

## **Student Affairs Committee Report (2011-2012)**

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The mission of the Student Affairs Committee reads as follows:

The Student Affairs Committee informs the Faculty Senate of new co-curricular interests initiated by students. The Student Affairs Committee provides a forum through which student affairs may consult and inform faculty on student life areas, policy, and procedures. The aim is to gain faculty perspective and enhance faculty knowledge of student life initiatives and services.

The committee met four times during the 2011-12 academic year. At the beginning of the year, we discussed how we might work to enhance communication between faculty and students regarding their respective involvement in co-curricular activities and clubs. Scott Hazen shared brochures recently created by his office to provide guidance to faculty club advisors and club officers regarding their respective roles. These brochures were distributed to all existing club officers and faculty advisors at the beginning of the year and will be provided to all future club officers and faculty advisors.

In addition, the committee recognized the following student organizations:

1. Student Chapter of the United States Institute for Theater Technology (USITT) – The organization's purpose is to promote understanding and knowledge of the latest technologies in theater production. Club members will attend local, regional and national conferences that promote theater technologies. Members will use information gained from attending these conferences to enhance their work on local and campus stage productions (e.g. the Design Club's Annual Fashion Show).
2. The Irish Student Union of CCSU – This organization's purpose is to engage club members and the general CCSU community in a celebration of Irish culture and heritage. Club members intend to organize social and educational events that promote understanding of Irish history and culture. The club will create a regular newsletter that is currently distributed to club members; they also hope to forward this newsletter to interested groups at other universities in the region.
3. Secular Student Alliance – This organization's purpose is to provide a meeting place for secularly minded students and to host debates, speakers and events related to secularism. Members have already been contacted by the Connecticut Atheists Society and intend to host future debates on campus focusing on religion and secularism.
4. Central Connecticut Running Club - This organization's purpose is to promote fitness and competition. They will meet on a regular basis to run and compete in local and regional races.
5. Food For Thought – This organization's purpose is to inspire literacy, textual comprehension, independent reading, and eating on the CCSU campus and beyond. The group will regularly select books for discussion and prepare plot- or setting-related food to eat during the course of their discussion.