

# Regional Campus By-Law Review & Amendment Proposal

Zachary Boudah, University Senator

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024





- Comprehensive review of **all** University and Senate By-Laws pertaining to undergraduate representation.
- Collaborative effort between students, faculty, and staff from **across the University**.
- Series of five separate proposals to amend By-Laws to increase and refine undergraduate student representation, with a **focus on regional campus participation**.



- **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Senate Meeting (recommendation to add undergraduate seats for regional campuses)
- **March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022:** BOT Meeting (approval of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> recommendation)
- **April 4<sup>th</sup> 2023:** Formal Notice of Review to Senate Office
- **April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024:** Introduction of Review to Student Leaders
- **July 21<sup>st</sup> 2023:** Cheryl Galli Meeting
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023:** First Submission to the SEC
- **November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023:** Student Leaders Recap
- **November 27<sup>th</sup> 2023:** Second Submission to the SEC
- **January 5<sup>th</sup> 2024:** Third Submission to the SEC
- **January 12<sup>th</sup> 2024:** SEC Approval
- **February 5<sup>th</sup> 2024:** Presentation to Senate



## Language

- Glaring oversights in existing language — e.g. there is not a single “Undergraduate Student Government,” there are five.
- Overly vague description of procedures.

## Negative Effects

- An entire year without regional campus Student Senators (AY 22-23).
- Lack of consultation for regional campus student leaders.
- Most, if not all, regional campus student leaders did not even know the University Senate existed.



## Proposals I-IV

- Apply only to *University By-Laws*
- The Senate is *recommending* the Board of Trustees take action on these proposals, as they have the final say.

## Proposal V

- Applies only to *University **Senate** By-Laws*
- The Senate is voting to certify the change to By-Laws.
- Because we will be presenting and voting on the same day, approval from two-thirds of the Senate is required.



## **Proposal to Senate:**

Motion to recommend amending the *By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University Senate*, Article I – By-Laws, Section C.3.d as follows:

# Proposal V: Senate Committee Appointments



## Current Language

- Gives *only* the Storrs USG the authority to nominate students to serve on Senate Committees.
- No mention whatsoever of regional campuses.

## Proposed Language

- Gives each regional campus student government the authority to submit students for consideration to serve on Senate committees.

“... Each year, the Nominating Committee shall solicit for its consideration names of students from the Presidents of the Undergraduate Student Government of Storrs, the Associated Student Government of Avery Point, the Undergraduate Student Government of Hartford, the Student Government Association of Stamford, the Associated Student Government of Waterbury, and the Graduate Student Senate...”



- The goal of each proposal is not to reinvent the wheel, but to **right previous wrongs** and guarantee a more equitable future for student representation.
- Although **reforms for graduate students were not included** in this proposals, the groundwork for a future By-Law review is in place.





# Questions?

Zachary Boudah, University Senator  
Email: [zachary.boudah@uconn.edu](mailto:zachary.boudah@uconn.edu)