



University Senate Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2025

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Approval of Minutes

March 3, 2025, Minutes of the University Senate

March 31, 2025 Minutes of the University Senate Special Meeting



Report of the President

Presented by Provost D'Alleva

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Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Presented by SEC Chair Laura Burton

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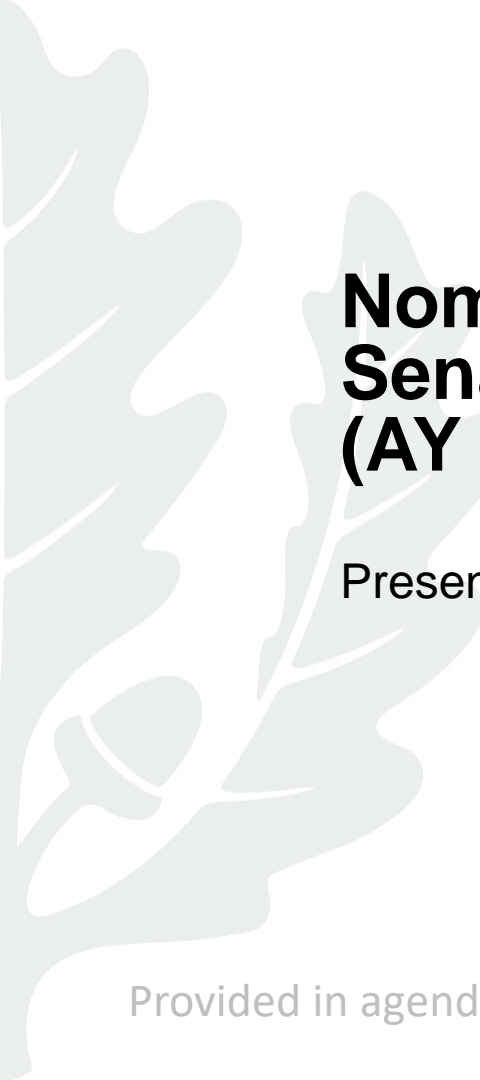
Consent Agenda

Curricula and Courses Committee Report

Scholastic Standards Committee Report: Block Transfer

Provided in agenda packet

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Nominating Committee Report: Senate Standing Committee Rosters (AY 2025-2026)

Presented by Nominating Committee Chair, Laura Burton



Motion to Change By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, Article II B. 12 Academic Advising and Registration, Readmission

Presented by Scholastic Standards Committee Co-Chairs
Karen Bresciano and Jamie Kleinman

Background

- In 2022, a university decision was made to no longer ask applicants for admission/readmission about their previous criminal history.
- This decision was informed by the understanding that asking about criminal history can often have a chilling effect on applicants and significantly took into consideration that the Common Application, which UConn utilizes, stopped asking about criminal history in 2020.
- The by-laws, as currently written, do not accurately reflect the practice of undergraduate readmission.

By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, Article II, Section B. 12

Article II, B. 12 Academic Advising and Registration, Readmission

12. Readmission

A student seeking readmission to the University must apply through the Dean of Students Office. Readmission is not guaranteed. Criteria used in determining readmission include, but are not limited to, academic progress **and** university discipline history. ~~and criminal history.~~

VOTE: By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University Senate, Article II, Section B. 12 (Readmission)



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Motion to Change By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, Article II E. 9 Class Attendance

Presented by Scholastic Standards Committee Co-Chairs
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Objective of Changes

- We recognize that during a university closure, **individuals may not have access to power or internet.**
- During a University closure, instructors **must not require students to attend synchronous class sessions or to submit assessments**, but they may provide asynchronous online instruction
- Instructors must **provide sufficient time** after the University reopens to schedule and complete work
- Instructors must **provide clear communication** about missed work and assessments, including notification of rescheduled assessments, due dates, and penalties for late submissions.
- Instructors **may reschedule class sessions on emergency make-up dates authorized by the Registrar.** Any rescheduled sessions should avoid conflicts including, but not limited to, religious observances and other previously scheduled University obligations.
- Annually, the Provost provides guidance on academic issues related to closures.

Current Language: Article II, E. 9 Class Attendance

In the event that the University is closed due to inclement weather or other emergency on a regularly scheduled class day, instructors are expected to make reasonable attempts to complete all stated course learning objectives by the last day of classes. Approaches that an instructor may use to ensure the completion of all stated course learning objectives include, but are not limited to:

- a. Scheduling class make up on the “Emergency Closing Make Up Date(s)” designated by the Registrar’s Office in the University Calendar.
- b. Scheduling class make up at other times
- c. Extending class times
- d. Using educational technology and other not in-person alternatives.

In all situations in which stated course objectives would be completed outside of the regularly scheduled class time, it is essential that instructors should be sensitive to students’ inability to attend these alternative class times due to unavoidable conflicts such as, but not limited to, religious observances and other previously scheduled University obligations. Reasonable accommodation should be offered to students with such conflicts.

Original Proposed Language: **Article II, E. 9 Class Attendance**

When an instructor's scheduled class sessions are impacted by University closure (e.g., inclement weather), the instructor is expected to make reasonable arrangements for students to make up missed work and assessments. In making these arrangements, instructors must:

- a. Provide sufficient time after the University reopens to schedule and complete missed work and assessments.
- b. Provide clear communication about missed work and assessments, including notification of rescheduled assessments, due dates, and penalties for late submissions.

During a period of university closure, instructors must not require students to attend synchronous class sessions or to submit assessments.

Instructors may reschedule class sessions and assessments on emergency make-up dates authorized by the Registrar. Any rescheduled sessions should avoid conflicts including, but not limited to, religious observances and other previously scheduled University obligations.

Annually, the Provost provides guidance on academic issues related to closures.

Amended: Article II, E. 9 Class Attendance

~~When an instructor's scheduled class sessions are impacted by University closure~~ In the event of University cancellations or closures that impact the class schedule (e.g., inclement weather), the instructor is expected to make reasonable arrangements for students to make up missed work and assessments. In making these arrangements, instructors must:

- a. Provide sufficient time after the University reopens or classes resume to schedule and complete missed work and assessments.
- b. Provide clear communication about missed work and assessments, including notification of rescheduled assessments, due dates, and penalties for late submissions.

During a period of University changes to class schedule ~~university closure~~, instructors must not require students to attend synchronous class sessions or to submit assessments.

Instructors may reschedule class sessions and assessments on emergency make-up dates authorized by the Registrar. Any rescheduled sessions should avoid conflicts including, but not limited to, religious observances and other previously scheduled University obligations.

Annually, the Provost provides guidance on academic issues related to cancellations or closures that impact the class schedule.

VOTE: By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate Article II, E. 9 Class Attendance



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Motion to Recommend Changes to the University By-Laws, Article IX

Presented by Senate Executive Committee

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Broad Overview: University By-Laws

University By-Laws, Article IX:

- Presented at the March 31, 2025 Special Meeting
- Several amendments passed during this meeting; highlighted in green on the slides and in your packet
- New amendments to be presented in orange today

A. Membership & Responsibilities

The University Senate shall consist of ex-officio and elected members. The ex officio members shall be the President, the Provost, all Vice Provosts, [the Dean of Students](#), and all Vice Presidents, except the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs.

The Senate shall contain [voting](#) members [elected as described in Section B](#).

[Elected Senators are expected to attend all regular meetings of the University Senate and the Committee to which they have been appointed. Senators shall inform the University Senate Administrator or the Chair of the Committee to which they are assigned in case they are unable to fulfill this requirement.](#)

B. Elections

The election of faculty and other staff members to the Senate shall normally be held between October and March and shall be conducted by secret ballot. A minimum of one week, excluding time when the University is in recess, shall be allowed between the distribution and collection of ballots for Senate elections. [Priority in case of tie votes shall be determined by lot for elections and alternate appointments.](#) Those elected shall take office on July 1 and serve a three-year term. Senators shall be eligible for re-election, except that a member who has completed two consecutive three-year terms shall be ineligible for re-election to serve during the year which immediately follows the period of consecutive service (which may have been extended by virtue of election to the Senate Executive Committee).

All elections shall be in the charge of the Senate Executive Committee and [the returns shall be available for inspection by request. After the election, the number of votes received by those persons who were elected and the number of votes received by nominees who were not elected must be kept on file in the Senate Office.](#) In any Senate election, persons eligible for election who feel unable to serve shall be given an opportunity to withdraw their names from the list of candidates for nomination.

B. Elections

The Senate Executive Committee shall retain on file the number of votes cast for each candidate in each constituency for each annual class whose term has not expired and shall designate the available candidate with the highest vote at the last previous election in the proper constituency as the alternate to replace any senator whose place will be vacant in any semester for the duration of the vacancy. If there is no available candidate that meets these requirements, and the vacancy is a semester or less, the seat may remain vacant until the next regular election cycle. If there is no available candidate that meets these requirements, and the remainder of the vacancy is more than one semester, the Senate Executive Committee will host a special election to fill the seat for the duration of the vacancy.

Student Senate members shall be appointed on an annual basis following procedures determined by their respective student governing bodies. Student Senate member terms begin as soon as appointed, and end on June 30.

B. Elections

The determination of the proper number of senators to be allocated to each constituency will be reviewed annually by the Senate and can be higher or lower depending on the constituency representation calculation for each constituency. If any constituency should constrict over time, all filled seats shall remain until the end of the sitting senator's term and then removed.

Senators chosen from a constituency will be elected by and from among the members of that constituency. Faculty or professional staff members shall not be eligible to stand for election or to vote in the first regular election cycle following their initial appointment to the faculty or staff. The annual schedule for electing members from each constituency shall be determined by the Senate Office in such a way as to provide for the optimum staggering of three-year terms within each constituency and for a reasonable degree of uniformity in the total number of members to be elected each year from all constituencies. To achieve these objectives, when a constituency becomes eligible to elect an additional senator, the initial term may be limited to one or two years in order that succeeding three-year terms may begin in the most appropriate years.

B.1 Elections (Deans Constituency)

The Deans shall constitute a constituency from which they will elect ~~four~~ ~~one~~ members ~~each year~~ for ~~a~~ three-year terms. ~~Of the three~~ ~~four~~ seats designated to this constituency, ~~at least~~ one must be filled by a ~~Campus~~ Dean of one of the Regional Campuses (Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, Waterbury).

B.2 Elections (Faculty Constituencies)

Two electoral processes for faculty membership in the Senate shall be followed, (a) constituency and (b) at-large.

a. Faculty constituency elections

The voting members of the faculty of each of the following units shall, for these purposes, be deemed an electoral constituency: College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, School of Business, Neag School of Education, [College](#) of Engineering, School of Fine Arts, School of Law, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, School of Social Work, and the Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury Regional Campuses. A person who is a voting member of more than one faculty will belong to only one constituency, that of the faculty in which his or her principal appointment is held. The voting members of the faculty of each constituency shall consist of all full-time faculty holding the following titles: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, and Lecturer, [including those designated as Clinical, in-Residence, or Extension](#)

B.2 Elections (Faculty Constituencies)

The number of senators to be elected from each constituency will be one for each **twenty-five** faculty members or major fraction thereof within that constituency, with the proviso that each school, college, or regional campus will have at least one senator. The faculty of a school, college, or regional campus that is thus allocated more than one senator will have the option of establishing non-overlapping sub-constituencies. b. At-large elections

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The faculty electoral constituencies will elect six at-large members.

No school/college shall have more than **one** faculty representative elected at-large.

B.3 Elections (Professional Staff Constituencies)

The Professional staff members shall be elected according to procedures approved by the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs as described below. **There shall be one senator for every 125 eligible staff members or major fraction thereof.** Staff members are ineligible to stand for election or to vote in the first regular election **cycle** following their initial appointment to the staff.

- a. Academic Development (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect **three** senators.
- b. **Student Life & Enrollment** (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect **three** senators.
- c. University Libraries (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect one senator.
- d. Regional campuses, who shall elect four senators; one per campus for Avery Point, Hartford (to include Hartford, Social Work and School of Law), Stamford, Waterbury.
- e. Schools/Colleges (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect one senator.
- f. **University Support Services consisting of eligible professional staff not otherwise represented in the above constituency groups (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect one senator.**
- g. All professional staff shall elect **the remaining professional staff seats to an at-large constituency.**

B.4 Elections (Student Constituencies)

There shall be one senator for every 2500 active undergraduate students or major fraction thereof and one senator for every 2500 active graduate students or major fraction thereof. If a student constituency should constrict over time, all filled seats shall remain until the end of the sitting senator's term and then removed.

a. Undergraduate Students

The Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury campuses shall each be represented by one student senator for every 2500 active undergraduate students or major fraction thereof, with each campus having at least one student senator, appointed according to procedures established by the Associated Student Government of Avery Point, the Undergraduate Student Government of Hartford, the Student Government Association of Stamford, and the Associated Student Government of Waterbury, respectively. The remaining undergraduate student members shall represent the Storrs campus and shall be appointed by the President of the Undergraduate Student Government of Storrs according to procedures established by the Undergraduate Student Government of Storrs. Undergraduate representation shall never go below 9 representatives.

b. Graduate Students

Graduate student members shall be appointed by the President of the Graduate Student Senate according to procedures established by the Graduate Student Senate. Regional Campuses shall be represented by one student senator appointed according to procedures established by the Graduate Student Senate. Graduate representation shall never go below 3 representatives.

VOTE: Amendment to the Amendment (B.4)



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D. Officers

The President of the University shall be Chair of the University Senate. If the President chooses not to preside, the presiding officer shall be the Provost. At a **special** meeting called at the request of at least twenty-five percent of the members, the presiding officer shall be the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee.

The Senate shall elect a Moderator to serve an annual term starting in September. The Moderator must be a faculty or staff Senator and does not participate in Senate votes, unless as a tie-breaker vote. The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Vice Chair or Past Chair, as outlined in Section G.1 shall serve as the moderator pro-tem in the case that the elected Moderator is unable to perform their duties for any individual meeting(s) during their term.

A recording secretary of the Senate, elected by the Senate, **and who is also not a senator**, is responsible for recording and distributing minutes of Senate meetings.

E. Meetings

Meetings of the University Senate shall be held regularly at times to be fixed by the Senate. The dates, times, [and locations](#) of meetings shall be published [by](#) the start of the academic year.

Special meetings of the University Senate may be called by the President or by the [Senate Administrator](#) at the request of at least twenty-five percent of the members. Such requests, with signatures, shall be presented in writing to the [Senate Administrator](#). The call for a special meeting shall be issued at least a week in advance of the meeting and shall state the purpose of the meeting.

On the request of any member of the Senate, if supported by four colleagues, a record vote shall be taken. These record votes shall be made a part of the minutes.

G.1 Committees: Senate Executive Committee

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) shall consist of eight faculty members, two professional staff members, two undergraduate and two graduate student members. The faculty and professional staff members shall be elected by the Senate from among the elected members of the Senate who are not primarily administrators. Department heads and directors are not regarded as primarily administrators. **No school/college shall have more than one faculty representative elected in any class, except the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which may have as many as two representatives in any class; of these, the CLAS elected faculty must be representative of a unique sub constituency. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences may have no more than a total of three members on the SEC at any time and no other school/college may have more than two members at any time. The SEC will include at least one but not more than two faculty whose appointment is primarily based on one of the regional campuses. No faculty or professional staff senator shall be eligible for immediate re-election to the SEC.**

G.1 Committees: Senate Executive Committee

Both the undergraduate and graduate members shall be elected from among and by all student members of their respective Senate delegation in a blanket election, wherein the top vote-getters will serve as the Senate Executive Committee representatives. At least one of the undergraduate student members of the SEC shall be a representative from Storrs and at least one shall be a representative from Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, or Waterbury. The Undergraduate Student Government of Storrs and Graduate Student Senate Presidents or their student Senate member designee will serve as the interim student representatives to the Senate Executive Committee during the summer months until the permanent members are selected.

Elections shall follow the annual election of such members and shall normally take place in April. For faculty and professional staff members, a term of service on the Executive Committee shall begin on July 1 and shall be for three years. The term of membership in the Senate of a faculty or professional staff representative elected to the Executive Committee shall be automatically extended, if necessary, to be co-terminal. For the student members, the term of service shall be one year, renewable to a maximum of three consecutive years. [All terms end on June 30.](#) A vacancy on the SEC shall be filled by [the available candidate with the highest vote at the last previous election in the proper constituency for the duration of the vacancy.](#) If there is no such candidate, an election will be held to fill the vacancy.

G.1 Committees: Senate Executive Committee

Every other year, after the annual SEC election, the Senate shall elect one of the faculty or professional staff members of the SEC to serve a four-year term, consisting of one year as Vice Chair, two years as Chair, and one year as Past Chair of the SEC. The Past Chair shall be a non-voting member of the SEC and does not count against representative limits on the SEC. In the case that the Chair is temporarily unable to serve, the Vice Chair or Past Chair will serve in their stead. In the case that the Chair position becomes vacant, the Vice Chair or Past Chair assumes the role of Chair for the remainder of the academic year. If there is no incumbent Chair or Vice Chair, the Senate shall elect an eligible member of the SEC to serve a two-year term, consisting of one year as Chair and one year as Past Chair.

The SEC is responsible for organizing and coordinating the business of the Senate and of Senate committees. To this end, it shall maintain a clerical staff and an office. It shall electronically distribute an agenda for each Senate meeting to the faculty and professional staff in a timely manner in advance of the meeting. Items of an extraordinary nature may be considered at a Senate meeting which have not been included in the agenda for that meeting. It shall receive the reports of Senate committees before they are forwarded to the Senate. It also shall be available to be consulted as the voice of the Senate, especially in reference to resolutions of the Senate, which are designed to be transmitted ultimately to the Board of Trustees. SEC members shall also constitute the faculty membership of the Trustee- Administration-Faculty-Student Committee (see Section VIII.C.).

By-laws Review Committee Response to McCutcheon Amendment

- Considered amendment for several hours, attempting to address concerns, but decided against it for several reasons
- believe a large SEC is not optimal
- Although sets size of SEC to 16, giving every constituency 1 representative requires 22 to 23 (5/6 Staff, 14 Faculty, 1 Dean, 1 Undergraduate, and 1 Graduate student)
- Reduces representation of students to 1 UG and 1 Grad, regional campus faculty to 1, and staff to 1
- Some constituencies have one senator, automatically placing them on the SEC (School of Social work and Waterbury Campus); other constituencies have only two senators
- We attempted to combine faculty constituencies in various ways, but none worked equitably
- Addressed some of the concerns of the amendment by
 - members from CLAS elected in a single election come from different sub-constituencies
 - maximum number of CLAS members on SEC drops from four to three

G.2 Committees: Committee of Three

The Committee of Three, which functions in faculty dismissal and grievance procedures, is to be constituted as follows: Each fall, after the Senate election for the Faculty Review Board is completed, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the Senate for the election of one person to the Committee of Three for a three-year term by written ballot, a slate of at least three faculty members who are tenured professors (excluding those who have the administrative titles of department head or higher). The slate of nominees must not represent the same department as any member whose term continues into the following year. Members of the Faculty Review Board shall not be eligible for nomination.

In the case of vacancy on the Committee of Three, the Senate shall elect in the same manner from the faculty group in which the vacancy exists, except if the vacancy is for less than one year or is a recusal from a specific case, then it shall be filled by the available candidate with the highest vote in the last previous election in the appropriate class and constituency. Should any member of the Committee of Three have a conflict through departmental affiliation, personal connection, or other conflict of interest, they must recuse themselves from that specific case.

G.3 Committees: Standing/Special Committees of the Senate

The Senate may appoint and define the duties of standing or special committees. The President or the Provost may, with permission from the Senate, appoint ex officio members to standing committees.

Proposed Amendment to Paragraph 1: The President and the Provost may, with permission from the Senate, appoint non-voting ex officio members to standing committees.

Each standing committee shall keep accurate records of its proceedings and shall provide these to the SEC. Reports shall be presented to the University Senate as often as the amount and nature of business warrants, and at least annually.

Special committees shall be considered as discharged, without formal vote, when their final reports have been received by the Senate.

VOTE: Motion to Recommend Changes to the University By-Laws, Article IX



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Motion to Change the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, Article I

Presented by Senate Executive Committee

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A. Quorum

Not less than twenty-five percent of the **voting** members of the University Senate shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Proposed Amendment: **A quorum of twenty-five percent of the voting members is required at any University Senate meeting.**

B. Rules of Procedure and Order of Business of the University Senate (see also Art IX.E., of the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut)

University Senate meetings are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order as modified by the Special Rules of Order and Standing Rules of the University Senate.

All sessions of the University Senate will be open to the public, except that [the Senate may enter into executive session upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the senators present and voting, taken at a public meeting and stating the reasons for such executive session, as provided in Connecticut General Statutes.](#)

2. The order of business at regular meetings of the Senate shall be:

1. Minutes of preceding meeting
2. Report of the President
3. Report of the Senate Executive Committee
4. Reports of Standing Committees
5. Other Reports
- 6. New Business

C. Senate Committees

Elected senators within the faculty and staff constituencies are required to serve on at least one Senate Committee.

C.2 Standing Committees/Special Committees

There shall be standing committees of the Senate, as described in the following subparagraphs. The Senate may establish special committees as described in the By-Laws of the University of Connecticut (see Art. IX.G.3).

Standing or special committee membership should include: at least one member from a Regional Campus, two undergraduate students, and one graduate student.

Eligibility to serve on standing or special committees is not limited to Senate members. The chairpersons and at least half of the membership of each standing or special committee shall be voting senators.

University Planning

- This committee shall review the University Planning processes and consider their potential outcomes, and ~~the committee may provide on behalf of the Senate an evaluation and review of~~ specific issues and activities related to institutional advancement.

Faculty Standards

- This committee shall continuously review University policies and practices relating to tenure, academic freedom, equitable distribution of work, rank and promotion, remuneration, retirement, and other matters affecting the faculty. ~~And shall propose any desirable expression of Senate opinion on these matters, including proposals to the Trustees for modifications in their rules and regulations.~~

Student Welfare

- This committee shall review the conditions that contribute to the academic success, personal development, ~~physical, and mental, and~~ well-being of ~~undergraduate and graduate students, and available forms of financial aid.~~ ~~It may seek the opinion of the Senate on such matters and make recommendations.~~

Scholastic Standards

- This committee shall review ~~prepare legislation within the jurisdiction of the~~ ~~Senate concerning~~ those scholastic matters affecting the University as a whole, and not assigned to the Curricula and Courses Committee, including, but not limited to, academic programs, the marking system, and scholarship standards. ~~, and the like.~~

Curricula and Courses

- ~~(all old) This committee shall prepare legislation within the jurisdiction of the Senate on course requirements for general education of all undergraduate schools and colleges, UNIV, 1000 and 2000 levels, and other courses as designated in these by-laws.~~
- (all new - resolution) This committee shall review and make recommendations to the Senate regarding all courses proposed for the Common Curriculum, UNIV, 1000, and 2000 levels, and other courses as designated in these by-laws. It shall review curricular issues within the jurisdiction of the Senate.
- (all new – amendment): This committee shall review and make recommendations to the Senate regarding all courses proposed for the Common Curriculum, ~~all UNIV, INTD,~~ **courses approved outside of the schools/colleges,** all 1000- and 2000- level courses, and other courses as designated in these by-laws. It shall review curricular issues within the jurisdiction of the Senate.

Standing Committees:

Enrollment

- This committee shall review all matters relating to the recruitment, admission, enrollment, and retention of ~~an~~ outstanding and diverse undergraduate and graduate student populations

University Budget

- (no change) This committee shall review the planning, and allocation of the University operating, capital, and other budgets, the process of making budgetary and financial decisions and the determination of priorities among academic and other programs having financial implications.

~~Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)~~ Diversity,
Equity, Inclusion, Justice and Accessibility (DEIJA)

- This committee shall review University policies, practices, and conditions relevant to supporting and promoting justice, equity, diversity, **accessibility**, and inclusion among students, faculty, and staff.

C.3 Nominating Committee

a. **The Senate elects six members to form a Senate Nominating Committee**. The Committee will include at least one but not more than two professional staff members. **Faculty members of the Committee will not exceed two representatives from any School or College**. Each spring, after all other Senate elections for faculty and staff are completed, the Executive Committee will distribute to Senate members a first ballot for the Nominating Committee with the names of the Senators newly elected for three-year terms, and the instructions that Senators may vote for four names. A second ballot with the names of the four senators receiving the highest number of votes will then be distributed to Senate members, with the instruction that Senators may vote for two names. The two Senators receiving the highest numbers of votes cast will be members of the Nominating Committee for three years, starting their terms when their Senate terms begin July 1. Vacancies will be filled by the available candidate with the highest vote at the last previous election in the appropriate class and constituency. **Nominating Committee members shall elect a chair on an annual basis from its active members.**

C.3 Nominating Committee

- b. Each October the Nominating Committee shall submit to the Senate by written ballot a slate of four full professors without administrative office for election of two to the Faculty Review Board for a three-year term. Members of the Committee of Three shall not be nominated.
- c. Each year the Nominating Committee shall submit to the faculty and to the professional staff slates composed of at least two nominees for each At-large seat to be filled in the Senate. Candidates may also be nominated by petition; if a petition signed by five members of the faculty or the professional staff in support of a candidate is submitted within the time specified in the election instructions, that candidate's name shall be included on the election ballot.

C.3 Nominating Committee

d. The Senate Nominating Committee shall recommend appointments of all newly elected members of the Senate and all continuing members of the faculty and professional staff to a Senate Committee. In the spring semester, these members will be given an opportunity to indicate their interest in serving on a specific committee, and the preferences shall be turned over to the Senate Nominating Committee. The committee shall submit to the April meeting of the Senate its recommendations as to the chairpersons and members of the standing committees for the ensuing year (the number of nominees for each committee constituting a recommendation as to the number of members of that committee) and such nominations shall be included in the minutes of the Senate. Committee Co-Chairs shall be allowed. 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.

C.3 Nominating Committee

If any standing committee chairperson shall become vacant, the Senate Nominating Committee shall present a nomination to the Senate to fill the vacancy. The same procedure shall be followed to designate an acting chairperson when it is known that the chairperson of a committee will be absent from the University for a period of time.

If it judges that the remaining number of members is insufficient to perform the work of the committee, the Nominating committee shall present its recommendations to the Senate. Appointees may serve in an interim capacity until such time as the Senate may vote on the recommendations.

The Nominating Committee, with the approval of the Senate Executive Committee, may appoint the members and chairs of special committees and report such appointments to the Senate in a timely fashion.

C.4 Standing Committee Elections

The Senate, annually at its final regular meeting of the academic year, shall vote on the standing committee membership slate presented by the Nominating Committee for the following academic year. Voting senators may also make nominations for committee members and chairs from the floor. If there are any nominations from the floor for chairs, a formal ~~count~~ vote shall take place.

The newly elected committees and their chairpersons shall take office on July 1 following their election.

Proposed Amendment: The Senate shall vote on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee at the last regular meeting of each academic year. At this meeting, nominations for committee members and chairs may also be made from the floor by voting senators. A formal vote is required if nominations for chairs are made from the floor. Elected committees and chairpersons take office from July 1 following this election through June 30 the next year.

D. Removal from Senate Service

Any member of the University Senate may be removed for good cause. Good cause includes, but is not limited to:

1. Non-participation in Senate or committee activities, including repeated absences.
2. Actions that undermine the effectiveness or integrity of the Senate or its committees.
3. Any conduct detrimental to the fulfillment of the Senate's responsibilities, **including, but not limited to, violations of the University's [Employee Code of Conduct](#) or the [Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code](#)**

a. Initiation of Removal: Removal proceedings may be initiated by: a recommendation from the Senate Executive Committee or a recommendation from a Senate Committee or a petition signed by at least 25% of the voting members of the constituency represented by the Senator of concern. Recommendations must be sent in writing to the Nominating Committee.

D. Removal from Senate Service

b. Investigation: The Nominating Committee shall notify the member in question in writing of the initiation of the removal process, the reasons for possible removal, and how to submit a response.

The member shall be allowed to present their response and address the potential removal before the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall decide **by two-thirds majority vote of all committee members** whether to recommend removal, and will inform the member of this decision, including its rationale.

c. Decision: In the case of a recommendation for removal, the member will be given the opportunity to accept the recommendation and the removal process is complete.

If the Nominating Committee recommends removal, and the member does not accept the recommendation, the member may appeal to the University Senate at its next regular meeting. In such cases, the Nominating Committee will inform the Senate in a written report of its decision and rationale. The member shall be allowed to present their response and address the potential removal before the University Senate. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting shall be required to approve the removal of the member.

E. Changes in By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations

The By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate may be changed at any meeting of the Senate by majority vote of those present and voting, provided that due warning of the proposed changes has been given in a previous meeting. If due warning has not been given, a two-thirds vote of those present and voting shall be required. **These same rules apply to Senate votes to recommend changes to the University By-Laws, Article IX.** Changes may be considered in special meetings of the University Senate under emergency circumstances. Changes approved in special meetings shall be temporary, applying only through the current academic year or the upcoming academic year if approved in a summer special meeting.

VOTE: Motion to Change the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate, Article I



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Next University Senate Meeting:

May 5, 2025

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