1) Welcome

2) Minutes from December 9th, 2010 were presented, any changes can be sent to Jim Hintz.

3) Presentation: Cathy Cocks, Director of Community Standards (UConn)

The Office of Community Standards consists of four staff members. There are two Assistant Directors, one Administrative Assistant and one Director. This staff manages the student code for all of the UConn campuses.

In 2000 the Student Code of Conduct was rewritten to include off-campus jurisdiction. The Connecticut State University System does not use their Student Code for off-campus students.

Any referral that is made to Community Standards is always followed up with by a staff member from the office. If the referral is in regards to behavior issues, there is always a conversation with the student(s) to try to prevent the situation from escalating.

85% of cases are resolved between a student and a Community Standards staff member when a student takes responsibility for their actions. Students who violate the Student Code will get one of four sanctions: University Warning, University Probation, University Suspension or University Expulsion.

As stated in Responsibilities of Student Life: The Student Code, “University Probation is an indefinite period of time where the student is given the opportunity to modify unacceptable behavior, to complete specific assignments, and to demonstrate a positive contribution to the University community in an effort to regain student privileges within the University community. After six months from being placed on University Probation the student may apply for a review of the student's Probationary status. The student will need to appear before a Peer Review Board and demonstrate significant contributions, both of an academic and co-curricular nature, to the University community. The Peer Review Board will determine if the student will continue on Probation or if the Probation is lifted. The decision of the Board is final and not subject to appeal. If it is decided that University Probation will continue the student may re-apply in six months after the Board's decision. Due to the student's conduct history there is the possibility of University Suspension or University Expulsion if the student is found responsible for a subsequent violation.” More information on the Student Code of Conduct can be found on their website: http://www.community.uconn.edu

The off-campus protocol is in place so that Jim Hintz, Director of Off-Campus Student Services, will receive police reports from the State Police and then refer those students to Community Standards. The UConn Police Department also sends a weekly report of
on-campus incidents to Community Standards. Community Standards will then
determine who is a student. Many of the arrests are from open alcohol container
violations.

Kevin Grunwald- What are the types of offences? Why do some not include formal
sanctions?

Cathy Cocks- A good example is if we have a referral about a house with dates, police
report, etc, Jim will go out and speak with those students to make them aware of the
report. It is always possible that the residents of the house were never even spoken to
by the police and therefore were not aware that the police were at their residence. The
names of these students are always kept and filed so if their name is to come up again
in conversation, it is documented that there has been a follow-up to the initial complaint.
Examples of actions that might result in a suspension or expulsion are fighting,
irresponsible party hosting, sexual assaults, drug distribution, etc. It is really based on
how the action of the student(s) negatively impacts the community.

Last year there were 170 referrals made which is much higher than previous years. This
is mainly due to the fact that the State Police are more aggressive in ticketing.
The goal is to meet with students before things get worse. The university does not want
students in a situation where they are suspended or expelled. The best intervention is
one-on-one with students and providing the UCompass program that Community
Standards offers. UCompass is an involvement program that promotes student
engagement through co-curricular involvement. The University offers a multitude of
programs and services that enrich the social, intellectual, physical, spiritual, and ethical
development of our students. The UCompass program helps students to explore
opportunities available at the University and helps them connect with campus life in a
positive manner. Students who are suspended work with a staff member throughout the
process to keep them on track and let them know what the university expects from them
so they can return. About 92% of students who are suspended return to graduate.
A great example of working with students in their community is the program that the
UConn Avery Point Campus has running. This program has off-campus students who
have had party hosting issues meet with members of the town to show the impact of
their actions. Students are not surprised to learn that the Code of Conduct follows them
off-campus. Students like UConn, they like the experience and with this come folks who
are just trying to figure out what’s going on.

A consistent roadblock is that Eastern Connecticut State University, which is located
right down the road from Uconn, is a University that does not have off-campus student
code jurisdiction. It is unfair to UConn students who have to be held responsible for their
actions when neighboring students can get away with violating the code because their
student coed does not follow them off-campus. This has become evident with recent
crimes that have taken place at UConn involving Eastern students.
4) Updates
   a. Town University Relations Committee: Police Study- a draft has been completed and is ready to go to the town. The Mansfield Downtown Project will break ground this May. The Megabus is now running out of Storrs. You can find more information at www.megabus.com.
   b. Quality of Life Committee: The committee is reviewing a large group assembly ordinance draft. This will help police enforce the requirement of permits to host large gatherings as well as the ability to disperse a large crowd in a safe manner.

5) Spring Weekend Report
   The De-escalation Taskforce Report was submitted to the university. Some recommendations that were made were no overnight guests in the residence halls and limit access to the university. The University Senate has endorsed these, as well as other recommendations, and USG is working on their response.

   Christine McGrath - The USG’s response statement of position on Spring Weekend began by meeting with various stakeholders, the taskforce and the cousins of Jafar Karzoun and Jasper Howard, two students who have passed away in recent years. There have been mixed reviews of these recommendations and USG has seen both sides. USG has decided to promote education, safety and responsibility. USG has also endorsed Metanoia to promote educated civility as well as the no guest policy. USG feels that the moratorium suggested would only delay the issues for a year. USG will post their response on their website.

   Nancy Silander- How is this educational component being handled?

   Christine McGrath- Members of USG are taking the initiative to show students what actually goes on during Spring Weekend.

   Jim Hintz- Wanted to bring the group up to speed with recommendations and USG’s statement. There are currently lots of questions on how Spring Weekend will play out. MCCP’s role will be more imperative because more information will need to go out to students. Communicating expectations will help everyone that is involved.

6) Healthy Campus Initiative Grant Update
   The Healthy Campus Initiative Grant was awarded to the MCCP. Special thanks to Carolyn Lin, Kevin Grunwald and John Sobanik for all of their work and dedication to this grant. MCCP has $20,000 to address responsible party hosting. The goal is to work with police and landlords about these responsibilities. A pilot program will be held at Celeron Square Apartments while opening up the opportunities to others in the area. In July, 2012 the final report will be due. A number of initiatives will further be discussed.
Kevin Grunwald- This is a big deal because this group has never had money before. Special thanks to John Sobanik for opening Celeron as the pilot program. Jim Hintz will send the narrative of the grant to the group.

7) **Regional Law Enforcement Conference Presentation**
   Kevin Grunwald- Has received calls and proposals for workshops from community collations to speak about health initiative. Kevin is still looking for law enforcement participation from the State Police and the UConn Police. The application deadline is March 18th, 2011. Kevin will reach out to the UConn Police Department and the State Police about participation.

8) **New Issues**
   Nancy Silander- Please keep the group informed on any updates in regards to Spring Weekend.

   Jim Hintz- The next meeting will fall during UConn’s spring break. Jim will send out another date proposal to the committee next week.