

# UConn Senate Enrollment Committee

## February 27, 2025, MS Teams

### Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
  - [Minutes of February 6, 2025](#) :Minutes approved unanimously
2. Updates from Student Life & Enrollment; Recent Events, Enrollment Trends, Housing
  - Nathan Fuerst summarized the recent challenges being presented by the changing landscape due to executive orders coming out of Washington, D.C. particularly surrounding financial aid, and potential impacts on admissions. Mona Lucas shared that as of now, there are no impacts on federal student aid and that loans and grants have continued to move forward for students as normal. Mona Lucas added that there is now a funding shortfall for federal Pell Grants (there are more qualifying students than funding), and we do not yet know the impacts. Vern Granger shared that in terms of enrollment, as of now there have been no impact and applications are up for next year as of now, adding that there also have been no changes made to admission review processes. Nathan Fuerst shared that their office has received several concerns regarding the safety and security of undocumented students. Nathan Fuerst added that Title IX rules that were in place during the Biden administration have been rolled back, so that protections for members of the LGBTQIA+ community have changed; his office is working with the General Counsel's office on that. Nathan Fuerst also added that his office is closely monitoring access to reproductive healthcare for students. Jamie Caruso thanked Nathan, Vern and Mona for their report and the floor was opened to questions. Concerns were raised regarding impacts on student attendance. Additional concerns were raised regarding the safety of students, as well as how our community can rely on state laws to protect our community.
  - Nathan Fuerst summarized plans for student housing next year, citing that there are approximately 800 continuing students on the waitlist for housing next year. Nathan Fuerst added that as it stands, campus change students are being prioritized for housing, as it is a guarantee, and those numbers are not yet finalized. Additionally, housing is guaranteed for first year students and is a requirement in Storrs. In terms of supply, Nathan Fuerst added that in Downtown Storrs, a majority of the Oaks will be reserved for UConn students. Nathan Fuerst added that there is a housing master plan for how we are improving the housing stock that exists, and that there are plans to continue increasing housing. Nathan Fuerst added that we anticipate a full incoming class, even though admissions decisions have not yet been sent to prospective students. In terms of

the regional campuses, a dormitory will be opened in Hartford in the Fall of 2026, and there are plans to expand options in Stamford, Waterbury, and Avery Point.

- Vern Granger shared that admissions decisions will be issued to students tomorrow at 5 p.m. and that students will be able to view their admissions decision and financial aid package. Early Decision applicants will also receive notification that their financial aid package is now available to view. Nathan Fuerst added that there may be concerns regarding international student admissions due to the ongoing instability at the federal level, particularly for students coming from China.
- Nathan Fuerst added that a topic to discuss at a future meeting will be the test optional pilot, which is coming to an end soon.

### 3. Review & Feedback from [Enrollment Workshop](#)

- Jamie Caruso asked the committee for their feedback on the Enrollment Workshop, and encouraged members to send their feedback via email as well if there is not time to address it during this meeting.

### 4. Other

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

## Attending:

- **\*Jamie Caruso, Chair, Academic Affairs (Waterbury Campus)**
- \*Miranda Davis, CLAS (*absent*)
- \*Karima Hamada, Undergraduate Student (*absent*)
- \*Douglas Kaufman, Neag School of Education
- \*Carl Rivers, Registrar's Office (*absent*)
- \*Nat Trumbull, CLAS (Avery Point)
- \*Xiaojing Wang, CLAS
- Nathan Fuerst, Student Life & Enrollment (Ex-Officio)
- Vern Granger, Office of Admissions
- Mona Lucas, Enrollment Planning and Management
- Jennifer Morenus, Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Mansour Ndiaye, CLAS Academic Services (*absent*)
- Josh Schulman, Undergraduate Student

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## Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Test optional update
- Increased Enrollment – increase course offerings/staffing, student access to classes/resources
- Honors at Regional Campuses
- BPIR Dashboard Review