University Senate Updates

Laura Burton, Chair Senate Executive Committee



Fall 2024: SEC Work (to date)

- Using the findings from the Multi-Campus Ad Hoc Committee to present a resolution to the Senate to establish a new standing committee focused on attending to the needs and representation of our colleagues and students on UConn's multiple campuses
- Meeting regularly with administrators to attend to challenges presented by the budget negotiations, and ensure the perspective of the Senate is represented
- Supporting the Anti-Black Racism Course Implementation Working Group and UICC (University Interdisciplinary Courses Committee) in finalizing plans to implement the new course requirement starting in the Fall 2025
- Prioritizing ways in which the Senate can be involved in the launch of the Strategic Plan

Increasing Engagement

- SEC hosting "Office Hours" in a hybrid format before each Senate meeting starting October 7, 2024
- Open online form for submission of topics of interest to the SEC

Topic of Interest Submission to the Senate Executive Committee



Fall 2024: Senate Committee Work

Curricula & Courses

 Processing new and revised courses within the Senate's purview

CCC+

- Launch of Common Curriculum in Fall 2025
- Upcoming presentation at October Senate meeting

Enrollment Committee

- Collaboration with other units to analyze how they are adjusting to increasing enrollments
- Review of concerns regarding potential FAFSA delays for this next year

Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee

- Upcoming presentation on updated process and transparency on university policy changes, especially surrounding campus protest
- Recent presentation from Lakeesha Brown, Vice President for Human Resources, on rollout of exit interviews and discussion on reasons BIPOC faculty and staff leave UConn

Fall 2024: Senate Committee Work

Scholastic Standards Committee

- Looking into ways to update the University Senate Bylaws to integrate Junenteenth as a non-teaching holiday
- Review & Discussion of a Block Transfer Proposal that will impact ways in which UConn accepts transfer credit

Student Welfare Committee

- Recent presentation on updated policies affecting outdoor spaces
- Upcoming presentation from Sue Peters, updates with financial aid

University Budget Committee

- Analysis of reports on upcoming budget negotiations
- Series of guest speakers on specific topics (next: Dan Schwartz presenting on planning for growth and cuts)

University Planning Committee

- Enhanced focus on interacting with the Strategic Plan
- Ongoing discussion on concerns from faculty and staff regarding processing travel reimbursement and purchases.



Thank You

