

UConn Senate Enrollment Committee

August 29, 2024, MS Teams

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Overview – Charge of committee
3. New Student Enrollment Preliminary Report – Nathan Fuerst
 - a. *Full report will be presented at the Sept 9 Senate Meeting*
 - b. [UConn Welcomes Record-Setting New Class at Storrs, Regional Campuses - UConn Today](#)
 - c. [Hartford Courant Article](#)

Nathan Fuerst shared his screen and presented a series of slides on the preliminary student enrollment update for the 2024-2025 Academic Year. He added that the full and most up-to-date presentation will be shared at the Senate meeting on Monday, September 9th. He reported that the diversity of the incoming class has been reduced, likely as a result of the Supreme Court decision, and that the overall number of students in the incoming class has grown. He also added that the ongoing analysis of test optional admissions shows that less than half of the entering students submitted test scores. The first cohort brought in on test optional was Fall 2021. For Regional Campuses, Stamford and Hartford had the largest growth in enrollment and the regional campuses have a higher rate of ethnic and racial minority students. He highlighted that 57% of the incoming class at the regional campuses are Federal Pell Grant recipients and there is an overall increase in Pell Grant recipients across the board. Nathan Fuerst also reviewed housing trends, and shared that there is a continued interest from students to be housed on campus. This year, 15,000 housing applications were received, and ultimately 13,897 are being housed on campus (all campuses) and 136 students are still on the waitlist. Total new students is at 7,466. Questions were asked during the presentation.

4. Early Decision Updates– Mona Lucas

Mona Lucas presented on this topic and shared that the Fall 2025 entering class will be the first class being offered Early Decision. Early Decision is a binding commitment, so students should be prepared if they are offered their first choice campus and first choice major, they should pay their enrollment fee by the deadline of January 15, 2025 for this upcoming year. Students who should not apply Early Decision are those who may not be able to attend, if admitted, whether or not they receive financial aid. They should wait until the regular application date, so that they know their financial aid offer and can make a financially sound decision. Any student who is not accepted during the Early Decision process will be included in the regular decision process. There is no target number for this new program, but there is a strategy committee that will determine this figure before moving forward with actually admitting students under the new program. Students have already started to apply. Mansour Ndiaye asked what happens to

students who are denied Early Decision and would almost certainly be denied during regular admissions, what UConn plans to do. Nathan Fuerst confirmed that this is a work in progress and something to consider Jamie Caruso asked if other schools are utilizing similar programs and Nathan Fuerst confirmed that Virginia, Vermont, Michigan are all public schools that have Early Decision and many private schools utilize similar programs.

5. 2024-2025 Enrollment Committee Planning
 - a. Retention of enrolled First Gen students and marginalized student populations; both finances and funds of knowledge (i.e. college experiences) impacts their retention (Douglas Kaufman)
 - b. Engage with schools/colleges across the institution to discuss the steps they are taking to stay ahead of increasing enrollment (Mansour Ndiaye)
 - i. Potential bottlenecking of upper-level courses due to increased enrollment YoY (Carl Rivers)
 - c. Concerns on retention related to lack of mandatory attendance policy (Jamie Caruso)
6. Other

Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Test optional update
- BPIR dashboard review
- FAFSA Delays - [The rollout for the updated FAFSA application has been delayed again : NPR](#)

Attending:

- Jamie Caruso (Chair)
- Nathan Fuerst
- Douglas Kaufman
- Mona Lucas
- Jen Morenus
- Mansour Ndiaye
- Carl Rivers
- Xiaojing Wang