

Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

Minutes 11/19/2024

MS Teams

Co-Chairs: Karen Bresciano, Jamie Kleinman

*Karen Bresciano, Co-Chair, The Graduate School

*Jamie Kleinman, Co-Chair, CLAS (Avery Point)

*Dorothea Anagnostopoulos, Neag School of Education

*Maureen Armstrong, Dean of Students Office

*Kelly Burke, Engineering

*David Embrick, CLAS (Hartford)

*Holly Fitch, CLAS, Psychological Sciences

*Kristen Govoni, CAHNR

*Morty Ortega, CAHNR

*Jennifer Terni, CLAS

*Lawrence Walsh, Office of Admissions

Erin Ciarimboli, Office of Undergraduate Advising

Robin Coulter, School of Business

Sarah Croucher, Provost's Office, Academic Affairs (Ex-Officio Member)

Jennifer Lease Butts, Honors and Enrichment Program

Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office

Lauren Schlesselman, CETL, Academic Program Assessment and Learning Initiatives

Christine Wenzel, Center for Students with Disabilities

- A. Approval of Minutes: [November 5, 2024](#) : approved unanimously
- B. Announcements
- C. Old Business
 - a. [Summer/Winter Senate Bylaw Change Proposal](#): Jamie Kleinman summarized the proposal and asked the group for questions and feedback. No discussion was raised.
 - b. Lab Transfer Credit (hybrid labs): tabled to the next meeting
 - c. [University Senate Policy Change Proposal: Support for Non-Dominant English Speakers](#)
 - i. [Proposal](#)
 - ii. Karen Bresciano introduced this topic and summarized discussion from the last meeting. Karen Bresciano also added that they can bring this back to SEC on Friday and a response can be given to the person who raised the proposal. Holly Fitch added that a few bullet points of the reasoning behind the lack of support for this proposal would be helpful to be included in any response to the SEC and/or initiator. Jennifer Terni added that we should also point out what resources are available.
 - d. Senate By-Laws related to Readmission (Article II, B, 12) to update the language as the university is no longer looking at criminal history (but does look at conduct/discipline). The wording needs to be updated to reflect this policy

([Conduct History Review Committee Policy](#)): Maureen Armstrong brought this to our attention

- i. Karen Bresciano shared details of a conversation which she has had with several stakeholders on this topic since our last meeting. Karen Bresciano summarized the history of this language, as well as potential Title IX implications, stating that if any language regarding criminal history were added back into the policy may be taken up again by the legislature. Discussion ensued and Holly Fitch raised concerns about students with a history of sexual violence being accepted to the institution. Karen Bresciano added that criminal background checks are done on employees, and students are only subjected to background checks if they are going into a field that requires licensure (such as pharmacy, nursing, etc), before they can be put into a placement. Maureen Armstrong reiterated that the bylaw language does not reflect the procedures that are currently used by their office. Morty Ortega shared statistics regarding other institutions of higher education and what percentages of each type of institution reviews criminal history records ([link](#)). 11 YAY, 1 NAY,
- e. [Block Transfer Proposal](#): awaiting CCC+ updates/discussion:
 - i. Lawrence Walsh shared that they met yesterday with CCC+ Chairs and learned that CCC+ will put some language forward as a part of their omnibus motions to the Senate in December which will cover some of the Block Transfer Proposal language. The language has been narrowed from the original proposal and will state *“Undergraduate students with associate’s degrees from CT State Community College that are designated as “transfer-oriented” within the Transfer Policy are exempt from the Common Curriculum Requirements.”* Discussion ensued and xx.

D. New Business

- a. [Honors Board of Associate Directors Review/Approval](#): Jennier Lease Butts summarized the purpose of this group and the background. Jennifer Lease Butts made a motion for the committee to vote to approve its membership. Motion passed with one abstention.

Tabled until Future Meeting:

- a. Bunched Finals Discussion