



Updates from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

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Questions About the Division?

Please email questions about the Division to kellie.kirby@uconn.edu. We will do our best to answer your query via email or in the next edition of *Updates*.

Midnight Breakfast is Just Around the Corner

by Lee Williams

Midnight Breakfast has become an anticipated tradition here at UConn and is also one of the largest community building events on campus. Your support and time would be greatly appreciated, as it is vital to the success of this event. Last semester at least 4,000 students and over 100 faculty and staff members participated. This event helps our students feel at ease around faculty and staff, while enjoying a much needed study break and breakfast in preparation for finals. Live entertainment from roving artists to a cappella singing creates a festive atmosphere. We look forward to returning volunteers, but would also be delighted to see some fresh faces and encourage new staff and faculty involvement. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Date: Sunday, April 30, 2006

Time: Breakfast is served 10:30 pm - 12:30am

Place: South Campus, Rome Commons

R.S.V.P. By Friday, April 21, 2006

Email: amber.ulmer@uconn.edu or call 486-3426

Instructions: All volunteers should meet in the All Purpose Room (Ground Level) in Rome Hall at 9:45pm. For those returning volunteers please remember to bring your Midnight Breakfast apron.

Division Marketing Committee Established

by Cynthia F. Jones

In an effort to facilitate communication among the various departments within the Division, a new committee was convened consisting of individuals responsible for marketing and promotions within their respective units. This group met for the first time on Monday, March 27th and received the charge from the Vice President. Basically, the committee's task is to

Upcoming Conferences

ACUHO-I - www.acuho-i.org

International Conference –
Atlanta, Georgia

June 25-27, 2006

NACE – www.nacweb.org

National Meeting – Anaheim,
California

May 30-June 2, 2006

NASPA – www.naspa.org

Region I Conference – Portland,
Maine

November 4th-8th, 2006

NACA – www.naca.org

National Conference –
Nashville, Tennessee

February 17th - 21st, 2007

ACPA & NASPA Conference

Joint National Conference -
Orlando, Florida

March 31st – April 4th, 2007

share information and discuss potential opportunities for collaboration and mutual support of activities offered by the Departments in the Division. The group will meet periodically through December, 2006 and then present a recommendation to the Vice President regarding the value of the continued existence of the group. The Division Marketing Committee consists of Tracy Anderson, Career Services; Chair, Zack Walter, Student Activities; Evelyn Viglione, and Padma Srimatkandada, SAIT; Gail Merrill, Dining Services; Amy Pumerantz, Student Health Services; Ruth Francis, One Card Office; Pamela Schipani, Residential Life; and Karen Bresciano, Dean of Students Office. Reports from the meetings of this group will be provided in future issues of *Updates*.

Dining Services Opens Halal Food Station in Towers Dining Facility by Kellie Kirby

On Monday, April 3rd, 2006, Towers opened a Halal or Muslim Food Station. In Summer 2005, Dining Services began researching Halal after incoming students had inquired about the lack of food offerings that meet the requirements of their religious diet. Dartmouth College in New Hampshire had already pioneered Halal in their dining offerings and opened up their kitchens to UConn Dining Services to gather information and research the best ways to offer these food choices. UConn's Halal station will serve lunch between 11:00am-2:00pm and dinner from 4:30pm-7:00pm. During the month of Ramadan, when Muslim students do not eat between sunrise and sunset, the service hours will be adjusted.

Dining Services looks forward to offering these new dishes to assist students with a variety of dietary needs and to exposing other students and the UConn community to new culinary confections.

The Daily Campus also covered this new initiative. You can read their article by clicking [here](#).

Fund Development in Student Affairs Audio Conference Recap by Matt Farley

On April 4th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Division staff had the opportunity to learn about fund development in student affairs. Specifically, the audio conference explored many of the important aspects of initiating and growing an intentional donor relations and fund development program. Of particular importance was its relevance to our role and needs as student affairs professionals in a time of shrinking public financial support for higher education across the country. The conference addressed the challenges and real opportunities associated raising private dollars in the student affairs arena. Specifically, the speakers highlighted the importance of:

- Identifying a few projects or programs that have high impact, are well researched and assessed, and meet donor interests;
- Establishing strong linkages to key allies such as the alumni affairs office and our development/advancement office (i.e. UConn

Dates to Remember

April 2006

April 22nd - TBA

Oozeball 2006

April 28th

Last day of Spring semester

Classes

April 30th – 10:30pm-12:30am

Midnight Breakfast

May 2006

May 1st-6th

Finals Week

May 6th – 2:30pm

Graduate Commencement

May 7th

Undergraduate Commencement

May 29th

Memorial Day

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Foundation); and

- Cultivating former and current student leaders as donors and fundraising board members.

Committee Updates

Strategic Planning Committee by Nancy Bilmes & John Sears

The Division of Student Affairs continues to work toward long-range planning to meet the challenges of our constituents and environment:

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) members meet every two weeks to continue the planning and development of the process for Division long-range planning. Most recently, the SPC and Vice President's office are preparing plans on how the Division and its departments will report on progress toward the current plan's critical issues.

- The SPC recently completed a research project by contacting representatives from other student affairs organizations from across the country. The result is a composite snapshot of how our peers approach strategic planning. The SPC will begin to look at these results to learn how UConn can benefit from current national practices.
- On March 23rd, the SPC sponsored a joint meeting with the Division's management team hosted by Professor Steven Floyd, the Cizic Chair for Strategic Management in the School of Business. Professor Floyd is internationally recognized for his work in strategic planning and management. He presented to the session's participants key issues concerning long-range planning.

As always, the Strategic Planning Committee members welcome feedback from Division staff regarding our organization's direction and challenges. Visit us at <http://www.committees.sa.uconn.edu/saplan/> to learn who your department's representative is, obtain latest developments, provide feedback and share comments, and learn how to get involved.

SYE Facilitators by Kellie Kirby

The Division of Student Affairs would like to offer a special thank you to the SYE Facilitators for Spring 2006. Their efforts have continued to help ensure that graduating seniors are thoroughly prepared for the next phase in their lives. Throughout the semester, these facilitators have lead discussions on career development, financial management, and self-identity.

Al Monti

Karen Bresciano

Bill Mattera

Bry Anderson

Pat Harkins

Nikki Cole

Christine Morello

Jen Rowley

Allison Foster

Joleen Nevers

Sarah Miller

Pam Schipani

Amanda Testo

Jessica Kuecker

Emily Comstock

Marc Jones

Beth Settje

Division of Student Affairs Guiding Principles

Collaboration

Our strength and impact on this campus as a coordinated team can and will be extraordinary.

Credibility & Confidence through Competence

Students, staff, and faculty gravitate to organizations and individuals who are knowledgeable and thoughtful in affairs.

Initiative

We create opportunities that encourage and reward new ideas.

Integrity

Play by the Rules

Individually and collectively, we meet the expectations and guidelines of our colleagues and the University.

Transparency

Our staff and constituents must know and understand the "what" and "why" of what we do. We are inclusive of those we serve in our planning and our operations.

Stewardship

Appropriately maintain and manage our resources.

Reliability

There is no greater compliment than being that person or team others can count on in both good and challenging times.

Excellent Services

Offer what we do in the best way possible, while thoughtfully balancing educational needs and customer service.

Brick of the Week Awards by Kellie Kirby

Nominations

Brick of the Week nominations are continuing to trickle in. In order to make this an easier and more streamlined process, the Brick Committee would like to ask that nominations include the following:

1. Name, department, and campus address of the person nominated. This will ensure that their brick is delivered in an accurate and timely fashion.
2. Include *what* Guiding Principle(s) they demonstrated and *how* they demonstrated it in just a few sentences. These comments will be included in their award letter that accompanies their brick.

All nominators will remain anonymous unless they choose to inform the recipient. The Division's Guiding Principles can be found on the second page of this newsletter and on the Strategic Planning Task Force website at <http://www.committees.sa.uconn.edu/saplan/>. Please email Kellie Kirby at kellie.kirby@uconn.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Brick Recipients

The following individuals have been recognized as making contributions to both the Division and UConn by their peers.

Residential Life

Anuthep Pasura Nikki Cole Chuck Sundquist
John Armstrong

Student Affairs Information Technology

Marc Jones

Employment Opportunities Within the Division

Opportunities for employment within the Division of Student Affairs are posted on the Division's website at www.dsa.uconn.edu.

New posting:

[Assistant Director \(UCP VII\), Alcohol & Other Drug Education Services](#)

Keep checking the Division's website and UConn HR for the most updated listings.

Division-Wide Events & Announcements

Open Forum for Director of Student Activities Search

Interviews have been scheduled for the Director of the Student Activities. The Division of Student Affairs is invited to attend an open forum for the last remaining candidate being considered for this position. Your attendance and feedback is greatly appreciated.

Open Forum

Tuesday, April 18, 11:45am – 12:30pm, SU 304A: Erik Kneubuehl, Virginia Tech