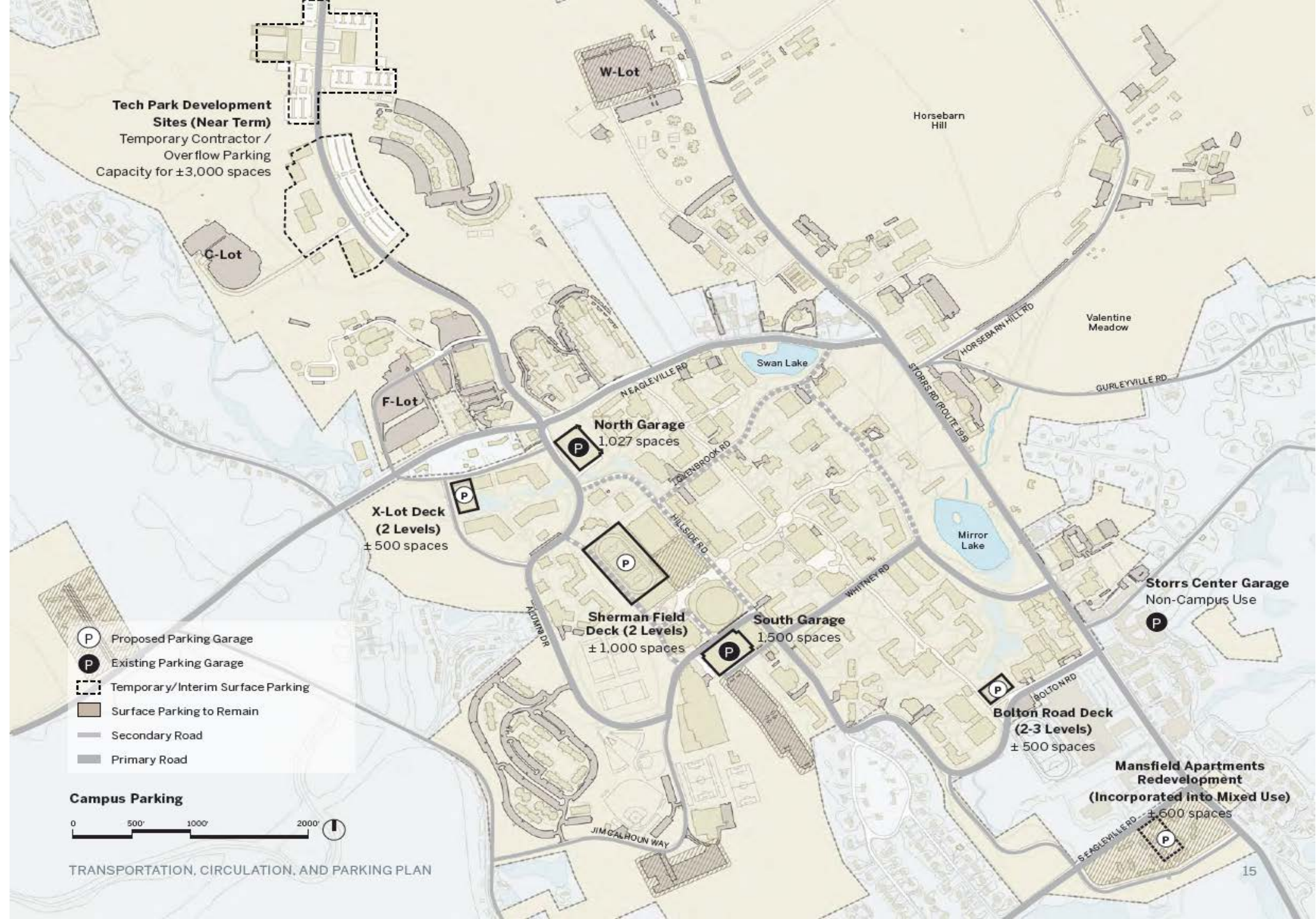
Campus Master Plan 2015 -2035

- Guides Development – Infrastructure and buildings
- Includes Transportation Framework
- Major Transportation Components Emphasize Sustainable Development
 - Minimize Need for Additional Parking
 - Make Core Campus Bike and Pedestrian Friendly
 - Increase Use of Sustainable Modes
 - Provide Infrastructure Improvements

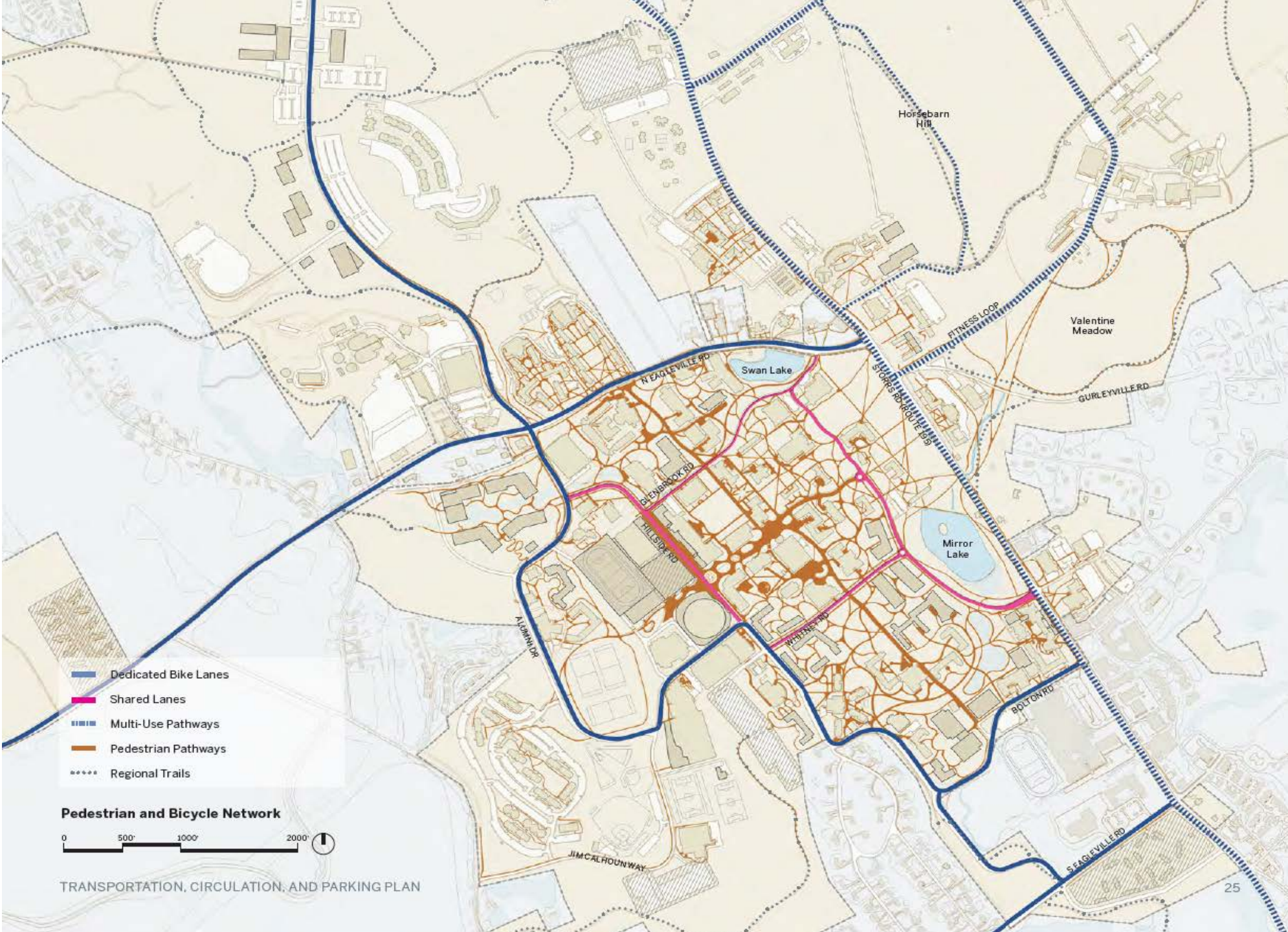
Roadway Changes



Parking Changes



Bike and Pedestrian Network



TDM Program

TDM Strategies	Reduces Commuter Demand	Reduces Resident Demand
Regional park and rides	X	
Preferred and discounted carpool parking	X	
Guaranteed ride home program	X	
Continue to increase parking costs	X	X
Daily parking pricing	X	
Increase/expand transit subsidies	X	X
Improvements to Willimantic Bus frequency	X	
Improvements to parking technology, tracking, etc*	X	X
Aggressive marketing of options	X	X
Commuter information kits	X	
Car sharing (e.g. Hertz Connect, Zipcar)		X
Improve shuttle routing and frequency		X
Continue to cap student resident permits		X
Improved campus bikeshare system		X

more specifically, reduces need for excess capacity and congestion by minimizing circling for parking

Transportation Update

Current Planning Initiatives

On-Campus Planning Initiatives



Campus Traffic Model (CUBE/Sychro)

Transportation Survey

Short-term Capital Plan for Parking and Transportation Infrastructure

Garage Maintenance Plan

Campus Wayfinding Study - Communications/Planning



Regional Planning Initiatives



CT Fastrak Planning and Support

Capital Region Council of Governments: Eastern Gateways Study for SR 195 and SR 44


Transportation Update

Transit	
<p>Improve Shuttle Routing</p> 	<p>Ridership routing/demand are reviewed each semester.</p> <p>New UConn Health Shuttle</p>
<p>Improve Bus Frequency</p>	<p>WRTD - Provided extra funding this year to pay local match for a new (later) last run</p>
<p>Increase/Expand Transit Subsidies</p>	<p>Discussions with CT DOT for both Employee and Student Pass</p>
<p>Improve Regional Transit</p> 	<p><i>CT fastrak</i></p> <p>WTRD</p>

Transportation Update

Rideshare – Sharing Rides	
Regional Park & Rides	Potential for new regional Park & Ride lots with the CTFastrak expansion.
Carpool/Alternative Mode Parking	Added a carpool permit for commuter students <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Allows 2-4 students to share parking permit- Eligible for two “Ride Alone” passes per semester
Rideshare Matching – App to find people to ride with	Ride Match RFP being issued
CarShare – Cars available for personal use	
CarShare Program	CarShare RFP being issued
Car Rental	
Car Rental Agreement	New UConn Car rental program exploring: one way rentals to airport, personal rentals. Car rental RFP being issued

Transportation Update

Parking	
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<p data-bbox="198 843 1021 886">Continue to Cap Student Resident Permits</p>	<p data-bbox="1309 843 2288 886">Continuing the resident requirement of 54 credits.</p>

Transportation Update

Bicycle and Pedestrian

Campus BikeShare System



Bike loan program through UConn Adventure Center

- Long Term Cycle Share Reservation (semester)
- Thursday Cycle Share Reservation (week)

Improve Bike/Pedestrian Infrastructure



N. Eagleville complete streets/safety improvements

On-going review of projects

Transportation Update

Other Sustainability Initiatives

Alternative Fuel Vehicles for Fleet

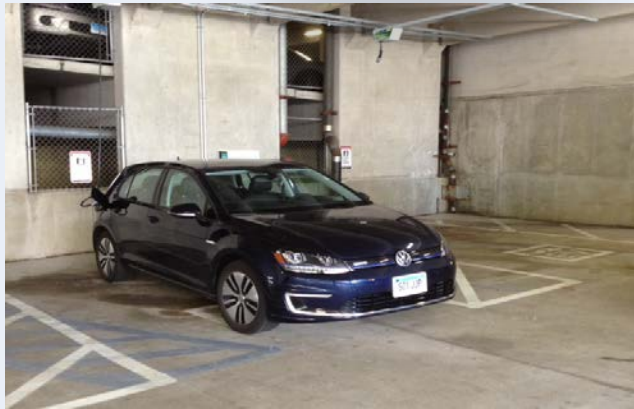


3 Ford C-Max's acquired since April 2015

12% of the light duty fleet is alternative fuel
Goal 20% by 2025

Awarded \$250,000 in grant funding towards
incremental cost of AFV purchases

EV Charging Stations



5 at Storrs Campus (2 North Garage, 2 South Garage,
1 Motorpool)

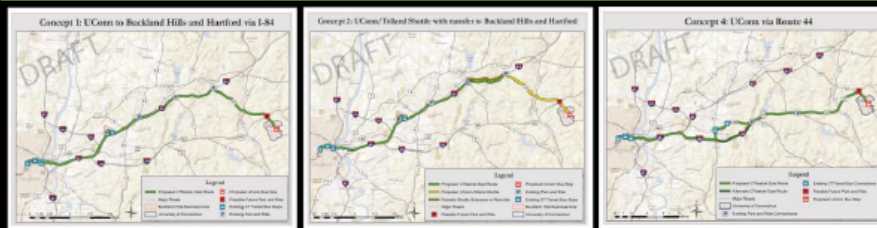
Funding for EV station at Avery Point

Funding for EV station at Waterbury

CTfastrak

Additional Outreach at UConn Storrs

CTfastrak Expansion Options – Summer 2016 University of Connecticut Service Concepts



Concept 1A: Route 917 Tolland-Hartford • service all day • extension to UConn only in off-peak periods	Concept 1B: Route 917 Tolland-Hartford • service all day • extension to UConn at all times	Concept 2: Route 917 Tolland-Hartford • service all day New UConn-Tolland shuttle • service all day	Concept 4: New UConn to Hartford route • via Route 44 and I-384 • service all day • possible stops in Manchester
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	Concept 1A	Concept 1B	Concept 2	Concept 4
Does it go to UConn?	Off-Peak*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does it go to the Buckland Hills Mall?	Off-Peak*	Off-Peak*	Off-Peak*	No
Does it go to other Buckland Hills stops?	No	No	No	No
Does it go to Downtown Manchester?	No	No	No	Maybe
Does it go along Burdette Avenue?	No	No	No	No
Does it continue through onto the CTfastrak roadway?	No	No	No	No
What type of buses would be used?	CTfastrak	CTfastrak	?	?
Real time information via Transit App and Google?	Yes	No	Hartford-Tolland Only	No
Would it have CTfastrak Shelters?	No	No	No	No
How much would it cost to operate?	Moderate	Higher	Higher	Moderate

*Off-Peak:
Weekdays 10am – 2 pm,
Evenings 7pm – Close
Weekends

- Input from students and staff
- Strong support for UConn service
- Ranking of possible connections:
 1. to Hartford
 2. to Buckland Hills Mall
 3. to downtown Manchester
 4. to I-84 P&R lots



Public Comment Highlights

- Many requests for hourly service Hartford to Storrs
- Requests for a stop at the Nash Zimmer Transportation Center
- Desire for connections with local bus and Amtrak
- Concern about Route 44 being able to handle bus traffic



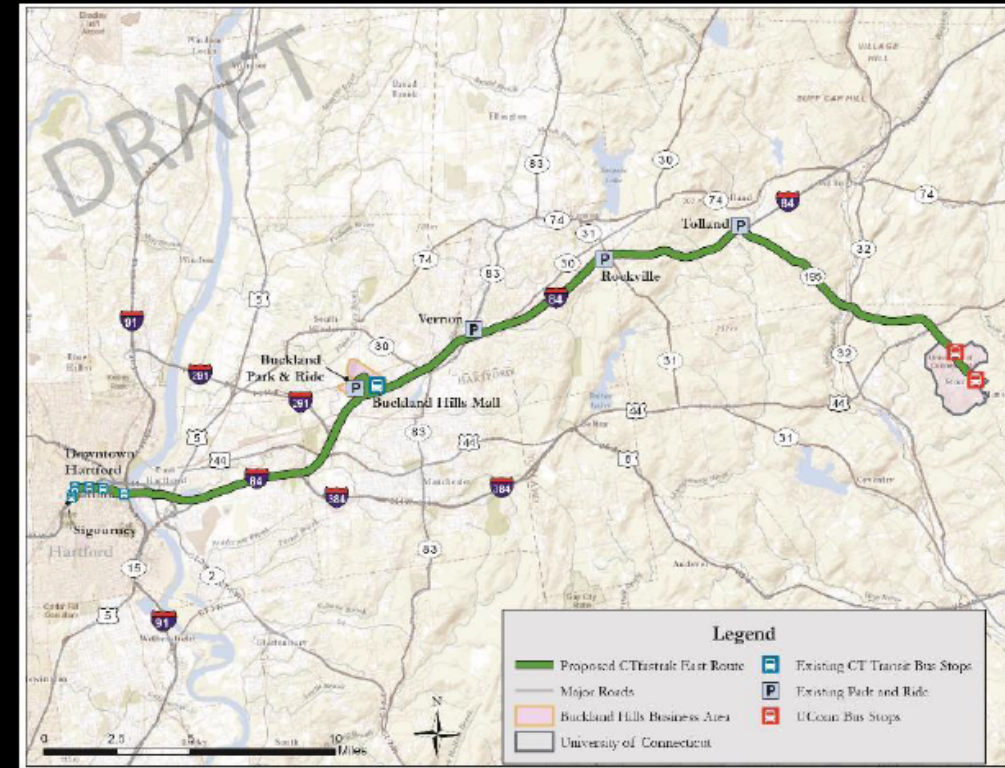
Implementation Timeline

- Phased implementation of services and facility improvements
- Initial service – summer 2016
 - Using existing bus fleet
- Additional service phased in starting in 2017
 - Using additional buses and facilities



Preferred 2016 Service Concept

- All day service on Route 917
- Extension to UConn
- Service to Vernon, Rockville, and Tolland P&R on all trips
- Service to Buckland Hills Mall and P&R on added trips only
- May require peak period shuttle from Tolland to UConn
- Extended hours for local bus service in East Hartford and Manchester
- All new service subject to funding



Proposed Service to/from UConn Storrs

- Hourly to/from Hartford
 - First trip leaves UConn by 6 AM
 - First arrival at UConn before 8 AM
 - Last trip leaves UConn at 10:30 PM
 - Last trip leaves Hartford at midnight
 - Saturday 7:30 AM to midnight
 - Sunday 7:30 AM to 8 PM
- All UConn trips serve Tolland P&R lot
- All new trips serve Buckland P&R
- All weekday trips serve Vernon and Rockville P&R lots
- Hourly to/from Buckland Hills Mall
 - First trip leaves UConn at 8 AM
 - First return to UConn around 1:30 PM
 - Last return to UConn after midnight
 - Saturday 8:30 AM to midnight
 - Sunday 9:30 AM to 8 PM



Peak Period Shuttle Option

- If contractor-provided buses not available to supplement Route 917 service
- Morning
 - First 3 trips non-stop Sigourney to Tolland with shuttle connection to UConn
 - Shuttle trips arrive UConn at about 7:55, 8:35 and 9:22
 - First direct trip with all stops arrives at UConn about 10:19
- Afternoon
 - No direct trips with all stops leaving UConn between 3:00 and 6:15
 - Shuttle trips leave UConn at about 4:20 and 4:45
 - Shuttle trips connect to non-stop Tolland to Sigourney
- Does not require any additional peak buses on Route 917



Beyond 2016

- Further study of options for FY2018 and FY2019
 - Continued consideration of Concepts 4, 5, and 6
 - Other additional routes
 - New *CTfastrak* buses
 - Features of on-street Bus Rapid Transit
 - Enhanced stops/stations, including park & ride lots
 - Real time information displays
 - Intersection or roadway improvements to speed service
- Study completion in September



Transportation Update



Homer Babbidge Library Master Plan

Graduate Student Senate

March 30, 2016



The Purpose

- Library envisioned as a contemporary, Interactive Knowledge Hub and Academic Core
- Current Library configuration does not serve this purpose
- Update spaces to reflect current trends in library design and fully support library functions
- Create a destination that will attract students and faculty and reflect the stature of UConn as a Research I university



Cornerstone Assumptions

No additions to Homer Babbidge. Space will be gained through:

- Construction of an off-site preservation facility
- Reformatting and consolidation of the print collection
- Strategic placement of stacks
- Rearrangement of existing services
- Co-location of complementary functions and partnerships
- Improvements to the arrangement and furnishing of study spaces



Cornerstone Assumptions

- Changes will occur as funding becomes available annually
- Each project will be 'self-contained' as a complete step in the process
- Upgrades will be made to exterior spaces
(plazas, terraces and entrances)
- Wayfinding will improve





Reading Room



Study



Social



Nooks



Cafe



Stacks



Way Finding



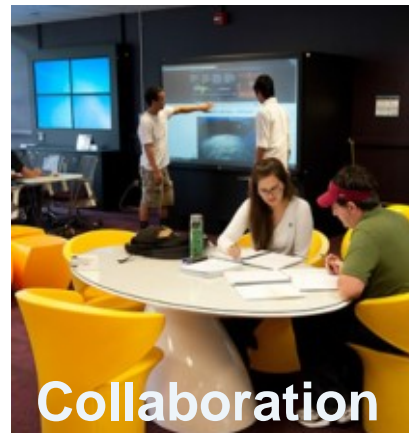
Gathering Events



Group Learning



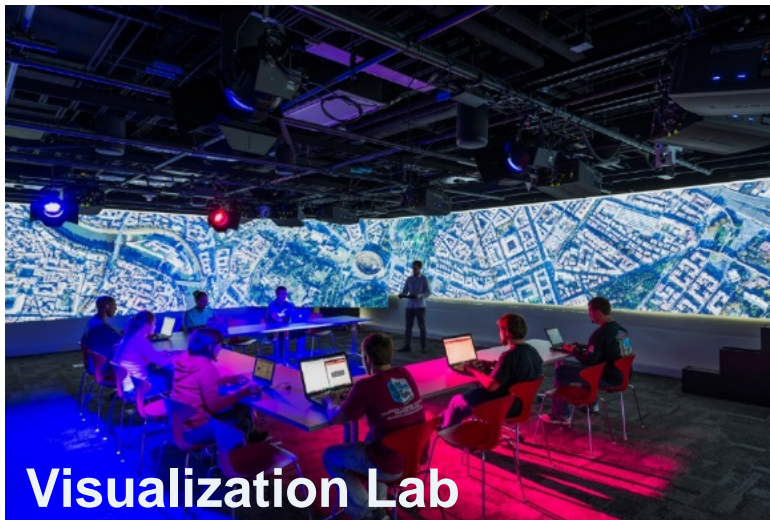
Learning Environments



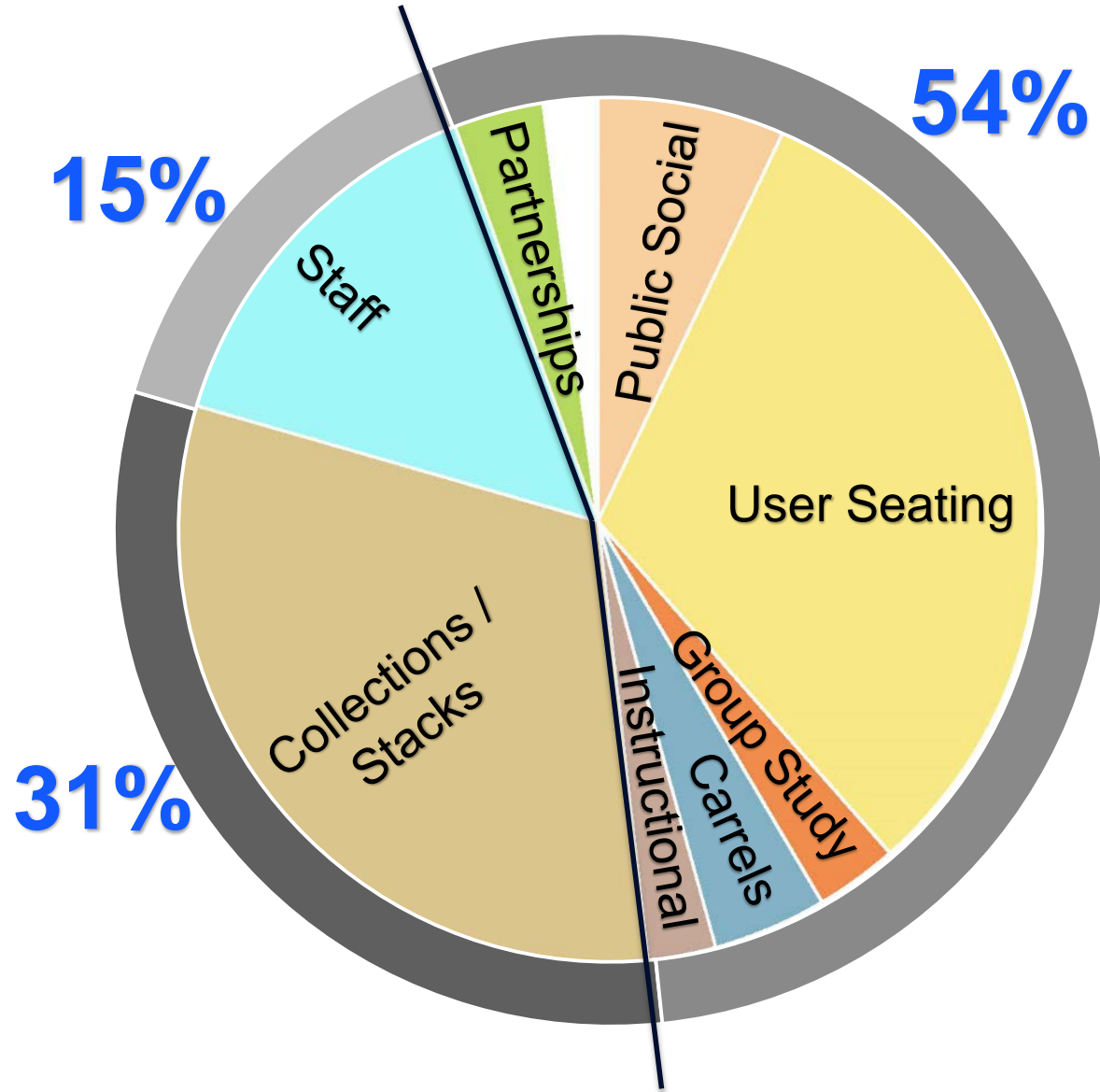
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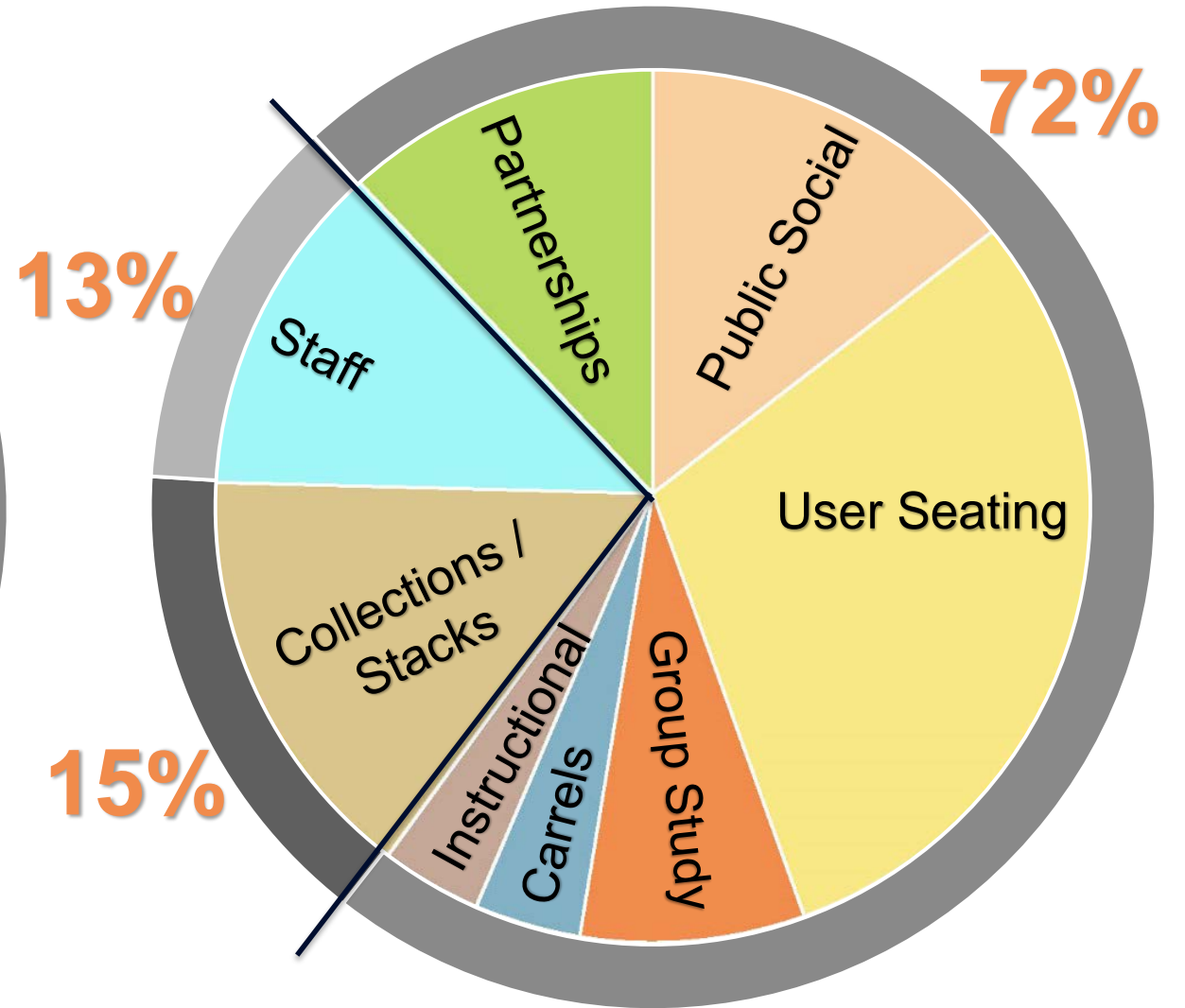
Graduate Studio



Existing Library Space Summary



Proposed Library Space Program

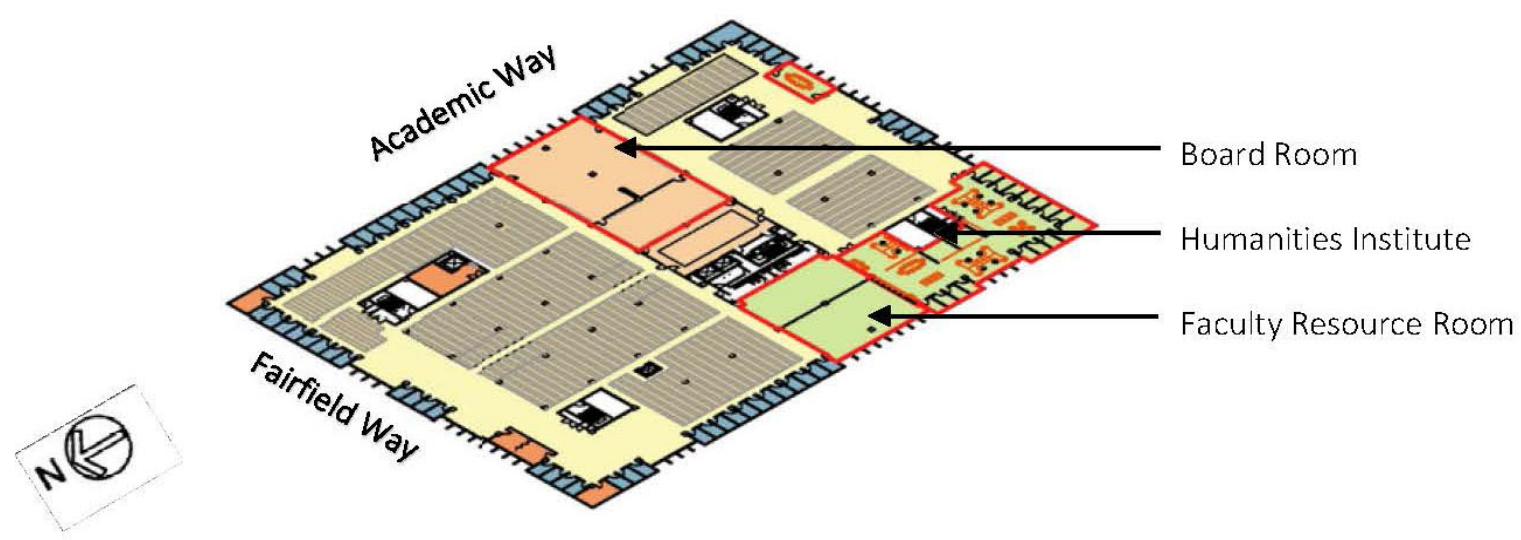


Existing Space Distribution

Stacks	Design Studio	Stacks	
Stacks	Others	Stacks	
Stacks	Study Areas		
Staff	Study Areas	Q/W/L Centers	
Staff		Book Worm	
Staff	Art Gallery	Stacks	Study Areas
Stacks / Compact Shelving			Others

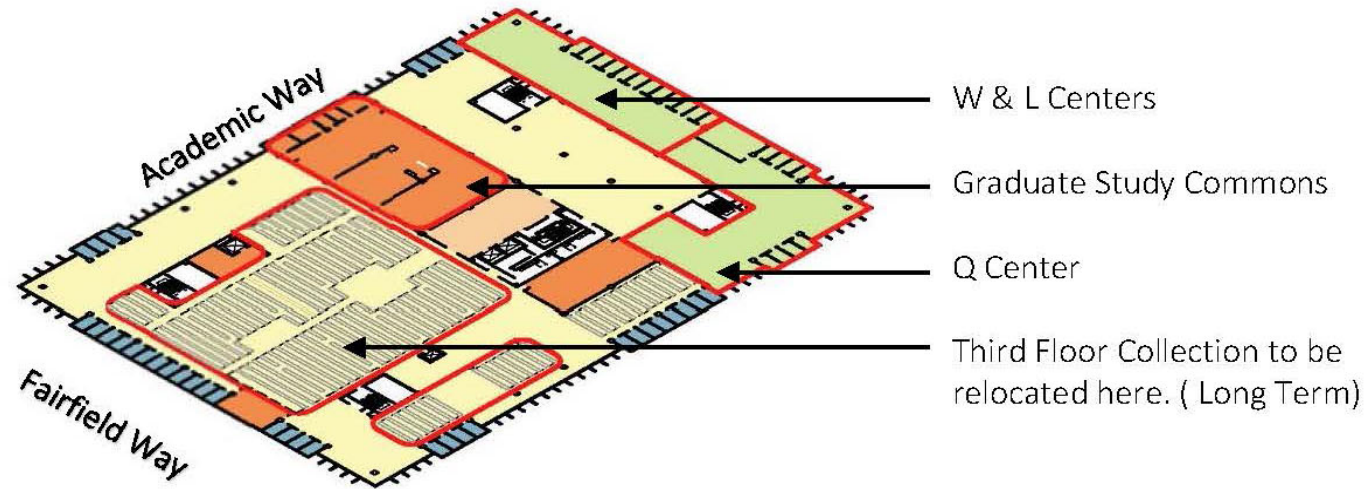
Proposed Space Distribution

Level 5	Stacks	Board Room	HI	Heritage Floor / Humanities	
Level 4	Stacks	Graduate Commons	Q/W/L Centers	Academic Support / Sciences	
Level 3	Stacks	Study Areas		Research Commons / Fine Arts	
Level 2	Partners	Teaching Learning	Group Study	Interactive Teaching & Learning / Services and Support	
Level 1	Staff	One Stop	Design Studio	Inspiration / Innovation / Initiatives	
Ground Floor	Staff	New Entry	Group Study	Book Worm	24 Hours Study & Social Space /Staff Offices
Basement Floor	Compact Shelving			Others	Compact Shelving



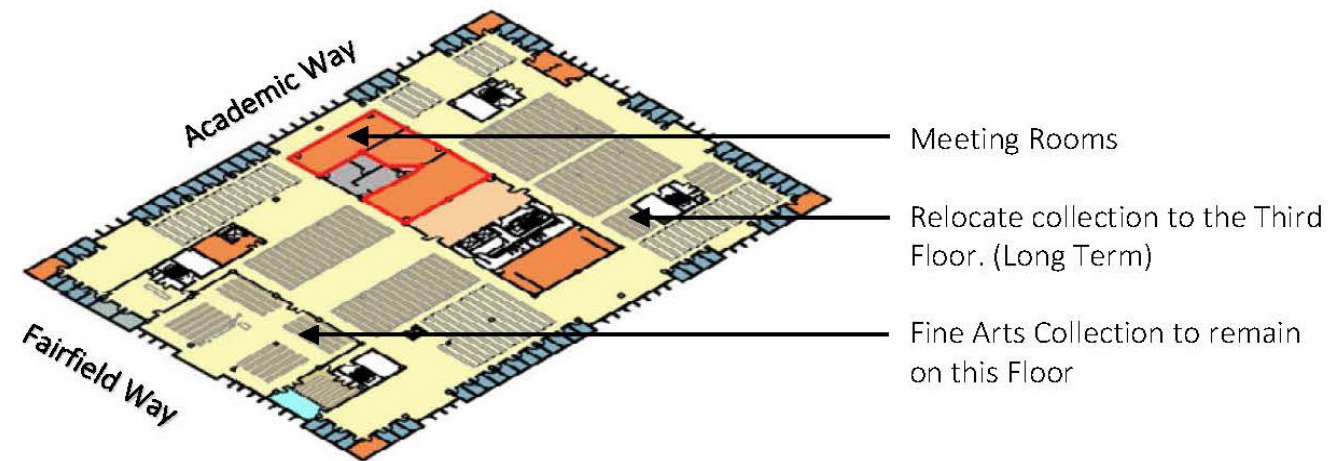
Level 5 - Heritage Floor / Humanities

The top floor in the Library is envisioned as the Heritage Floor. This floor will house the Humanities Collection, quiet study areas, the Humanities Institute and Faculty Resource Room. Space was reserved for the Board Room overlooking the west side of our campus. This facility will be a campus wide resource.



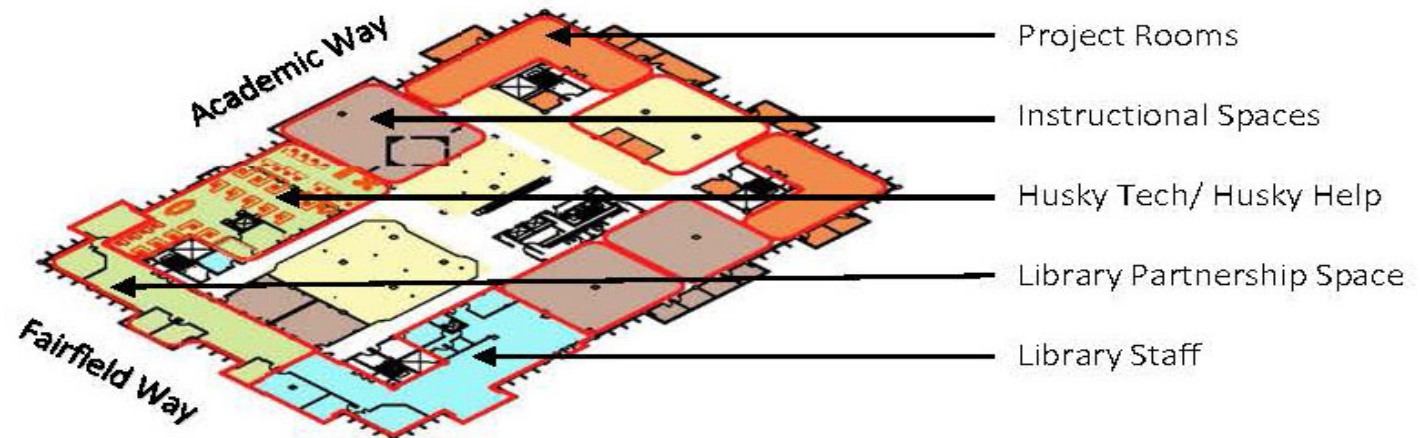
Level 4 - Academic Support / Sciences

This Floor will house the Sciences Collection, student seating and Q, W and L Centers. The former Roper Center will be converted to the Graduate Study Commons.



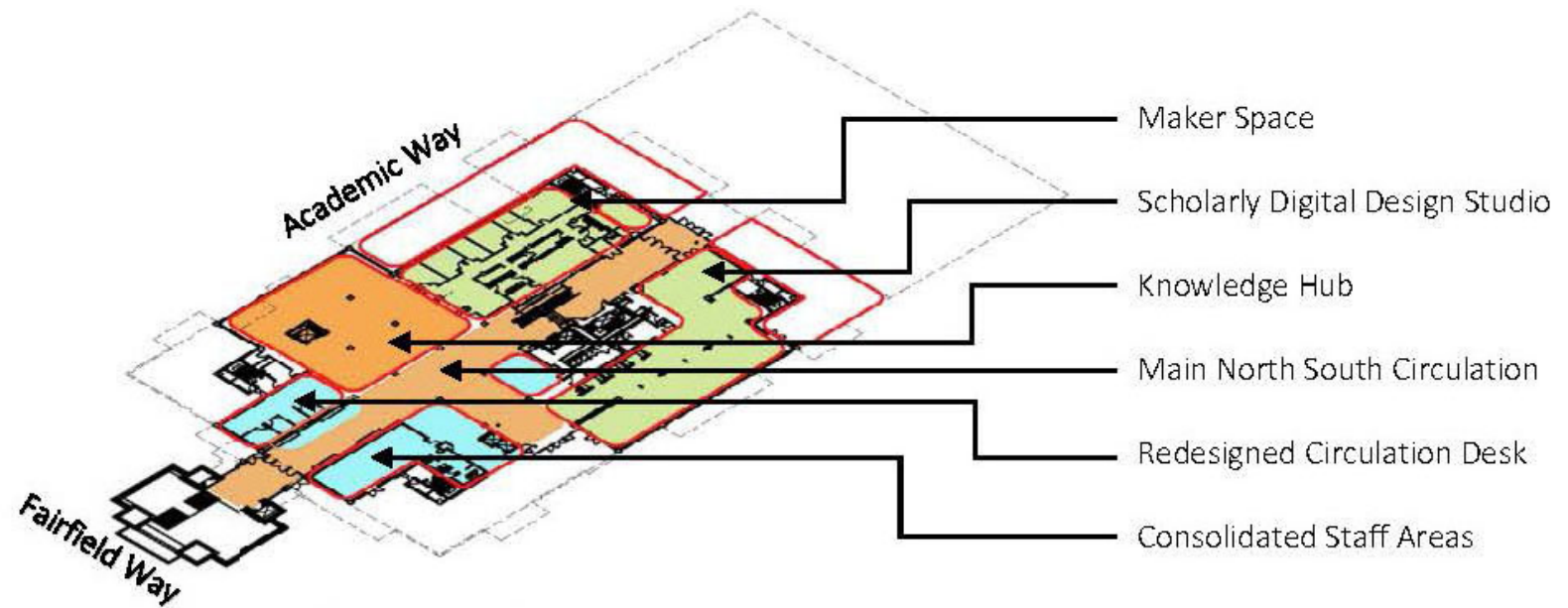
Level 3 - Research Commons /Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Collection will remain on this level while the Sciences Collection will be relocated to the fourth floor. The space gained by the removal of the shelving will be converted to student areas and multi-microlearning environments. Existing video viewing rooms will be converted to technology enhanced flexible meeting rooms.



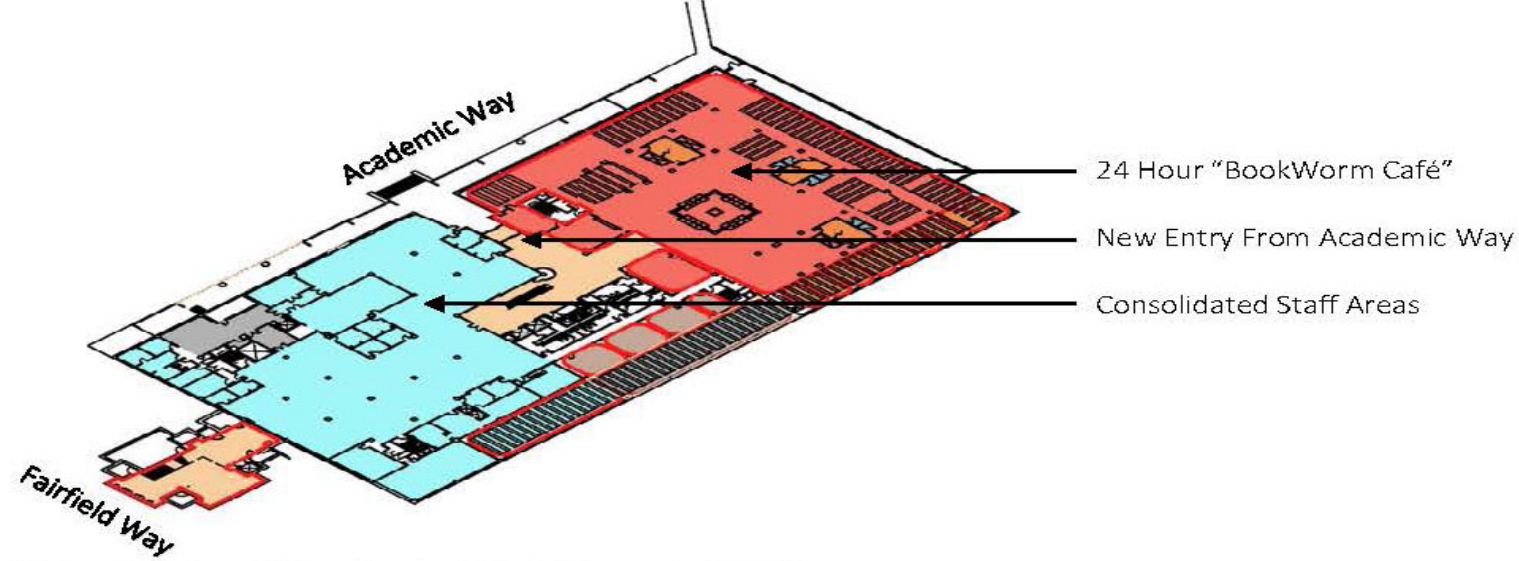
Level 2 - Interactive Teaching & Learning / Services and Support

As the name describes it, this floor will be converted to high tech instructional Spaces like Model Classrooms, Data Visualization Laboratory, and Media Rooms. Support for students and faculty will be provided by Library Staff and Husky Tech and Husky Help also located on this floor. Collaborative Learning and Project Rooms are complimentary to the instructional spaces and are located on the south side of this level.



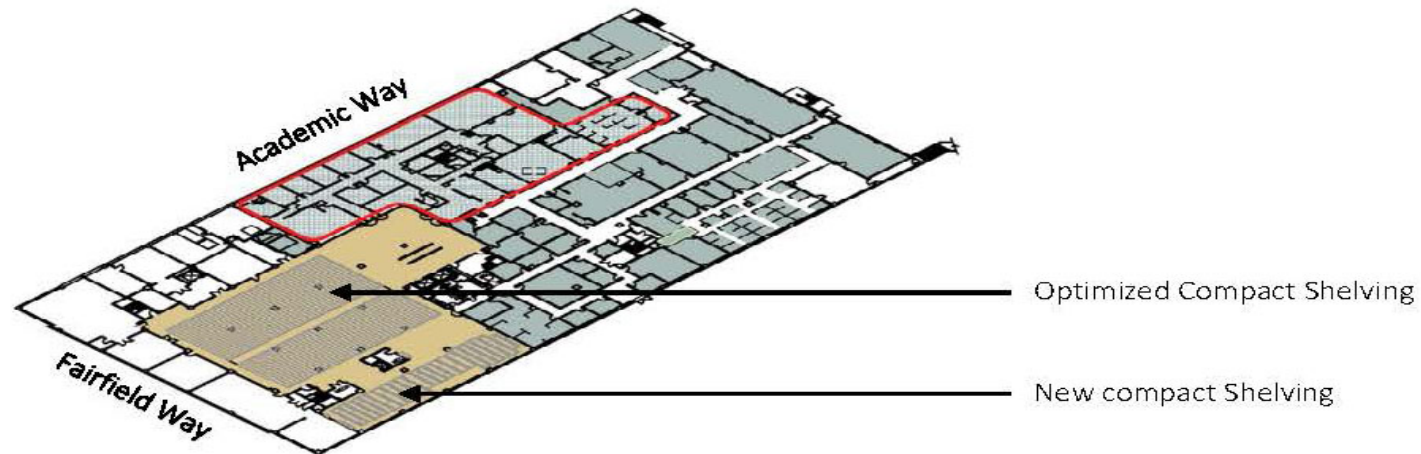
Level 1 - *Inspiration / Innovation / Initiatives*

Reconfigured Staff and Circulation Desk are making room for exciting functions on this floor. The proposed North South circulation anchored by the Knowledge Hub will simplify the wayfinding in the Library and allow for repurposing of the “BookWorm” Space for the Scholarly Digital Design Studio. The Staff areas are converted to a Maker Space Suite. The 24 Hour spaces are tripled and proposed for the Ground Level with a new entry from Academic Way.



Ground Level – 24 Hour Study & Social Space /Staff Offices

24 Hours BookWorm Café will find a new home on the Ground Level with a new entry from Academic Way. Staff areas are consolidated on this floor. A redesigned entry from Fairfield Way along with site improvements will facilitate the circulation around the library.



Basement Level - Compact Shelving

The structural strength of this floor allows for the optimization of the existing compact shelving and replacement of existing shelving with compact shelving thus increasing the number of volumes that can be stored on this level. More than half of this floor is occupied by other departments like: UITS, BECAT and Engineering. With the construction of the new Science and Engineering Buildings as tenants move out to their new homes some of this space may be regained by the library for additional compact shelving.

Upcoming Projects - Summer 2016

- Relocate the Humanities Institute to the 5th Floor
- Move the Scholarly Design Studio to former space of the Roper Center on the 4th Floor
- Design and partially furnish Board Room on 5th Floor
- Relocate Q, W & L Centers to 4th Floor
- Consolidate and move HuskyTech to a new location on the 1st Floor
- Consolidate Library staff areas on 2nd Floor
- Expand and enhance compact shelving in basement
- Upgrade lobby furniture and North Entrance (former Co-op Newsstand)

Future Projects

- Create Faculty Resource Center
- Relocate and expand Graduate Study Commons
- Create instructional spaces, project rooms,
and collaborative learning options
- Relocate and enhance Design Studio
- Relocate and expand MakerSpace



Funding

- Capital Budget
- Fundraising
- Evaluating Students Fees to grow excellence in the Library
- Projects to be positioned for future capital program beyond Next Gen
- Deferred maintenance funding

More Information

<http://lib.uconn.edu/about/masterplan>

GSS Executive 2016-7 Nominations

- President
 - Chriss Sneed (Sociology)
- Vice-President
 - Matthew J. Parent (Political Science)
- Treasurer
 - Deepthi Varghese (Chemistry)
- Activities Director
 - Eric Simning (Agricultural Resources Economics)
- Parliamentarian
 - Donyeil Hoy (Biomedical Engineering)
- Communications Director
 - Jordan Rees (Sociology)

GSS Executive Officer Candidate Statements, 2016-7

Chriss Sneed - GSS President

If you all opened the constitution of the graduate student senate, you would notice 6 major tenets. Although, I think are all very meaningful, as President, I want to make GSS more accessible and meaningful for graduate students on two levels: advocacy and programming. Like UCONN as a whole, GSS will undertake major changes as the academic school year comes to a close. There will be a new CDO – recently announced today – a new bookstore, a new budget, and all of these things will affect graduate students. By fostering a continued relationship with the Union, I want GSS to be seen as tool for graduate students who need to express issues by engaging with administration and the individual groups represented here in the senate. This means pushing for graduate representation on not just the Board of Trustees, but the newly developed Diversity Council, in the Housing discussions, Parking and Transportation committees, and more. Michelle, the current vice president, has mentioned how this inclusion is not only important for GSS to function, but actually fulfill its mission from Bio – Fine Arts and Avery Point to Storrs. And, I think our diverse graduate community deserves not just representation, but respect and influence in these spaces.

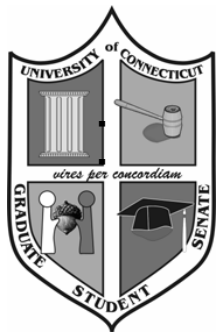
In terms of programming, I want GSS to be a platform for both social and research-oriented discussions. I think the social nights that were established this semester were a great start, but I have already begun to imagine different types of social events to get graduate students out of their isolated offices and interacting with each other. (and please free to ask me for examples later). I also believe that these events can more intensively ask graduate students to show off their research through workshops, symposiums, and other events that would bolster our status as an R1 university. The Borderlands symposium we voted on at our last Senate meeting is just one example of this kind of work.

After speaking with Tony, I am sure that I have the organizational skills and time to dedicate to GSS for the next year. By representing graduate students on the Senate Diversity Committee and attending other informal meetings with staff members, I have already been made familiar with working with administration. Also, I have a bunch of ideas and am really excited to work with the other e-board members to bring some of these plans to fruition. Additionally, I

have a great relationship with Todd, our Union president, undergraduates, cultural centers, and other folks across campus so collaborations can be an easy possibility. With all of these things said, I think not only do I have the skills and experience for leading GSS, but the creativity and willingness to work hard to get things done. In summary, as president, I hope to make GSS more engaged with those it serves so that more graduate students will think of GSS as a complex and hardworking organization and not just the three letters that host Grad prom.

Matthew J. Parent – GSS Vice President

Senator Parent highlighted his experience leading large meetings as Northeast District President in his band service fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi. He also discussed his role as a graduate assistant in student affairs at the Catholic University of America in order to demonstrate his experience with organizational management in higher education.



GSS 15/16-16: Special Allocation Request Form

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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):

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GSS 15/16-17: Bylaw amendmant (Bylaw II, 6) and 7) pushing Transition of Officers and Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative to 8) and 9) respectively)

6) Nomination of Officers

A. A Graduate student may run for multiple Executive Officer positions.

B. Nominations for Executive Officer positions will not close until all positions have at minimum one (1) eligible nominee.

C. Each candidate must submit a statement, maximum 125 words, to the Communications Director. The Communications Director will distribute electronic copies of these statements to Senators within 48 hours of the voting meeting. If a candidate chooses to run after this 48 hour time frame, he or she will give a speech of no more than five minutes at the voting meeting.

D. After nominations close for Executive Officer positions and just before the voting process begins there will be a 20 minute period during which those present at the meeting will be permitted to ask questions to the nominees. This time may be extended by 5 minutes with a majority vote.

7) Officer Voting Process. In the event that one graduate student is running for multiple positions, elections for those positions that share a candidate must take place separately and individually. Once a candidate nominated for multiple positions has been elected to an Executive Officer position, they shall no longer be eligible to be a candidate in any remaining elections for that meeting. If no candidate runs for multiple positions all positions may be voted on simultaneously.

Provost's Library Advisory Committee
03/23/2016

Chair: *Maureen Croteau*
UConn Affiliation
Email Address

Representative: Michael Ambroselli
Physics
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Website: URL Address

Committee Type: University

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential?	No
Was anything of relevance to graduate students?	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library Master Plan partially funded• Library fee under consideration• Research Carrels• Open access chemistry textbooks	

Detailed Report

LIBRARY MASTER PLAN

The Library's Master Plan has been partially funded (\$1M) – work will begin this Summer (2016).

LIBRARY FEE

A \$25 per semester library fee for students (grad + undergrad) is under consideration. Public hearings / discussions will be arranged.

RESEARCH CARRELS

In the course of the above mentioned renovations, the current number of 194 research carrels will be reduced by 35. 10 of these are currently empty, 25 are assigned and occupants will be / have been informed of new arrangements (including some consolidations etc.).

The process of requesting a research carrel as well as the key deposit process has been streamlined / automated.

OPEN ACCESS TEXT BOOKS

Open access textbooks for the first 3 semesters of chemistry are now being used at the University. 1850 students will not need to buy expensive traditional books for these courses this coming Fall.
