

AGENDA

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (with live captioning upon request): <https://ait.uconn.edu/bot>

(A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board website, <https://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/>, within seven days of the meeting.)

Call to order at **4:00 p.m.**

1) Public Participation*

*Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Participation portion of the Thursday, February 20, meeting, must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (i.e., 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 19) by emailing BoardCommittees@uconn.edu. Speaking requests must include a name, telephone number, topic, and affiliation with the University (i.e., student, employee, member of the public). As an alternative, individuals may submit written comments to the Committee via email (BoardCommittees@uconn.edu), and all comments will be transmitted to the Committee.

2) Minutes from the December 5, 2024, Special Meeting

3) Standing Updates:

- Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment
- Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dean of Students
- Student Trustees

4) Student Success Update

Tadarrayl M. Starke, Ed.D., Vice Provost for Undergraduate Student Success

5) University Senate Representative Report

6) Other Business

7) Executive Session

8) Adjournment

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DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Student Life Committee December 5, 2024 Special Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees: Shari Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean Dunn,
Bryan Pollard

Other Trustees: Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representative: Tina McCarthy

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Anne D'Alleva, Nathan Fuerst, Robert
Corbett, Cynthia Costanzo, Fany Hannon, Jeffrey Hines,
Philip Hunt, Tadarayl Starke, Michelle Williams

Vice-Chair Trustee Cantor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Public Participation

No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.

2. Minutes from the September 30, 2024, Special Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2024, Special Meeting.

3. Standing Updates:

Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Fuerst provided updates on several topics, including the results of voter participation at the UConn Bookstore, a summary of the Mansfield community cleanup day, and on the Early Decision application process.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs D'Alleva shared updates on several key initiatives, including the transition of the Cultural Centers, Metanoia, undergraduate career success, the recent career fair, and changes to midterm grade reporting.

Dean of Students Hannon provided an overview of key student support initiatives, including post-election resources, access to hair and wellness products, and the establishment of designated prayer spaces for Muslim students.

4. Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan:

Vice President Fuerst and Deputy Chief of Staff Hunt gave a brief presentation on the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan. The presentation outlined how stakeholders across the institution are working together to develop an Enrollment Plan that aligns with the University Mission, the University Strategic Plan, and supports strategic initiatives across all UConn undergraduate and graduate programs and campuses.

5. Housing Improvements

Vice President Fuerst and Interim Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design, and Construction Corbett gave a brief presentation on the enhancement and restoration of UConn's housing program to meet both current demand and future needs. The discussion also covered long-term plans for expanding housing across all campuses to support the growing student population.

6. Proposed Student Trustee Election Committee By-Law Revisions

Provost D'Alleva shared a document detailing the proposed By-Law revisions from the Student Trustee Election Committee aimed at addressing election concerns, including changes to procedures, language, committee structure, and candidate responsibilities.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Agenda Item #6 to the full Board for approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. University Senate Representative Report

University Senate Representative Tina McCarthy reported that the Student Welfare Committee discussed several topics, including the University's Strategic Plan, financial transparency, and ways to improve communication about costs and financial aid to support student retention and success. The Student Welfare Committee also discussed concerns about off-campus housing, transportation access, and campus safety.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Zecchini
Secretary to the Committee

Undergraduate Student Success

Academic Engagement & Support • Center for Access & Postsecondary Success • Center for Students with Disabilities • Cultural Centers & Programs • NELSAMP • Office of Early College Programs • Student Activities • Student-Athlete Success Programs • Veteran's and Military Programs

Undergraduate Student Success



Academic Engagement & Support

First Year Experience
Learning Communities
Innovation Zone/Makerspace

Academic Achievement Center
Q-Center
W-Center



Office of Early College Programs

Early College Experience
Dual Enrollment
Pre-College Summer



Center for Access & Postsecondary Success

Summer Bridge Program
CAPS Research & McNair Scholars
PASS
Camina Conmigo (DHSI)
Travelers EDGE
Student Support Services

Resilience, Inclusion, Success, & Equity
Upward Bound Program
Upward Bound Math & Science
College Advising Corps
ConnCAP



Student Activities

Fraternity & Sorority Development
Community Outreach
Major Events & Programs
Financial & Program Support

Leadership & Organizational Development
Trustee Student Organization Support



Center for Students w/Disabilities

Accommodations
Assessment & Enhanced Services
Beyond Access

Marketing & Special Programs
Disability Service
Communication Access & Interpreting Services



Student-Athlete Success Programs

Admissions, Academic Counseling, Advising, Student Development
NCAA Eligibility
DEI Initiatives

Freshmen Bridge Program
Learning Services, Academic Support, & Student Wellness

Campus Partner Engagement
Business Operations, Technology, & Resource Management



Cultural Centers & Programs

African American CC
Asian American CC
Puerto Rican/
Latin American CC

Rainbow Center
Women's Center
Native American Cultural Program
Middle Eastern Cultural Program



Veteran's and Military Programs

Veterans Benefits Advising & Support
Veteran Services
Outreach & Engagement

Air Force ROTC
Army ROTC
Student Veterans of America

Veterans History Project
VA Work Study
OASIS Lounge



NELSAMP

University of Connecticut
University of Rhode Island
Northeastern University

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Tufts University
UMass Amherst

4,000+

*Student Organization
Leaders Trained*
(700+ student organizations)

4,472

Students enrolled in FYE
379 Sections Offered

17,000
ECE Students

(43% First Gen, 37.1% fee waiver)

76%
*Student -Athletes
with 3.0+ GPA*

(82 student -athletes with 4.0)

6,100

*Students connected to
CSD services*

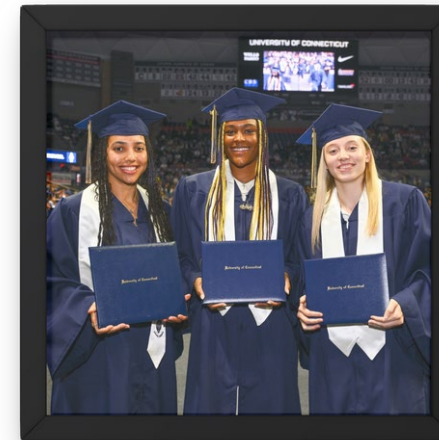
15% Increase over the past 2 years

UConn

STUDENT SUCCESS

100%

Graduation Rate
CAPS Pre-College Programs



90%

First Year Retention
CAPS Storrs 2023 Cohort



46%

1st year student in LC
33 LC's, 3 Campuses



16,000

AAC Check Ins

13,991

Q-Center Check-ins
33.2% First Gen

4,609

*Writing Center Tutorials
Provided*

**\$8.3
million**

*In Grants to Support
Student Success Initiatives*

\$1.9M AANAPISI at UConn Hartford
\$3M Developing Hispanic -Serving Institutions
at UConn Waterbury
\$180K HACU at UConn Stamford
\$1.8M Expansion of Early College
\$1.2M ConnCAP
\$240K PASS at Storrs
\$50K for Rainbow Center

New Initiatives

UConn

STUDENT SUCCESS

- **Expansion of Academic Support Programs**
- **Academic Support Collaborative**
- **Innovation Zone (IZ) Growth**
- **Increased Access to Late Night in the Student Union**
- **Waterbury Campus Initiatives**
- **Writing Center Enhancements**
- **Knack Tutoring and Flexible Learning Support**
- **Expanded Cultural Center Collaborations**
- **RISE (Synchrony) Program Expansion**
- **New Pre-College Summer (PCS) Allied Health Course**
- **Veterans Affairs & Military Programs Initiatives**
- **Collaborations with CASE in Stamford**
- **First-Generation Learning Community**
- **AI Integration in Student Services**
- **Accessibility Conference**
- **Student Success Conference**
- **First Year Experience Task Force**



Overall Goals

- **Promote Access & Pathways into and through UConn**
- **First-Year & Continued Student Engagement**
- **Promote Students' Sense of Belonging**
- **Improve Academic Support Delivery & Collaboration**
- **Support Faculty & Staff Development & Connections**
- **Develop & Enhance Inter-Departmental Communications**
- **Incentivize Collaboration Across Units**

