

University Planning Committee Meeting
12/2/24
Virtual (MS Teams)

Committee Members:

*Bonnie Burr, Co-Chair, CAHNR
*Amvrossios (Ross) Bagtzoglou, Co-Chair, Engineering
*Oksan Bayulgen, CLAS
*Christian Brueckner, CLAS
*Beth Ginsberg, CLAS (Stamford Campus)
*Justin Rogowski, Law Library (absent)
*Del Siegle, Neag School of Education
Maria Groza, UPDC
Dan Schwartz, Office of the Provost (Ex-Officio Member) (absent)
Julie Schwager, OVPR (absent)

*Senate Member 2024/2025

1. Welcome
2. Review & acceptance of [November 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#) : minutes approved unanimously
3. Interactive Presentation with Joseph Thompson, Purchasing Processes & State Laws (Part I): Joseph Thompson presented a PPT slide deck which gave an overview of issues with Procurement/Purchasing, specifically regarding turnaround times of contracts and purchases, some of the related root causes, and shared some actions their office has taken to address some of these challenges, and some future planned next steps to continue making improvements to the system, bearing in mind the need to adhere to State of CT regulations. Slides are available to committee members in the University Planning Committee SharePoint site. The floor was opened to questions and Del Siegle asked how this system works when we need to contract with another state, and complications that may arise related to these purchases. Joseph Thompson answered that it can be complicated, especially when working with states whose regulations may contradict the State of CT, and that unfortunately situations like this may take more time for negotiation.
4. Discussion on AI: Ross Bagtzoglou introduced this topic, as it was raised by the SEC for members of all Senate committees to consider. Due to time constraints, this discussion will be tabled to a future meeting. Committee members were welcomed to send their feedback via email.
5. Upcoming Topics:
 - a. Joseph Thompson will join the February 3, 2025 University Planning Committee meeting to review further topics of concern related to purchasing, focus of this session to be on grants.