

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: J. Armstrong, P. Barry, R. Cournoyer, C. Devecchis, M. Gilbert, S. Kegler, M. Kirk, E. Paterson, H. Rhyhart (*for O'Connor*), M. Sargent, N. Silander, W. Simpson

Staff: M. Capriola (*Town*)

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm. New voting members (Cournoyer, Kegler) were introduced and a student member (Devecchis) was welcomed back.

2. Meeting Minutes

Silander made the motion, seconded by Armstrong to adopt the November 12, 2013 meeting minutes. The minutes as revised were approved with those present voting in favor with the exception of four abstentions (Barry, Cournoyer, Devecchis, Kegler).

3. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: No update provided.

b. *MCCP*: Armstrong provided an update.

c. *Next Generation CT*: Kirk provided an update. This project is largely in planning phases. The state will invest \$1.5 billion in capital funds at UCONN for this initiative.

d. *UCONN Tech Park*: Kirk provided an update. This project is in very early stages. An EIE is underway for one of the building locations.

4. UCONN Education Efforts – Community Expectations

Gilbert and Armstrong provided an overview of the University's efforts to educate students about community expectations. The following topics were discussed: applicability of the University's Code of Conduct to students when they are off-campus; education efforts at new student orientation; Off-Campus Student Services prevention and response initiatives; Office of Community Standards Workshop; and future initiatives. Sgt. Cournoyer and Mayor Paterson commended Armstrong for his efforts and collaborative style; they also expressed concern about resources and advocated for staff to be added to support Armstrong's efforts. Sgt. Cournoyer discussed the benefits of the Town and UCONN educating landlords about community expectations.

5. USG Update

Sargent and Devecchis provided an update on the following: USG elections; review of student fees; student concern about the limitation on the number of nonrelated roommates in single family homes; and positive events scheduled for spring weekend .

6. Other Business

None.

7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

Toni Moran, Mansfield. Ms. Moran disclosed her affiliation with the Mansfield Town Council and as the Chair of the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Moran commended the University for changing its response to sexual assaults, particularly bystander education and training. She also advocated for education efforts to occur in First Year Experience classes. Ms. Moran also spoke to the development process of the ordinance that restricts the number of nonrelated roommates in single family homes, and the difficulty the Town had in engaging the landlord community in that process.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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