AGENDA

University of Connecticut
Board of Trustees

Student Life Committee
Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (live captioning, upon request): https://its.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, November 12, meeting, must sign up no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11 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). The Committee may limit the entirety of public comment to a maximum of 30 minutes. 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 September 9, 2026, Special Meeting (Attachment 1)

3) Campus Climate Update
   Fany DeJesús Hannon, Dean of Students
   Jeffrey F. Hines, Vice President, Office for Inclusion and Civil Rights

4) Mental Health Update
   Kristina Stevens, Interim Director of Mental Health, Outreach, and Regionals

5) Standing Updates:
   - Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment
   - Student Trustees

6) University Senate Representative Report

7) Other Business

8) Executive Session (as needed)

9) Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut
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Student Life Committee
September 9, 2026
Special Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Bryan Pollard, Shari Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Nina Lemash, Fabio Saccomanno, Diane Whitney
Other Trustees:	Daniel Toscano
University Senate Representative:	Jennifer Tibbetts
University Staff:	Radenka Maric, Cynthia Costanzo, Nathan Fuerst, Jeffrey Gagnon, Nicole Gelston, Jeffrey Hines, Philip Hunt, Shannon Walsh

Vice-Chair Pollard 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 April 23, 2026, Meeting

   On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026, Meeting.

   Trustee Whitney abstained from voting on the minutes.

3. Student Resiliency and Intervention:
   Cyndi Costanzo, Associate Vice President for Student Life
   Jeff Gagnon, Executive Strategist for Student Life and Enrollment

   Associate Vice President for Student Life Costanzo and Executive Strategist Gagnon shared a presentation on the work of two groups focused on strengthening student resiliency and intervention. The first working group examined how institutional data could be used to identify students who may be disengaging or experiencing challenges and connect them with timely support. The second developed a comprehensive resiliency framework addressing students' academic, emotional, social, financial, and career readiness. They also outlined next steps for advancing this work and provided an update on the University's means-restriction initiatives, including environmental modifications, enhanced crisis-support resources, and campus safety assessments.

4. Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, Fall Enrollment, and Housing Updates
   Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment

   Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Fuerst shared updates on preliminary fall 2026 undergraduate enrollment, student demographics, financial aid, and housing occupancy across UConn's campuses. He also provided an overview of the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, including its six goals, implementation structure, progress to date, and next steps.

5. University Safety Update:
   Gene Labonte, Associate Vice President and Chief of Police

   On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Committee voted unanimously to amend the agenda to remove item #5 - University Safety Update.

6. Standing Updates:
   - Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment
   - Student Trustees

   Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Fuerst reflected on a successful fall opening, highlighting the many volunteers who welcomed and assisted students. He also noted recent appointments and staffing transitions within the Division of Student Life and Enrollment.

   Undergraduate Student Trustee Lemash shared updates on the start of the fall semester, noting the energy and enthusiasm across UConn's campuses as students returned to classes and became involved in campus life. The report also highlighted recent developments and broader topics of interest to students, including opportunities to strengthen their experience, sense of belonging, and connection to the University community.

   Graduate Student Trustee Saccomanno shared recent highlights and accomplishments from the UConn School of Law, UConn Health, and the UConn School of Pharmacy.

7. University Senate Representative Report

   Senate Representative Tibbetts reported that the Student Welfare Committee had not yet met for the semester and briefly outlined its planned areas of focus, including the student experience and the impact of recent policy changes.

8. Executive Session

   There was no Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

   On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Lemash, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Zecchini
Secretary to the Committee