

UConn Faith

Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2020, 11am
Virtual-Webex Meeting

Member Attendance:

OCCSS: John Armstrong and Bianka Horvath, **Cru:** Scott Thomson, **Generation of Hope Ministry:** Ray Riddell, **Reformed University Fellowship:** Taylor Gumm, **International Christian Fellowship:** Ruth Hartunian-Alumbaugh, **St. Paul's:** Ryan Spooner, **St. Mark's:** Rev. Brian Blayer, **Storrs Congregational Church:** Matt Emery, **Chabad at UConn:** Shlomo Hecht, **UConn Hillel:** Jacqui Schulefand & Edina Oestreicher, **Chi Alpha:** Gil Banton

Fall 2020/Spring 2021 Updates

- **Campus Updates**
 - Students are currently in Week of 8 out of 13 weeks
 - Thanksgiving Break: Class modalities (including final exams) will be remote following Thanksgiving break and most students will remain at home.
 - When students return in January, there will be a 2 week quarantine period with no in-person modality classes
- **On Campus Housing:** Due to COVID-19, UConn will continue under a similar reduced occupancy model of around 50% occupancy for spring 2021. The University is offering robust online course offerings in the spring in addition to in person learning. Spring housing will not be available to students who are enrolled in online-only classes for the spring semester, unless the student lived on campus during the fall 2020 semester.
- Spring break will be April 11th-17th - Class modalities (including final exams) will be remote following spring break.
- Similar to the fall and last spring, residence life will work with students who have no viable housing options for the remainder of the spring semester after spring break.
- **Space reservations:** will look similar to the Fall
 - Reverend Brian Blayer: space is available at St. Mark's for campus ministries. Please contact St. Mark's office for reserving space
 - Anything that the Faith groups can do to connect with students is very helpful during this time since they are looking for interaction and to not be isolated

For more information refer to: <https://reopen.uconn.edu/>

UConn is continuing to encourage all students, both on and off campus to review the UConn Promise to ensure the safety of the entire community. <https://reopen.uconn.edu/uconn-promise/>

- Small innocuous gatherings are proving to be more problematic
- Two upcoming concerns for the University: Halloween and the election
 - Pointed messaging from the University went out about resources and support for students during Halloween and the election.

[Inform.uconn.edu](https://inform.uconn.edu)

- New website for reporting.

InForm is a tool to help the UConn community navigate the reporting process and support available for a variety of incidents including bias, harassment, safety concerns, and other types of misconduct.

InForm is available to anyone coming into contact with UConn, including students, faculty, staff, visitors, and community members who have a concern to report, including bystanders.

Existing reporting forms and websites are not changing or going away. InForm simply acts as a hub for accessing all those forms from one place, with a greater level of guidance.

- **UConn Faith Website**

In the final stages

- Hoping to go live within the next 2 weeks
- John will send a draft of the website to UConn Faith members
 - Please submit feedback/thoughts to John Armstrong

Important Dates

- November 22-29 Thanksgiving Break- Residence Halls close for semester
- December 14-20, Final exams
- January 19th, Spring Semester Begins