Connecticut College Campus Community Coalition (Previously CCCCC)
Minutes from Meeting on February 7th, 2017

I. Attendees – Alex Hybel, Cate Moffett, Claudia Highbaugh, Deborah MacDonnell, Erin Duran, Harrison Fortier, Janet Spoltore (Chair), Judelysse Gomez, Lou Argarin, Mary Devins, Randolph Brooks, Sara Rothenberger, Sarah Cardwell, Scott Harvey, Steve Landlois

II. Update from SCS/SHS
   a. Mindfulness group will begin in March
      i. Seeking referrals
      ii. Six-week program to teach students mindfulness and to feed existing classes
   b. Student Support Network (SSN)
      i. Six-week program to train students in basic psychological skills, knowledge on referrals, and suicide prevention
      ii. Starts February 22nd, 2017
   c. Gatekeeper training for faculty and staff
      i. Program designed to train faculty and staff in basic psychological listening skills, knowledge on referrals, and suicide prevention
      ii. February 8th, 2017
   d. Needs Assessment
      i. Survey to assess knowledge of SCS and the current functioning of SCS on campus
      ii. Multiple e-mails have gone out to faculty, staff, and students

III. JED Campus Environmental Scan
   a. The JED Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes mental health and suicide prevention on college campuses
   b. Connecticut College is a current member and is in the process of reapplying
   c. The scan looks at various aspects of campus to see how safety is promoted
   d. Input was received from members of Coalition about multiple aspects
      i. Firearms & other weapons
         1. The policy is in the student and employee handbooks
         2. Students are informed at orientation
         3. Are faculty and staff informed?
            a. Unclear
         4. How are confiscated weapons handled?
         5. Turned over to New London police
         6. The policy needs to be better disseminated to the college population
      ii. Prescription drug collection
         1. There has been one event on campus
         2. Required to have New London police on campus to guard
            a. Very expensive
         3. New London PD will take old medications
      iii. Protections of elevated areas
         1. Freeman tower is easily accessed by students
         2. Can it be blocked?
            a. Fire escape
         3. Possibility of an alarm
         4. Many easily accessible elevated places are fire escapes and can’t be blocked off
         5. Most house roofs are accessible
         6. Route 32 overpass
            a. There is a barrier over the road
            b. No barrier at the East end of the bridge
            c. A camera aimed across the bridge would be helpful
         7. Upper-floor windows are not secured
      iv. Chemical safety procedures
         1. Campus laboratories require swipe access
         2. There are policies on chemical storage
3. Not clear who oversees chemical storage
4. Janitorial supplies are secured in locked closets

v. Assorted issues
   1. Boiler rooms are locked
   2. Some campus apartments have gas stoves (found out after that there are none)

vi. Safety precautions for Route 32
   1. There is a committee working on this subject
      a. Discussing the addition of a second overpass farther south
      b. Changing the median too allow for standing room
   2. The lighting on the overpass has been fixed
   3. Speed signs have been put on the sides of the road

vii. Breakaway rods
   1. Some dormitory closets have them
      a. Been replaced as halls have been remodeled
   2. Not clear if the locker rooms have them
   3. Exposed pipes
   4. Basement rooms are in the process of being phased out

viii. The pond in the arboretum
   1. Drowning risk at some points

ix. Boat house
   1. Not well lit
   2. Isolated

x. Train tracks by the river
   1. No crossing guards
   2. Police have pulled people off before

xi. There is a lot of mental health information provided on campus

xii. Assorted comments
   1. Students frequently provide mental health concerns when reporting peers for alcohol abuse
   2. Gatekeeper training is helpful and should be encouraged

Summary of conversation will be provided to Senior Administration along with suggestions. This memo will be sent beforehand to Coalition for review.