

Stamford Faculty Council Meeting  
Feb 9, 2022 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Minutes by Johanna Ortner

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** none

## **OPEN COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- I. Approve 1/24 minutes:  
Minutes from last meeting couldn't be approved, not enough council members present. Motioned to approve them during the next meeting
- II. Second meeting (December 2021) with Interim Director Souder:  
Bill posted a URL in today's agenda document with a copy of the email conversation with Souder and his response to the December 2021 meeting. This email exchange was also forwarded via email to the council members. Council members should look over it and see if they have any issues with the status points.
  - a. Mask mandates are becoming more relaxed in schools. Beth wants to bring that issue up at the town hall, because if Governor Lamont is removing it in CT schools, that might apply to UConn as well. Maybe there will be more clarity on that topic at the Town Hall meeting.
  - b. We also need more paper for printers, which has been a consistent issue and needs to be brought up, either during Town Hall or during a meeting with Souder.
- III. Third upcoming weekend with Interim Director Souder:  
Doodle poll went out to figure out a meeting time with Souder and we're waiting to hear. Council members can think of topics.
- IV. Future Guest Speaker Plans:
  - a. Zach Clayburgh on 2/28. He focuses more on educational materials and can provide a broad picture of the Barnes and Noble program and other programs at the library. Beth suggested to invite Pam from the book store for more details regarding the book store and order details. Maybe she could be invited for an April meeting.
  - b. Michael Bailey on 3/09. Update about negotiations
  - c. Emily Sears tentative on 3/26.
- V. Continued SFC Awareness/Branding:
  - a. Meredith needs missing bios. Only a few council members' bios are missing. Meredith will email them directly.
- VI. Stamford Director search status:
  - a. There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 10. Marie will provide council with update at next meeting.
- VII. Next council meeting, Monday 2/28, 7pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Laura Bunyam, Associate Professor in Residence in the Stamford's Sociology department discusses a food pantry project she is starting with students at the UConn Stamford campus. The class project focuses on working in a food pantry.
  - Met with the administration who is supportive.
  - There will be bins for faculty and staff throughout the building to donate items.
  - Faculty/staff can also submit monetary contributions. There's an amazon list as well.
  - Currently, it will be run as a pop up food pantry, but the goal is to get a permanent structure on campus, which will require funding and space (refrigeration is a big issue). Hoping to do two pop-ups throughout the semester. Pop-ups will maybe be 2-3 days in a row.
  - There is a need for a permanent place, staffed and stuffed, because there is a high need on campus.
  - Students are responsible collecting stuff from bins. That project was already done at Norwalk Community College and has been ongoing for a few years and they've been doing a great job to get student clubs involved etc.
  - Bill mentions that maybe a connection with the town hall event on 02/15 to get the word out more broadly would be important and getting in touch with local religious groups.

**Executive Discussion:** none