

# UConn Senate Student Welfare Committee

February 26, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | MS Teams

**Charge:** This committee shall review the conditions that contribute to the academic success, personal development, and well-being of undergraduate and graduate students.

## Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes: minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
  - [01.29.26 SWC Minutes.docx](#)
3. Guest Speakers:
  - Jenn Longa, Assistant Dean of Students for Victim Support Services & Bystander Initiative
  - Hannah Halloran, Coordinator for Student Support Services & Bystander Initiatives
  - Sarah Chipman, Director of Civil Rights Compliance

Sarah Chipman started the presentation with a summary of the role of OICR and their role in Title IX compliance. They highlighted where and how OICR shares Title IX data and walked through employee reporting responsibilities and the steps to making a report. Jenn Longa reviewed the resources and supportive measures offered by the Dean of Students Office to students involved in Title IX cases, but complainants and respondents. The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued, particularly on data reports, how UConn compares to other schools, and how to best support students when making a mandatory report. It was also asked about the decision to change faculty/staff ADA compliance management from HR to OICR.

4. Old Business
  - Center for Students with Disabilities Follow-Up and Response to Learning Accommodations Taskforce Report at Senate Meeting 2/2/26
    1. [Learning Accommodations Taskforce Report](#)
  - Regional Concerns
5. New Business
  - New topics and Suggested Guests

## Attending:

- **\*Leo Lachut, ISS, Co-Chair, Academic Achievement Center**

- **\*Jennifer Tibbetts, Co-Chair, One Stop Student Services**
- \*Valarie Artigas, Nursing (*absent*)
- \*Alexis Boylan, SFA
- \*Arthur Galinat, International Student & Scholar Services
- \*Erica Granoff, Student Services (Stamford Campus)
- \*Amy McKeon, CAHNR Professional Staff
- \*Sarira Motaref, Engineering
- \*Nathanael Okpych, Social Work (Hartford)
- \*Tracy Rittenhouse, CAHNR
- \*Fiona Vernal, CLAS, History
- Jibreel Akbar, Undergraduate Student (*absent*)
- Bryanna Anderson, Center for Students with Disabilities
- Cynthia Costanzo, Interim Vice President for Student Life (Ex-Officio Member) (*absent*)
- Abhishek Dubey, Graduate Student Senate (*absent*)
- Kimberly Duby, Dean of Students Office
- Serena Lee, Undergraduate Student
- Tina McCarthy, SHaW
- Suzanne Peters, Financial Aid (*absent*)
- Megan Petsa, The Graduate School
- Peter Tribuzio, Student Services, Waterbury Campus

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### Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Exams outside of class time
- Scooter and bike safety concerns on sidewalks (Sue Peters)
- Discussion of potential changes to financial aid as a result of the passing of the “Big Beautiful Bill” (Sue Peters)
- Impacts of ICE activities on student communities (Erica Granoff)
- Impacts of budget cuts and increased enrollment on student experience
- One Stop Initiatives (Jen)
- Kim Beardsley-Carr present on bias concerns to the committee