



Graduate Student Senate

University of Connecticut

Graduate Student Senate Agenda **April 17, 2006**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2006
- III. Recognition of Senators
- IV. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President – James Bourbeau
 - Closing Remarks
 - b. Vice President – Amy Sopcak
 - Thank You
 - c. Secretary – Andrea Knorr
 - Thank You
 - d. Treasurer – Matt Jura
 - Budget Hearing
 - e. Parliamentarian – Julia Thomson
 - Quorum
 - f. Activities Director – Anuthep Pasura
 - Remaining Events
- V. Standing Committee Reports

VI. External Committee Reports

- a. Parking Advisory Council (Andrea Knorr)
- b. Provost's Commission on the Status of Women (Julia Thomson)
- c. General Education Oversight Committee (Jill Magee)
- d. University Senate Scholastic Standards Committee (Pete Chidester)

Both the proposed process for dealing with misconduct and the academic integrity statement will be circulated to the Provost, Dean of Students, OJA, and the Attorney General for review prior to releasing the documents to the University Senate. Next Fall, a forum will be held to discuss these documents and work towards University Senate approval.

These items will be considered in the Fall:

- establishing a policy for removing inactive courses from the catalog
- looking into whether we can facilitate completing dual majors between Neag School of Ed and other Schools or Colleges.
- class attendance policy
- requiring faculty evaluations for courses during all sessions

- e. Provost's Library Advisory Committee (Kisha Tracy)

Due to budget constraints across campus, the library did not receive its typical 5% increase to its Acquisitions base nor any extra money for equipment. However, for next year, the library is requesting a return to that increase, \$300,000 for replacement computer equipment, \$100,000 for the Collaborative Service desk on Level 1, and other requests for collaborative projects with other UConn libraries.

It is anticipated that all WebCT courses in Campus Edition, regular WebCT, will be switched over WebCT Vista. The library has been working to develop a Library Resource Tool that will allow library staff to add library resources to all of the WebCT courses as well as any additional, individual resources instructors might request.

Work also continues to develop and add information to the institutional repository.

Dissertations going back ten years and honors theses can be found at <http://digitalcommons.uconn.edu/>. From the site: DigitalCommons@UConn is a digital repository of the intellectual output of the University of Connecticut's faculty, staff, and students. It can accommodate virtually any publication, presentation, or production in electronic format. DigitalCommons@UConn represents a way for the UConn community to organize, store and preserve its research in a single unified location.

One of the concerns I brought to the committee is the problem of books that cannot be found on the shelves but which HOMER says are not checked out. This concern has been brought to me many times. The discussion on this issue centered on one major aspect – developing and

implementing a low-tech, non-time-consuming way to report these missing books that still allows the patron to be contacted when a book has been found. One possible solution is to adapt the comment boxes on each level to accommodate a written notice of a missing book, including the patron's contact information. My main caveat to this solution is that the library needs to make sure that patrons know this system exists for reporting missing books.

******In order to help solve this issue, it would be extremely helpful if graduate students who have had this difficulty could send me specific details. In order to start an investigation, they would like examples of this problem.****** kisha.tracy@uconn.edu

VII. Issues Forum – Summer Items (5 minute limit)

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Appointment of one graduate student to the General Education Oversight Committee.
- b. GSS 05/06-12: That the Graduate Student Senate approve 2006-2007 Budget.
 - Summer Activities Budget: \$3,118.00
 - Fall Activities Budget: \$7,156.80
 - Executive Committee Budget: \$26,655.00
- c. GSS 05/06-13: That the Graduate Student Senate award a stipend of \$500 to the Vice President, according to the guidelines of the Senate Bylaws.
- d. GSS 05/06-14: That the Graduate Student Senate award a stipend of \$400 to the Secretary, according to the guidelines of the Senate Bylaws.
- e. GSS 05/06-15: That the Graduate Student Senate award a stipend of \$500 to the Treasurer, according to the guidelines of the Senate Bylaws.
- f. GSS 05/06-16: That the Graduate Student Senate award a stipend of \$300 to the Parliamentarian, according to the guidelines of the Senate Bylaws.
- g. GSS 05/06-17: That the Graduate Student Senate award a stipend of \$400 to the Activities Director, according to the guidelines of the Senate Bylaws.

X. Other Business

XI. Adjournment