

Stamford Faculty Council Meeting
Sep 23, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Minutes by Stephanie Rugg

GUEST SPEAKERS

- I. GEOC Plan: Manuela Wagner/Tom Long
 - II. <https://delta.senate.uconn.edu>
 1. The General Education Task Force redefined the undergraduate general education curriculum as the Core Curriculum for Leadership and Global Citizenship.
 2. **Fall 2025** – New General Education Core Curriculum enters the 2025-26 Undergraduate Catalog
- 1) Approve 9/13 Minutes (attached)
 - a) Approved by Meredith Rusoff
 - b) Seconded by Jane Perry
 - c) All approved
 - 2) Upcoming Meeting with Interim Director Dr. Souder -- SFC Introduction/Stamford
 - a) Logistics/Presenters
 - b) Discussion Points (plan reviewed with Claudia/Jane on 9/21)
 - i) First of a series of meetings. Town Hall and COVID Concerns as a priority for this meeting.
 - ii) SFC & SFC Introductions
 - (a) SFC: The charge of the Stamford Faculty Council is to advocate for the Stamford faculty in key areas, including, but not limited to: Academics, Faculty Working Conditions, Campus Space Planning, Student/Faculty Matters, and Advising. All SFC members are elected and are UConn/Stamford faculty.
 - (b) Name, department, title, How long at UConn/Stamford
 - iii) Interim Director Town Hall with UConn Stamford Community
 - (a) Request a town hall to share your vision/direction/agenda for UConn Stamford this year
 - iv) COVID concerns
 - (a) Whose role is it to enforce proper mask wearing? Faculty is often put in the position to remind (police) students.
 - (b) What consequences do students have for not wearing masks? Flyers are not effective.
 - (c) Lack of credible reporting of COVID cases. Voluntary vs. mandatory. Dashboard does NOT reflect the reality of COVID instance.
 - (d) How is the campus being COVID compliant/certified? OSHA? Health Departments? How are Storrs/other regional campuses being evaluated?
 - v) Topics to include in next meeting:
 - (a) COVID cont.

- (i) Compliance is wavering / Countless non-compliance examples documented by Faculty
 - (ii) Class size w/ lack of social distancing for unvaccinated is a major concern for faculty.
 - (b) Class capacity
 - (i) Claudia: We should be our own advocate. Due to our room sizes, our classes are limited (compared to class sizes in Storrs). There are larger classrooms in the dorms. Therefore, it has been decided to dismiss this topic.
 - (ii) We know W classes = 19, Labs = 20, What is it for other classes in Stamford, e.g., Q?
 - ~~(iii) Need a Supervisor to lead the 16, 1st year writing professors~~
 - (iv) Suggestion: Implement a Stamford-wide policy that asks Stamford Faculty if they would be willing to increase class size before it is just increased?
 - (v) Faculty wants to be well prepared for class. We want to do our job professionally.
 - (c) Re-institute the Outside Speaker \$ fund (Previous Directors had such an \$ allocation).
 - (d) Dance Studio space / eliminated with the renovations. What alternative space could be used: Shriber room, dorm? There is an opportunity here for UConn/Stamford to expand the dance program and other fine arts disciplines (could use space for PT, future geriatric disciplines, even off BFA). This topic to be put on the agenda with Felice to follow up directly with Dr. Souder.
- 3) Continued SFC Awareness/Branding
- a) Flyer's distributed to Faculty mailbox for 9/23 meeting
 - b) Web Page Update
 - c) Flyers for the 10/28- Kriti
 - d) Council Bio's due to Meredith
- 4) Upcoming Guest Speakers
- a) Nancy Bilmes / Tara Malone (Career Services) 10/28 Call
 - b) Phara Bayonne, Library Services, 11/18 Call
 - c) Mike Bailey
- 5) Next meeting, Monday, 10/11, 7pm (Zoom) – No guest speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

Stamford faculty questions/requests - None

EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION (CLOSED MEETING) - NONE