

## MINUTES

### UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING

April 12, 2023

Committee Trustees: Shari Cantor, Vice-Chair, Josh Crow, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Aanya Mehta, Bryan Pollard

Non-Board of Trustees Members: Christopher Bergen, Sydney Collins

Other Trustees: Board Chair Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representative: Karen Bresciano

University Staff: President Radenka Maric, Joseph Briody, David Clokey, Michael Gilbert, Fany Hannon, Jamie Houchen, Karen McComb, Suzanne Onorato, Emily Pagano, Rachel Rubin, Pamela Schipani, Michelle Williams

1. Call to Order:  
Vice-Chair Cantor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Public Participation:  
No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.
3. Approval of Minutes:  
With a motion from Trustee Crow, and a second from Trustee Pollard, the Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2023.
4. Introduction of New Student Trustee:  
Aanya Mehta was introduced to the Committee and welcomed as the new Student Trustee Member.
5. Student Trustee Report:  
Trustees Mehta and Crow both spoke about the USG Senate and state appropriations for the upcoming budget.

Trustee Crow expressed concern about the behavior and damage on-campus after the Men's Basketball NCAA Championship Game. Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Gilbert provided a brief update on the planning that was done in advance of the Championship Game. Damage and police reports are currently with the Police Department. The Community Standards Office awaits these reports so that student behaviors can be addressed and adjudicated, which may include possible expulsions. Several other Trustees expressed their concern and disheartenment surrounding these actions.

Trustee Pollard stated that he and others support the letter that went out to the University community and that students will be held accountable for their actions. There will be

continued planning and review meetings to discuss this incident and to work on prevention in the future.

6. Spring Weekend Update: Joseph Briody, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs & Executive Director, Student Activities:  
AVP & Executive Director Briody provided an update on the plans and events for the upcoming Spring Weekend (April 20 – 22, 2023). A full schedule of events is listed on the Student Activities Website (<https://springweekend.uconn.edu/schedule-2023/>). An email will go out to the student body to remind them about the events scheduled and about appropriate behavior. Policy restrictions will include, limiting non-students on campus, and only UConn students will be allowed in residence halls, dining halls, and to participate in scheduled events.
7. Residence Hall Updates – Occupancy & Move-in/Room Assignments: Pamela Schipani, Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs:  
Interim AVP Schipani provided an update for Fall '24 move-in and room assignments. As of early April, the room selection process began and will continue through April 28. This year represents the highest number of requests for those seeking on-campus housing, which also includes the Stamford Campus. This is the first time that first-year students will have the ability to select their own rooms at Storrs.
8. UConn's Wellness Coalition: Karen McComb, Director of Health Promotion & Community Impact; Emily Pagano, Healthy Promotion Manager:  
Director McComb and Manager Pagano provided an overview of the Wellness Coalition. A request from Vice-Chair Cantor was made to add the Wellness Coalition as an agenda item in an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.
9. Wellness Living & Learning Community: Suzanne Onorato, Executive Director, Student Health & Wellness:  
Executive Director Onorato provided an overview of the new Wellness Living & Learning Community.
10. Executive Session:  
There was no Executive Session.
11. Adjournment:  
With a motion from Trustee Crow, and a second from Trustee Dennis Lavigne, the Committee adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Brodie, Executive Assistant  
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs