



*“The Faculty Senate shall be the representative body of the faculty, deriving its authority from the faculty as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Its primary function shall be to serve as the agency by which the faculty can actively participate in the governance and policy-making decisions of the University on the basis of the principle of shared authority.” (Faculty Senate Constitution, Section I).*

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### President’s Report to the Faculty Senate – October 26, 2016

1. Update on the Newtown event:

- a. The event will take place on Thursday, November 10 at 7-10 pm at Lyman Hall. The planning committee is comprised of President Bertolino (Honorary Chair), Charles Baraw (ENG), Alan Brown (SOC), Daniel Camenga (AVP for Institutional Advancement), Patrick Dilger (Director Integrated Communications & Marketing), Joseph Dooley (Chief of Police), Ellen Durnin (Provost and VP of Academic Affairs), Joey Gentile (SGA representative), Jordan Jones (President AFS), Alexander Kaplan (Undergraduate SED Student), Mark Parrott (Assistant Director in Residence Life), Jennifer Parzych (CSP), Philip Pessina (Deputy Chief of Police), Lauren Sarna (Undergraduate SED student and Newtown resident), Stephen Monroe Tomczak (SWK), Tracy Tyree (VP Student Affairs), Jeffrey Van Lone (Director Counseling Services), Sterling White (GSA committee), William Faraclas (PCH and co-chair of the committee), and Maria Diamantis (MAT and co-chair of the committee).
- b. The committee has been meeting for two hours every week with the last meeting next week to wrap up details for the day.
- c. Every member has contributed to the planning of the event and are addressing every possible aspect to make it successful.
- d. The committee has approved the purpose of the event, defined as follows: *“Our presentation of the film, **Newtown**, is intended to engage our campus community and neighbors in a conversation about gun violence, with the hope of fostering initiatives to promote community mental health, constructive public policy and social justice.”*
- e. The program will include welcoming remarks by Maria Diamantis, President Bertolino’s recorded statement, introduction of the film by the director and co-producer Kim Snyder, presentation of the film, panel discussion moderated by Dr. Cindy Simoneau, and concluding remarks by William Faraclas.
- f. Members of the panel will include Kim Snyder, David Wheeler (parent of a student victim from Newtown), Dr. Alan Brown (SOC), and Susan Kelley (Child and Adolescent Policy Manager of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) in CT.

Humbly asking all Senators to encourage your students, colleagues to attend this event. The event is also the first event on a week long series of activities focusing on Social Justice.