

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES –Thursday, Feb. 25th, 2016
3:00 p.m. – Room S517

Present: Karen Blake, Lisa Calabrese, Lisa Boyko, Eleni Saltourides, Carlos Franco, Alison Wang, Alex Zozulin, Lisa Dresdner, Laurie Novi, Karla Ekquist-Lechner

Guests: Dean Sarah Gager and Scott Farrell

1. Dec. 3rd Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved: Lisa Boyko motioned first and Karen Blake seconded—unanimous approval. Will be posted on SAC website.
2. Old Business:
 - Commencement candidate selections: Dean Gager informed us that they are in the process of having Rick Mastracchio as the speaker. Certain protocols with NASA must be followed before officially announcing he is the speaker, however.
 - Eleni informed the status of the revised by-laws and new updates to them that are up for review with the President's office.
3. New Business:
 - Dean Gager and Scott Farrell have informed the committee of the timeline and changes to the President to President scholarship. Note, UCONN Waterbury requires the student to complete entire degree at the Waterbury campus. Post University has withdrawn its participation. Dean Gager emphasized that there must be a name sent for each scholarship, even if something may be lacking, Dean Gager is willing to work with the colleges to help students get it. No less than a 2.5 GPA was okay. Scott Farrell will email committee members scholarship requirements and the timeline for the scholarship review process.
 - Karen Blake noted the opening of the Fitness Center which is free for the semester to see how much it is being used. Most likely there will be a fee for next semester as there was in the past.
 - A recommendation was made to have the President to President scholarships be announced earlier so that students have ample time to prepare them. SAC's recommendation was to send an email to qualified students in mid-January. Eleni told the committee she would send that recommendation to Dean Gager.
 - Committee made minor revisions to the current scoring rubric for the President to President scholarships for ease of use for SAC members.
4. Committee agreed to meet on March 17 at 3pm to review and rate the President to President Scholarships.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleni Saltourides, SAC Chair