You asked the President!

During the spring semester President Nuñez visited with the residents in each of the six freshmen residence halls. During those visits you were engaged in great dialog and asked many excellent questions. As promised here are the questions you asked and the University’s answers.

What are the University’s plans for total enrollment numbers?

The following chart depicts our historical and projected headcount and full time enrollment.

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Some professors won’t allow double sided papers; will they be forced to after this change so we can save money on printing costs?

Faculty members may permit submission of double-sided papers but in the interest of ensuring that students can read corrections and comments easily, many will prefer single-sided submissions. We would not want to force a faculty member to change requirements that they feel enhance students’ learning. On the other hand, we have emphasized energy savings throughout the campus so some faculty members, if asked, may be amenable to receiving double-sided papers.
How has the economy affected the strategic plan?

The economy has delayed implementation of some parts of the strategic plan that require new funding. But some aspects of the plan will begin to be implemented in July. Some initiatives have no cost to the university and others will begin with redeployed resources. Some aspects of the plan will take a year or more of departmental planning and this work will proceed. Because we will continue to design and approve our plans during this time we will be able to seek private or non-state sources of funds to begin implementation when opportunities are available. Once budget conditions change, implementation of proposals that require our funds will resume.

The televisions are always on in the dorm lounges, how can we save energy?

This is as much the residents’ responsibility as it is the University's. We currently have an incentive energy conservation plan in all of the residence halls and will now provide a listing of ways residents can conserve in order to get them thinking beyond the obvious. Students should also assume responsibility to turn the televisions off when nobody is watching or when the last person leaves the lounge.

Can Health Services have some weekend hours?

We have traditionally operated from 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday and do understand that students might be willing to reduce some of those hours in order to have weekend hours. In our current economic climate this is an issue of resources as well, but we will survey our students to determine what might be the best hours for this to occur.

Can we place cameras in the Mead Hall laundry room to prevent the theft of clothes?

Yes, we have recently placed cameras in the Mead Hall laundry room and are considering other locations as resources allow.

Can we get recycle machines on campus?

Eastern recycles paper, plastic, bottles and cans and cardboard. There are pedestrian recycling bins throughout the campus and large recycling bins located near dumpsters campus wide. Here is a link that was put together that identifies those locations:

http://www.easternct.edu/depts/facility/recycling.htm

There are recycling bins located throughout the student center and they will be installed shortly in the lobby of Webb Hall, and near the Johnson Room in the Library.

Additional recycling information can be found at:

http://www.easternct.edu/depts/env_saf/recycle.htm

Students in residence halls are encouraged to set up recycling teams amongst the residents in order to assist the campus with recycling efforts.
Will this ever be a Wet Campus?

At this point in time the University has no plans to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the residence halls. Approximately 80% of students living on campus are under the legal drinking age. This changes to 75% on January 1st and 70% on May 1st. Statistically, wet campuses have higher damage rates for housing facilities.

University policy does allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages by those of legal drinking age on other parts of the campus. Please see the University alcohol policy in the student handbook for details.

How come we do not have Fraternities? Is it possible to ever get them back here?

Eastern has not ever had a formal Greek system and while most will argue the positives and negatives they bring to a campus, the University has been able to provide all of the service, leadership and citizenship components of one through the existing student club and organization and residential life social systems. The university did formally explore the formation of a Greek system some years ago to determine that students were unwilling to pay the additional fees necessary to support it.

Will we ever have a Football Team?

Football is a very expensive sport for a University to have and while we would not say we will never have a team, it is highly unlikely we would consider it anytime soon given the current fiscal crisis. To do so, each student would be required to pay additional fees in the range of over $300.00 a year and the University would need to be allocated millions of dollars for facilities.

Can we have more weights in the weight room? Someone needs to tighten the dumbbells too.

The Sport Center weight room was relocated within the building into a larger space this year in order to provide a better facility for our students. New weights were purchased this year and we will continue to do so each year replacing old with new and adding as we can. Dumbbells can be tightened and all you have to do when you see equipment in need of repair is to let the Sport Center staff know so they can place the work order to do so.

Are any new residence halls being built anytime soon?

The University Master Facilities Plan calls for both the building of new residence halls and the removal of some older existing halls to be completed in the next ten years. When the plan is completed we will have an additional 150 students living on campus.

Can we build more community halls instead of suite style?

The University Master Facilities Plan has not yet distinguished the style to be used to build new residence halls and we agree that designs that provide living situations that foster better community are those we would prefer.
Can we have individual dining halls for each residence hall?

This is not a model we would consider because the cost to equip every hall with a dining facility and then staff them would simply be prohibitive.

Can we place another ATM machine on campus?

Yes, and we are currently exploring adding a machine to be located inside the Student Center.

Students don’t always know about all the events that are taking place on campus, how can this be improved?

The University is constantly moving to improve the methods we use to advertise and promote campus events and we are trying to do so in ways that reduce the use of paper. While we still do use flyers and poster we are trying to migrate away from that approach. As part of the strategic plan implementation we are planning a system of campus-wide activities coordination, event information and event planning. The beginning stages of the plan for activities coordination will begin in July.

Can Safe-Rides connect with UCONN?

The Student Government owned and operated Safe-Rides program made several changes this year to its schedule including the locations it provides services to and from. They have established a committee to study the issue and make recommendations for improvement. You are invited to attend an SGA weekly meeting which occurs every Monday @ 3:00pm in the new Student Center. This is where a decision about connecting to UCONN would be made.

Are they going to triple the upper classman halls next year?

No, there are no plans to triple upper class halls next year.

Can you provide an update about the Burr Hall basement?

The Burr Hall basement renovation project is underway and will be completed before the fall semester. The renovation will include a computer lab, conference room, exercise room and a television lounge.

The printers in Constitution Hall do not work and 5th floor only has 2 computers to log on, what can be done?

By the time you read this, the problems will have been resolved. We have a system in place to report problems in residence hall computer labs that usually results in a repair within days. When you notice a piece of equipment not working, please report it to the housing staff in your building so a repair order can be processed.
How are bands picked for CAB concerts?

The Campus Activity Board seek input from students every year utilizing surveys to determine which bands students prefer and then selects them based upon the results. It is important to know that the campus Activity Board has financial limitations regarding bands they can hire and with music itself being so diverse does try to bring to campus different types of bands in order meet the need of our students.

Why are people going home on weekend?

More students stay on campus on weekends today because of the various programming efforts than in years before. Strategic plan initiatives for the next five years call for even more weekend programming, especially social and recreational, to be added. In spite of these efforts, students still do go home and they do so primarily to work part-time jobs. In this economy jobs are hard to come by and students need to work on weekends both for the income and in order to keep their job for the summer months.

What are the plans to make all buildings wireless?

ITS concentrating on making the residence halls wireless first before moving to other areas of the campus. Currently ITS is working with Housing staff to prioritize residence halls for wireless and will begin installation in May 09. The project will take several years to complete and is estimated at 750,000.00 for residence halls.

When will cable TV be included is dorm fees in all dorms?

The fee will begin the fall 2009 semester.

How does the Charter cable plan include Charter high speed internet?

The Internet portion of the Charter Plan is phase two and will be sent to bid tentatively in the spring of 2010.

Will bandwidth increase in the dorms for next year?

Yes, a 50 mb increase is planned for the fall 2009 semester.

Is there any way we can get a file share network for the dorms?

There are two projects underway for file sharing at Eastern. One involves the use of a student portal, in which you can share files within your respective classes. The other project is called live@edu, where all students are provided with Internet based file storage space, they can share with follow students and faculty. Both projects are scheduled for summer 2010.
Will Clean Access Agent be back on?

Clean Access has reached end of life and a system wide committee has been formed to research a replacement.

If I change my phone number, how will Eastern Alert contact me?

You must go back into the system at http://www.mir3.com/easternstudent and make any adjustments or changes.

Will double sided printing will be available?

ITS is working to set all printers to default to double sided printing.

How does the current State budget impact Eastern?

If the 2020 minor capital is delayed a year, it will make it difficult to respond to all requests for work orders and renovations as Facilities has done in the past. Additionally, major projects will be delayed a year without the advantage of adding inflation. It will be more difficult to manage the projects and get the square footage intended for the same price.

Is the tuition going to increase?

The cost to attend for a full-time student will increase by $407 or 5.5% for tuition and mandatory fees and $703 for housing and food service fees (7.9%) for a total increase of $1,110 or 6.8% for a residential student. $215 of the housing and food service increase is due to cable and enhanced internet being included in the room rate. With this removed, the room & board increase is 5.4%.

Can Chartwells serve healthier food not using leftovers in other recipes?

Chartwells uses only scratch recipes, and it tries to have as few leftovers as possible. Their policy on leftovers is to only use something that is properly cooled and reuse in soups and casseroles or a composite salad. This is a standard food industry practice.

How can Chartwells show nutritional value of items served?

Chartwells ‘website dineoncampus.com/easternct has a link to a nutritional journal. This journal has a USDA database of around 10,000 items. They are not campus-specific but the company is working on a future campus-specific database.

The heat in the Crandall is inconsistent and does not always work, how can this be corrected?

Unfortunately this is the result of the original design and layout of the building. Long-term plans call for the replacement of Burnap and Crandall with more modern residence halls. In the meantime, if you are experiencing particular problems please have the hall director or residence hall staff put in a work order, and Facilities will do what it can to remedy the problem within the constraints of the building.
**When will we get better washers & dryers in the dorms?**

The University is out to bid right now for a new laundry contract. Along with that contract will come all brand-new washers and dryers for the fall 2009 semester.

**What is the University doing to reduce it carbon footprint and conserve resources?**

The University has a Green Campus Committee that meets monthly in the Student Center. The ECSU Green Campus Committee has a face book page where you can sign up to be a fan and get meeting notices and other information about Eastern’s Green Campus efforts.


**Can breakfast in Hurley go until 10 or 11am, maybe an all day breakfast like Denny’s?**

Chartwells has extended the omelet station on Tuesdays and Fridays this semester. There are also a number of nights that it has breakfast for dinner. There are cereals, waffles, and bagels all day long.

**Can you reduce meal plan requirement for freshman?**

No. None of the freshman residence halls have kitchens. In order to make sure freshmen have enough food to support them throughout their freshmen experience, the SILVER meal plan is minimally required. This plan replaced a 19/week meal plan which limited students as to how many times they could eat during a meal period and during a given day. The SILVER plan has UNLIMITED ACCESS to the dining hall along with $125 dining dollars to add flexibility. It is a good value for the price.

**Is it possible to have organic food in Hurley?**

Chartwells receives all its produce from Fowler and they buy only local produce when at all possible. You will see at the entrance to Hurley Hall literature about Fowler, and Chartwells will also be conducting a farmers market at the end of the spring semester in the food court.

**Can you Change the hours of Hurley to later into the evening for people who have classes in the evening?**

We have been discussing leaving the dining hall open until 8:00 p.m. The Dining Services Committee, which is a student focus group, is not convinced that this is needed. Leaving the dining hall open later would also increase the cost of meal plans which might leave students who pay their way through college unable to afford the plans. This is counterproductive to our mission of making meal plans affordable to all students. The dining hall is open all day on Eastern’s campus, allowing students to access meals according to their schedule. If you are missing meals due to conflicts or your schedule is too full to go eat, fill out a Meals-to-Go form at Hurley register and pick up a bag lunch/dinner.
Are there plans to renovate the Sport Center?

Yes there is a major renovation and addition in the 2020 plan for the Sports Center. Funding for the design is in 2012; however if the governor does not fund the next year of 2020, funding projects may be delayed one year.

How will reducing campus roads help with parking?

Reducing roads and developing green space will only enhance the University’s appeal as Connecticut’s Public Liberal Arts University. The development of a parking plan is an ongoing process that takes many issues into account including construction projects, student enrollment figures and other demographics that could affect parking. This process will continue as future parking initiatives in the Master Plan become reality.

Eliminating roads from the center of campus will help with pedestrian circulation and with the greening of the campus. Many universities locate parking on the periphery of the campus so that the interior is free of cars and safe for pedestrians. The State's Bond Commission has scheduled consideration of funding for Eastern’s proposed Garage #2 on its April meeting agenda. If it wins Bond Commission approval, it is likely that construction will occur next academic year.

Do alumni have access to the gym?

The Alumni Office offers gym memberships to alumni for a fee of $175 per year, a portion of which is given to the E-Club Annual Fund. The membership gives alumni access to the Sports Center workout facility and provides them with a photo ID and parking permit.

How long do we have Chartwells as a food service provider?

We have a five-year contract with Chartwells and an option to renew for an additional four years by mutual consent.

Can Hurley be open later at night? Can it be open early enough in the morning on weekends for athletes to eat before games?

Chartwells has contracted hours with Eastern, and these are reviewed annually. With extending hours, there are cost impacts such as food cost, labor, and heating and electrical. These factors all need to be considered before extending hours of operation. Chartwells currently offers a missed meal form that is available to any student who cannot make a meal. These forms are available by the cashiers in Hurley Hall.
Why do police officers issue two tickets for same spot?

During regular business hours, parking tickets can be issued on each shift in especially critical lots that depend on turnover to accommodate our parking needs. For example, there have been situations where someone without a handicapped permit decides to occupy a handicapped parking space. The person leaves the car there for several days only to complain about receiving multiple tickets. The most frequent violators are in the Library Lot where someone puts a $.50 in a meter at 7:30 a.m. and gets a ticket shortly after 9:30 a.m. because the meter has expired. Sometimes that vehicle stays there until 5:00 p.m., tying up that parking spot for several other potential parkers. The parking authority officers will ticket a vehicle every 4 hours during regular business hours (twice a day). In addition to overnight parking, vehicles can receive additional tickets the following day(s) until a car is moved or, in extreme circumstances, has to be towed.

How can the Shuttle buses be more consistent?

The shuttle drivers run the same loop continuously on campus which takes about 20-25 minutes. When two shuttles are operating, the drivers try to space themselves on the route for maximum efficiency. This means approximately every 10-12 minutes a shuttle should arrive at a shuttle stop. The shuttle operation hours are posted below. After 11:30 p.m. each evening, the University police dispatcher receives numerous calls for shuttle service at specific locations. The shuttle does not respond to specific location requests. To avoid delays, the shuttles do not deviate from their routes unless they respond to a call for disability transportation or are on a scheduled break.

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In Burr Hall some people cannot hear the fire alarm while showering, what can be done?

The Environmental Health and Safety Officer on campus states that Burr Hall has one of the loudest fire alarms on campus. If this complaint could be narrowed down to a specific room, we can investigate this allegation further.

Also, Facilities can check to make sure that the fire alarm loudness meets all building codes.

Can you provide an update on the Turf field project?

This project is out to bid and is scheduled to be completed by mid-August.
Where are you building the softball field?

The softball field will be relocated to the Athletic Complex and will be sited to the west of the Baseball field. The plans are complete; we are waiting for the State Bond Commission to put the project on the agenda to authorize funds for its construction.

Can you please provide an update on Eastern Alert?

Eastern Alert is up and running. Eastern conducts two tests of the system per semester. The link below will allow you to sign up for Eastern Alert.

http://nutmeg.easternct.edu/easternalert/stusignup.htm

Do you have to re-register for Eastern Alert every year?

No, you were instructed to place your graduation date, plus 3 months as your expiration date. You can check the status of your account at http://www.mir3.com/easternstudent.

You would need to re-register if you have signed up for only one year. You can check on this by following the directions outlined below.

To update your information:

- Browse to the “Sign Up for Eastern Alert –Students” web page located at: http://www.easternct.edu/easternalert/stusignup.htm
- Click on the “UPDATE YOUR EASTERN ALERT PROFILE” button
- Logon to your Eastern Alert account – remember your username is your Eastern student email address.
  - If you have forgotten your password, click on the “Forgot Password” link. Through a series of emails to your Eastern email account, your password will be reset and sent to you.
- Once you have logged into the Eastern Alert system, you will be able to edit your contact information and update your phone number.
- The last field on the page is the “Registered Through Date.” You can click on the drop down box to register out to four years (currently until 2013).