

# Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

Minutes 2/18/2025

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## A. **Approval of Minutes:** February 4, 2025

## B. Announcements

- a. [Review of "Dear Colleague" letter](#)

## C. Old Business

- a. Senate By-Laws related to Readmission (Article II, B, 12) to update the language as the university is no longer looking at criminal history (but does look at conduct/discipline). The wording needs to be updated to reflect this policy ([Conduct History Review Committee Policy](#)): Maureen Armstrong brought this to our attention
  - i. [Draft Resolution](#)
- b. AI Discussion: Jamie Kleinman introduced the topic and discussion ensued, centering around recent structural changes within Community Standards and how they do not reflect the requirements of the resolution that was passed by the Senate regarding Academic Integrity. Concerns were also raised regarding having a role sit within Student Life & Enrollment with expulsion capabilities for students, rather than within an academic unit, as well as the ability of only one person shouldering the amount of work required. Discussion also ensued regarding the need for

additional policy and guidance around the use of AI in the classroom. Jamie Kleinman thanked everyone for their input and suggested that this committee draft a letter summarizing the committee's concerns to be shared with the Provost's Office.

## D. New Business

- a. [Class cancelation by-law language proposal](#) (Draft Resolution)
  - i. Karen Bresciano welcomed Robin Bogner and Sarah Croucher to summarize the draft by-law change proposal. Discussion ensued and direct edits were made to the draft. Jamie Kleinman will share this proposal with the SEC to determine whether this will be presented at the March Senate meeting or not.
  - ii. Senate By-Laws E.9.Class Attendance (page 32)

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.

### ***Academic operations:***

- **NEW for 2024-25:** If the University has announced a delay or cancellation of classes, the delay or cancellation pertains only to in-person classes. In the case of online or hybrid modality classes, instructors may choose whether to hold the class as scheduled or cancel. In cases where instructors choose to hold the class, the following conditions must be met:
  - The class is provided in an online format.
  - The class is recorded in a manner that allows students to view it later.
  - Students are given at least 72 hours (starting from when classes are once again held) to view the missed class before any materials from that class are used again in the course.

- Students are not penalized for not being present synchronously.
  
  - If the University has not announced a delay or cancellation of classes, faculty are expected to hold their classes as scheduled in the modality originally advertised.
  - In circumstances when a faculty member determines that they cannot travel safely to campus, the faculty member must notify all students in the class in a timely manner along with their dean and department head.
  - Faculty must not preemptively cancel class before the University decides and announces whether UConn's normal schedule will be changed.
  - Students should contact their professors as soon as possible if they must miss a class or other activity due to weather conditions.
  - Faculty should respect the decisions of commuting students who decide not to travel to campus or to leave class early to get home safely, and should provide options for them to make up missed work.
- E. Discussion about attendance practices: Jamie Kleinman invited Jennifer Terni to the floor to summarize concerns on this topic. Discussion ensued and many concerns were raised regarding student attendance and participation.

### Tabled until Future Meeting:

- a. Bunched Finals Discussion
- b. Lab Transfer Credit (hybrid labs)