

Stamford Faculty Council Meeting
Oct 28, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Minutes by Stephanie Rugg and Johanna Ortner

GUEST SPEAKERS

- I. Amelinda Vazquez Rossitto / Tara Malone - Career Services
 - a. Career Champion Program – ensures that students have tools and resources needed for post-graduation success. The majority of students do not come to Career Services for advice, but talk to faculty/mentors/peers. Program connects and engages faculty/staff/alumni, and employer partners who are actively assisting students in reaching their career goals; goal is to educate everyone who is part of the program and provide them with resources they need so that they can have effective conversations with students they are mentoring/giving career advice to
 - b. Career Center created these Career Development Modules – Informational Interviewing, LinkedIn, Interviewing, Resume, Cover Letter
 - c. Website: <https://career.uconn.edu/channels/career-champions-resources/>
 - d. Adjuncts can be career champions: signing up for program, faculty have the options to pick and choose from training sessions and recordings according to their schedule; allows participants to work around their own schedule
 - e. Center works with SSS as well (Student Support Services)
 - f. Link for applying to become a career champion: <https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV9SL0isVkoUTKBam>
 - g. Handshake (web-based recruiting system): <https://career.uconn.edu/handshake/>
 - h. Career Services send out weekly emails in a thread titled 'Working Wednesdays' to faculty and student participants: includes full time/part time/ internship opportunities and advertises programs and events that are coming up specifically for UConn Stamford students

OPEN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- I. Approve 10/11 Minutes (attached)
 - a. Approved by Carol Ann
 - b. Seconded by Jane
 - c. Kriti abstained, because she was not at the meeting
- II. Interim Director Souder Town Hall (10/21): Summary
 - a. Claudia attended in-person. Not sure how attendance was online.
 - b. Few cases of COVID, but dashboard is still inaccurate

- c. Discussion of upcoming construction on campus (traffic will be redirected, increase in noise levels)
 - d. Poor attendance by SFC (and in general) but also low participation
- III. 2nd Upcoming Meeting with Interim Director Souder
 - a. Still waiting for new date (2 emails sent by Bill, no response yet; Bill will email Souder directly)
 - b. Discussion Points
 - i. COVID Status / Policing
 - ii. Class capacity / Request Stamford ask Instructor if class can expand
- IV. Dance Studio space: Status - Update by Felice: nothing new to report.
- V. Outside Speaker Fund: Status – Update by Felice: looks like we’ll get back the Outside Speakers Fund. Souder might ask SFC to administer. We will wait to ask for a volunteer to see if we have funding. Felice spoke to Joel Blatt and he’d be willing to administer the Fund again if Fred Roden would do it with him.
- VI. Continued SFC Awareness/Branding
 - a. Need flyers emailed to Stamford Faculty for 11/18 Guest Speaker/SFC meeting. Kriti volunteered.
 - b. Web Page Update: Meredith will meet with William in early December to plug everything into our website, and will build the website over break.
 - c. Council Bio’s due to Meredith. Claudia suggested for Meredith to make a google doc and share with the SFC email list. Claudia agreed to set it up.
- VII. Updated SFC Email Distribution List: Bill updated list
 - a. Reviewed, now final: about 160 faculty members
- VIII. Upcoming Guest Speakers
 - a. Nancy Bilmes / Tara Malone (Career Services) 10/28 Call
 - b. Phara Bayonne (Library Services) / Katie Griffin (Wellness Mental Health) 11/18
 - c. Mike Bailey (invited, no response as of today). Questions can be submitted prior to the meeting – **Bill sent out a google doc on Monday, 11-01, to add questions for Bailey on there. Submit questions by Wednesday, 11-03.**
- IX. Sunshine Fund
 - a. Next steps to implement. Need to contact fiscal officer. Beth is emailing Tamara about the next steps.
 - b. Email to Stamford Faculty
- X. Speaker Program Fund
- XI. Next meeting, Monday, 11/8, 7:00pm (Zoom)

NEW BUSINESS

Stamford faculty questions/requests

EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION (CLOSED MEETING)

- Began at 4.55pm
- Claudia talked about the search committee for Stamford Director position - lack of diversity on the committee - no faculty from the sciences, humanities, english– Beth was not chosen.

- Beth pointed out that AAUP is geared towards Storrs and does not really include/focus on Stamford as a regional campus. Important point to brike up to Bailey.
- Meeting adjourned at 5.15pm.