

**University of Connecticut**  
**University Senate**  
**Summary of Actions, 2023-2024**

**September 2023:**

- Election of University Senate Moderator and Secretary
- Received Student Affairs Reorganization Update from Provost Anne D'Alleva
- Motion to move the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Senate Meeting to April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, due to a conflict with commencement was passed unanimously by voice vote
- A report from the CCC+ Committee was presented by Senator Bedore
- Retention & Graduation Report presented by Mona Lucas, Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment
- A motion was proposed during New Business by Senator McCutcheon for Senate Meetings to be held in a hybrid format. The motion was amended and passed for Senate meetings to take place in a hybrid format during the Fall 2023 semester, and then revisited at the December meeting. The motion passed: 52 yay, 14 nay, 1 abstention

**October 2023:**

- Senators tested a new hybrid voting technology during the meeting, which requires Senators to login to their Microsoft 365 account using their NetID credentials in order to participate in any vote
- Enrollment Report presented by Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment
- Report on UConn after SFFA v Harvard & UNC presented by Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment and Preston Green, John and Maria Neag Professor of Urban Education, Professor of Educational Leadership and Law
- The Senate Budget Committee Co-Chairs Lisa Park Boush and Michael Morrell presented an update from their committee as well as a Finance Committee FAQ
- Undergraduate Education & Instruction Report presented by Vice Provosts

**November 2023:**

- Provost D’Alleva presented a report on behalf of President Maric
- Senator Burton presented the Nominating Committee Reported, which showed the list of nominees for the Faculty at-Large and Professional Staff at-Large Constituency elections
- Faculty Diversity Reported presented by Provost D’Alleva and Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Frank Tuitt
- Graduate School Report presented by Kent Holsinger, Vice Provost and Dean of The Graduate School
- Architecture Report presented by Laura Cruickshank, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect, and Andy Kelly, Associate Director, Facilities Operations

### **December 2023:**

- During the President’s Report, President Maric invited Reka Wrynn, Associate Vice President for BPIR, to the floor to present a Budget Briefing
- A recommendation from the Courses & Curricula Committee regarding Course Archive procedures was passed as part of the consent agenda by voice vote
- Undocumented Students Taskforce presented by Mark Overmyer-Velazquez, Hartford Campus Dean
- Undergraduate Student Survey presented by Michelle Williams, Chief of Staff

### **February 2024:**

- An endorsement of proposed changes to the University Bylaws regarding Regional Undergraduate Student representation in the election and appointment processes of the Senate was passed by voice vote as part of the consent agenda
- A recommendation to the Provost’s Office to establish a Learning Accommodations Taskforce was proposed and passed. The vote on the motion carried 62 yay, 2 nay, 1 abstention
- A motion was presented by SEC Chair Laura Burton to host all future meetings of the University Senate in a virtual format, with the exception of the first and final meetings of each year, to be held in a hybrid format. The motion was amended to state that all future meetings of the University Senate would be hosted in a hybrid format. The amended motion carried with 55 yay, 5 nay, and 2 abstentions

- Undergraduate Student Senator Zachary Boudah presented a Bylaw change proposal regarding University Senate Bylaws, Article I.C.3.d. The motion carried with 65 yay, 1 nay, and one abstention
- OVPR Update presented by Pamir Alpay, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship, and members of the OVPR team

#### **March 2024:**

- Moment of silence observed for Susana Marie Ulloa, Director of CAPS and former Senator
- Senator Burkey, Chair of the Faculty Standards Committee, presented a series of motions related to recommendations issued by the SET+ Taskforce related to updates to the SET terminology as well as a redefinition of the acronym from “Student Evaluation of Teaching” to “Student Experience of Teaching.” Both motions carried
- Senator MacDougald presented a proposal for the University Senate to establish a Safe Environment Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried with 62 yay, 1 nay, and 1 abstention

#### **April 1, 2024:**

- Provost D’Alleva presented the Report of the President on behalf of President Maric
- The Senate Executive Committee Report presented by Senator Burton included an update on the Metanoia, a kick-off event for which was scheduled for April 17, 2024. All Senators were encouraged to participate
- Senator Burton shared a report from the Nominating Committee which included an initial list of Senate Committee appointments for the 2024-2025 Academic Year
- A series of proposed University Senate Bylaw change proposals regarding scholastic standing and dismissal procedures (University Senate Bylaws, Article II, E.13) was presented by Scholastic Standards Committee Co-Chairs Karen Bresciano and Jamie Kleinman, Erin Ciarimboli, Director of Undergraduate Advising, and Kelly Gilbert, Assistant Director for Engagement, Learning and Development. The motion carried with 51 yay, 2 nay, and 3 abstentions (2/3rds majority required)
- Regional Campus Report presented by Provost D’Alleva

#### **April 29, 2024:**

- Senate Standing Committee Chairs presented their individual committee's annual report and answered questions from the Senate regarding the work of their committees done during the past academic year
- The Nominating Committee Report which included the final list of Standing Committee assignments for the next academic year was approved by voice vote
- Senators Dineen and Trumbull presented the Multi-Campus Ad Hoc Committee report which made a recommendation that a Standing Senate Committee for the multiple campuses be established. The SEC will put together a detailed proposal, in consultation with members of the Ad Hoc Committee, to present to the Senate in the early Fall 2024 semester
- Senator Armstrong and Associate Vice Provost Jennifer Lease Butts presented the Metanoia 2024 Steering Committee report
- Senator McCutcheon raised a motion during New Business regarding Summer Salary. The motion was postponed to the September meeting of the Senate by vote
- Senator Grande shared concerns relating to the student encampment and the university's response to the protesters during New Business and asked the Senate to recognize an undergraduate student, Dylan Steer, to present a statement on behalf of the students participating in the encampment. The request was granted and the student read a prepared statement on behalf of the protesters
- A motion was made related to the protests during New Business, but was disallowed as it was out of order

**May 20, 2024 (special meeting):**

- A resolution, comprised of two motions, relating to the recent student encampment protest and the university's response, and subsequent arrest of students on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was presented to the Senate
- Motion 1 passed 42 yay, 16 nay, 3 abstentions
- Motion 2 passed 42 yay, 22 nay, 0 abstentions