



# University Senate Updates

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# Senate Resolutions

- Statement in Support of the Core Mission and Values of Higher Education in the United States of America (adopted in coordination with the six New England Land Grant & Public Flagship Universities)
- Resolution to Work in Mutual Defense of Academic Freedom
- Resolution urging President Maric to join other University Presidents in signing “a Call for Constructive Engagement”

# SEC

- Recommendation to the UConn Board of Trustees to update the University By-Laws, Article IX, “The University Senate”
- Resolution to Change the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, Article I

Combined, these two resolutions propose changes to the governance of the University Senate for clarity, simplicity, modernization, and flexibility.

# Senate Committee Work

## Curricula & Courses

- Processing new and revised courses within the Senate's purview

## CCC+

- Launch of Common Curriculum in Fall 2025
  - Courses and Curricula Review and Support
  - Proposal and Bylaw Review
  - Communications

## Enrollment Committee

- Reviewed admissions and retention data.
- New Early Decision process.
- Engagement with Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) committee.

# Senate Committee Work

## Scholastic Standards Committee

- Review & Discussion of a Block Transfer Proposal that will impact ways in which UConn accepts transfer credit.
- Academic calendar update for Juneteenth.
- Upcoming:
  - Student attendance/engagement
  - Final Exam schedules

## Student Welfare Committee

- Topics for ongoing review:
  - Class size & enrollment
  - Regional campus resources
  - Parking & transportation
  - Student mental health

## Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee

- Reviewed university policy changes, especially surrounding campus protest.
- Exit interviews and discussion on reasons BIPOC faculty and staff leave UConn.
- Updates on Federal actions targeting DEI.
- Reviewed Strategic Plan and KPIs (Key Program Indicators).

# Senate Committee Work

## Faculty Standards Committee

- Began work on evaluating the Student Experience of Teaching (SET)
- Establishing a regular five-year review cycle, creating specialized subcommittees, and conducting comprehensive surveys with department chairs and deans to inform potential revisions.

## University Budget Committee

- Engaged in information gathering and discussions of a range of issues related to the University's budget, including:
  - State funding
  - 5-Year Fiscal Sustainability Plan
  - Program planning and research
  - Athletics

## University Planning Committee

- Worked with Business Services & Procurement concerns from faculty and staff regarding processing travel reimbursement and purchases.
- Received updates from the Transportation Advisory Committee regarding campus parking

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