

UConn Senate Enrollment Committee

November 21, 2024, MS Teams

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes of [September 26, 2024 Meeting](#):
 - minutes passed unanimously
2. Welcome new members – undergraduate students: Karima Hamada, Josh Schulman
 - Jamie Caruso welcomed the two new undergraduate student members to the committee, and they introduced themselves to the group.
3. FAFSA Delays Update:
 - Mona Lucas shared that it looks like the FAFSA for Fall 2025 is still scheduled to open on December 1, 2024. They added details about the beta test of the new FAFSA of which UConn was a participating university.
4. Early Decision Program Update
 - Vern Granger gave an overview of where applications are right now in this program, highlighting that November 1st was a significant date. Overall, applications are up across all populations and campuses, showing a positive trend. Vern Granger also explained the difference between the new Early Decision program and the Early Action program. For Early Decision, about 1400 applications were received, and of those about 1200 are “complete,” and viable for consideration. Of those 200 whose applications were incomplete were notified that they will be moved to regular decision. Of the 1200 complete applications, the Admissions team is working on review and should be notified in mid-December. If these students are accepted into their preferred campus and preferred major, they will be bound to accept by January 15. If they do not commit by that date, their admit decision is rescinded and their application will be moved to the regular decision application pool. These students will not be receiving a full financial aid notification upon acceptance, and that will be delivered in March as for all other admitted students. Jamie Caruso thanked Vern Granger for their presentation and opened the floor to questions. Jen Morenus asked how students are held accountable to the conditions of the Early Decision program if they are not removed from the application pool if they do not commit by the January 15 deadline. Vern Granger shared that those students are moved to regular decision and are re-evaluated against a larger pool of students and may not get admitted again under the same parameters (i.e. desired campus and/or major). Josh Schulman asked for clarification regarding students who require financial aid and the Early Decision program, particularly in regards to merit scholarships. Vern Granger confirmed that those students will know decisions on merit scholarships, but not the full financial aid package. Mansour Ndiaye asked about the pool of students who applied for this program and what observations have been made

about this group, if possible to share. Vern Granger shared that comparing this group to the regular admissions pool of students, it is a less competitive process due to the fact that Early Decision requires these students to commit to the university. Vern Granger added that for Early Action, that application process is much more competitive program due to the early acceptance, but that is not currently a program offered by UConn. Nathaniel Trumbull asked whether this program may or may not affect university rankings, and Vern Granger said that no, it shouldn't have an impact as acceptance rates are not considered in rankings calculations. Nathaniel Trumbull followed up by asking what the drivers behind the development of this program were. Vern Granger said that a lot of the reasoning behind the development of this program came from feedback from students.

5. Common Curriculum Implementation

- Carl Rivers summarized that while we are on target to launch the Common Curriculum for incoming students in Fall 2025, that transfer students will likely be grandfathered into the General Education requirements for several reasons. This will extend the length of the transition period, when both General Education and Common Curriculum courses will need to be offered alongside each other for different groups of students (new vs continuing/transfer). This may also affect first year students who are coming in having earned college credit in high school that may not easily transfer to the new common curriculum course offerings. The floor opened to questions and several concerns were raised about the longevity of these issues and whether it is a growing pain or will develop into a persistent problem when considering transfer credit equivalences.

6. Other

- Jamie Caruso shared that our next meeting is January 30th, which is the same date as the Enrollment Workshop -

Attending:

***Jamie Caruso, Chair, Academic Affairs (Waterbury Campus)**

*Miranda Davis, CLAS (*absent*)

*Karima Hamada, Undergraduate Student

*Douglas Kaufman, Neag School of Education (*absent*)

*Carl Rivers, Registrar's Office

*Nat Trumbull, CLAS (Avery Point)

*Xiaojing Wang, CLAS

Nathan Fuerst, Student Life & Enrollment (Ex-Officio) (*absent*)

Vern Granger, Office of Admissions

Mona Lucas, Enrollment Planning and Management

Jennifer Morenus, Puerto Rican Cultural Center

Mansour Ndiaye, CLAS Academic Services

Josh Schulman, Undergraduate Student

Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Test optional update
- Increased Enrollment – increase course offerings/staffing, student access to classes/resources
- Honors at Regional Campuses
- BPIR Dashboard Review