

Stamford Faculty Council Meeting
Nov 18, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Minutes by Johanna Ortner

GUEST SPEAKERS

- I. Katie Griffin – licensed clinical manager/therapist in the mental health resource center at UConn Stamford; Griffin does periodic trainings about preventing suicide/students in distress; her email: katlyn.griffin@uconn.edu
 - a. Two licensed therapists at the resource center, Katie and Cody Bergeron cody.bergeron@uconn.edu (Bergeron will be full time again starting in December)
 - b. Monday to Friday, 8.30 to 4.30pm, students can set up appointment via email stamfordmhrc@uconn.edu
 - c. Some services offered:
 1. mental health screening and assessment (max wait is a week and a half to see students); after meeting with them, Griffin/Bergeron will determine what the clinical recommendation is – e.g. offer brief therapy - 4 sessions per student per semester on campus; or take their insurance and help them find therapists; try and help if there are financial concerns
 2. Other resources center they can connect them to
 3. Do depression and anxiety screenings with students
 4. Workshop and events
 5. We are the only confidential resource on campus, cannot tell faculty that we see students
 - d. Can we refer students directly to you? Yes
 - e. Mental Health resource center is not an emergency service; the center is not on call, Storrs is working on contracting an emergency on-call service, supposed to be up and running by spring for regional campuses (dorms, etc);
 - f. How you can determine if students are in immediate danger/distress: looking for vague statements (I don't know how I can go on like this anymore), are they starting to feel hopeless. When vague statements come up, you could say 'sometimes people saying these things have thoughts of ending their life, do you feel like that?'; if it is an emergency call UCPD;
 - g. Katie would be happy to do specific training, e.g. over winter break
 - h. Example brought up by a council member: suspecting a student has an eating disorder (frail looking); if she happens to tell you anything, you can tell her about the resource center, but that's all you can do, pass along the info only when prompted by the student
 - i. If there's a medical issue, physical issue, ask them if they need medical attention
- II. Phara Bayonne – Stamford Campus library director: faculty can invite her to class, e.g. for presentations on how to do research at UConn Stamford utilizing library resources

- a. Due to ongoing construction, library lost study spaces; library has the same budget now than before Covid, but decrease in student traffic. Before Covid, 200 to 400 people would use the library a day, considerably lower number now, because students tend to go home as soon as class ends and aren't sticking around.
- b. Library hours: Monday to Friday from 8.30 to 9pm, Saturday 10am to 7pm, Sunday noon to 4pm
- c. Library services: we offer research help; have access to more than 400 databases, interlibrary loan; offer online support via chat on library website (it's not 24/7 – if you see a green circle, it means someone is on);
- d. Challenges: lack of space in library and in campus in general, students looking for space to take an online class; using group study rooms, so issue with room availability; not recommending students to take online classes in the library; - group study room can be reserved through online reservations
- e. See attached document for plagiarism resources
- f. Library homepage: <https://lib.uconn.edu/> (catalogue was upgraded, trying to integrate the regional campuses more, in the past it was very Storrs centered)
- g. Have several new staff, student success librarians who work with the undergraduates, Stamford library has a business librarian
- h. Library resources guide specifically for UConn Stamford – https://guides.lib.uconn.edu/Faculty_Resources/Stamford
- i. Library has a particular budget for streaming or physical books, tendency to move to e books; collection of 90 000 books is down to 44 000 books after 18 years; library is losing physical space
- j. Library keeps a wishlist – can do a trial for a database and put on wishlist if trial and feedback goes well, the library will try and buy; faculty can recommend databases to Phara

OPEN COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- I. Approve 11/08 Minutes (attached)
 - a. Approved by Bill
 - b. Seconded by Carol Ann
- II. Doodle response to meeting with David Souder; three dates where he is available and most of us are available; update: meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 7, from 4-5pm; Marta Calderon sent out meeting to SFC members
 - a. Bill will send out a google doc, so that council members can figure out what to talk to David about; focus on 3-5 points due to time constraints; update: Bill sent out google doc link
- III. Status on dance space: no update
- IV. Felice put together the process and guidelines and form for the Outside Speaker Fund, council members should look at it and approve;
 - a. chair persons would be Felice and Claudia, get back to David to figure out who will work on it from his side;

- b. Felice and Claudia to get in touch with Sandy and Tamara to get it started for spring
- V. Bill will set up a google doc for questions to ask Mark Overmyer-Velazquez for December 6 meeting; it can be more open and free flowing as well; characteristics we think are important for campus director to have
 - a. Kriti will send out flyer
 - c. Email Meredith your bios!
 - d. Idea: email the Stamford faculty listing of current SFC members and see if they want to hear any guest speakers
- VI. No schedule for spring semester; Bill will send out another doodle for spring meetings
- VII. Bring up to David at the meeting to update faculty directory to include adjuncts
- VIII. Holiday party end of semester celebration – either in person or online, not a hybrid, where some are online and some in person; maybe we can add the party to the end of semester celebration, to have two celebrations in one
- IX. Next meeting on 12/6 at 7pm