

Mansfield Community Campus Partnership

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2007

The meeting began at 3:30.

Colleen Vellturo discussed Undergraduate Student Government activities and initiatives. USG will continue its Spring Weekend wristband program this year, and will be distributing cups (which remain from last year) at X-Lot.

- John Sears said that it is key that the wristbands be distributed to Residential Life on time.

Michael Sarra and Master Sargaent Linda Killarney provided an update on the Spring Weekend Committee. The committee is compiling and listing Spring Weekend events on its web site, www.springweekend.uconn.edu.

Sgt. Sean Cox said that the UConn PD will be working with State Police to conduct DWI checkpoints in the weeks prior to Spring Weekend.

Matt Hart said that the SIDNE cart can be used in the Community Center gym, as the Community Center has a floor covering that will prevent damage to the wood floors.

The Partnership discussed the possibility of implementation of the UConn Husky OneCard system at area businesses. Area businesses would be more likely to embrace prevention initiatives if students could use their HuskyBucks accounts.

- Cathy Cocks said that Ruth Francis at the OneCard Office would likely look to help with this initiative.
- Mayor Elizabeth Paterson will speak with Ruth Francis.

Matt Hart discussed the search process for the Director of Off-Campus Student Services at the University. Four finalists were identified. The finalists met with many Partnership members.

Aliza Makuch spoke about the Healthy Campus Initiative. The collaborative work between UConn and the Town has been used as an example for the Initiative. As people look to Mansfield-UConn for leadership, it may be helpful to have the Partnership speak to the Statewide Initiative.



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E. Paterson spoke about her role on the National League of Cities. The Partnership is on the cutting edge in terms of collaboration and its initiatives, and communities across the nation are looking to us for leadership.

- The rental registration and inspection ordinances are especially attracting interest and attention.
- The Mayor will be hosting a planning session for the NLC in June, and would like to see the Partnership present to the group.

Frank Christison-Lagay spoke about the Collaborative Assistance Team at E.O. Smith High School.

- School principals would like a clear statement from the University and, more importantly, its students, to remind high school students that they are not wanted on campus during Spring Weekend. The principals could communicate the message to students at assembly, etc.
- Observers from E.O. Smith High School will be at various events throughout Spring Weekend
- C. Velturo will pursue the letter.

C. Cocks said that there are consequences for non-University affiliates that are handled by the Community Standards Office. Specifically, non-affiliated individuals can be banned from campus, which prevents them from attending any campus activity, including basketball games.

- The Partnership discussed engaging the Orientation program to address students before they arrive on campus. The Partnership spoke of about the possibility of sending a communication to admitted students to communicate community commitment and expectations.

Partnership membership was discussed, specifically with the goals of bringing more individuals to the meetings.

- M. Hart said that ING may be willing to send a representative to meetings.
- Kevin Grunwald said that it would be helpful to have more neighbors and residents participate.
- L. Killarney would like to see more students participate in the Partnership.

A. Makuch reminded the group that a Law Enforcement Conference will be held at Central Connecticut State University on June 11, and there are opportunities to attend.

The meeting ended at 4:25.



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