

UConn Senate Faculty Standards Committee

October 6, 2025, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | MS Teams

Agenda:

1. Welcome new committee members (Students): Tasso welcomed the new student members to the committee.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - [Minutes of September 8, 2025 Meeting](#): minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote
2. Old Business:
 - [Undergraduate TAs \(CAHNR Presentation from SP 25\)](#) (Kristen Govoni): Kristen gave an update on programming in CAHNR that utilizes undergraduate students in their support structure. She highlighted that these students are only selected to assist if they have taken the course before, meet during class time, work closely with the instructor or graduate assistant(s) running that course fill an appropriate need (i.e. not grading). These students earn credit for participating. Pathobiology is a program that is utilizing these hands-on experiences currently. Nutritional Science is considering a similar program. NRE is planning to launch a paid program model as opposed to for-credit, possibly next year. Tasso Tzingounis thanked Kristen for their information and opened the floor to questions. Concerns were raised regarding the potential for these students to access the grade book or to be categorized in a way that could have a negative impact on Graduate Assistant positions. A need for guidelines and training was highlighted by the committee.
 - Determination of APIR Workload (Elizabeth Jockusch): Elizabeth Jockusch shared concerns regarding the inconsistencies of how the APIR workload is determined, as well as how service is calculated for APIRs. Gladis Kersaint shared that per the collective bargaining agreement, workloads are determined at the department level based on their workload policy that is developed and approved at the department level. Workload is then assigned by the Department Head. Discussion ensued and committee members raised concerns regarding how the workload structure is determined between the Dean and Department Head in accordance with this policy as well as how it differs from policies that govern the workload for tenure track faculty.
3. New Business
 - Provost's Office Updates (Gladis Kersaint): Vice Provost Kersaint gave an update that 2025 is the first year of what is being called nationally, the "enrollment cliff." This means that more universities will be competing for fewer students over time and is an important consideration for university strategy. Vice Provost Kersaint also added that recent federal actions in the reporting and tracking of "gainful employment" of students is a developing issue. They added that there has been

greater scrutiny on programmatic offerings in the legislature and the media. Gladis Kersaint also gave an update on mid-semester grade reports, sharing that reminders went out to faculty and compliance is not yet 100% with this Senate by-law. Vice Provost Kersaint also added that there are currently no blanket deferrals for faculty in the PTR process as a result of recent federal actions, but situations are being taken on a case-by-case basis. More guidance will be forthcoming from the Provost's Office.

- [Publishing CLOs in the Course Catalog](#): Tasso Tzingounis shared that this topic was brought by the SEC to this committee for their opinion and opened the floor to discussion. Vice Provost Kersaint shared that they have received concerns from faculty who teach controversial topics about this change. Committee members raised concerns regarding faculty autonomy and the loss of accurate course information if CLOs are generalized during the process (particularly as it relates to how regional campus faculty members may teach the course vs the same course in Storrs). Vice Provost Kersaint added that how instructors get to the Learning Objectives is up to each individual instructor, but that it is important for students to be able to identify course outcomes in advance and be able to achieve them throughout the course of the semester. Discussion also ensued regarding any implications on NECHE accreditation.
- SET Comment Visibility Preferences in FAR (Interfolio): Tasso Tzingounis introduced this topic, sharing that there is a capability for SETs to be uploaded to Interfolio FAR to help streamline materials for the PTR process. However, this will allow department heads to be able to view SET comments which were previously only accessible by the faculty themselves. The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued. The consensus was that it is better to keep this as an option for faculty members (to upload on their own if they would like to) and not an automatic opt-in.

Members & Attendance:

- ***Anastasios Tzingounis, Chair, CLAS**
- *Andrew Bush, CLAS
- *Scott Campbell, CLAS
- *Joseph Crivello, CLAS
- *Kimberly Cuevas, CLAS (Waterbury)
- *Kelly Dennis, SFA (*absent*)
- *Kelly Herd, School of Business
- *Elizabeth Jockusch, CLAS
- *Priya Shah, CLAS (Hartford)
- Gladis Kersaint, Office of the Provost (Ex-Officio)
- Lilla Korniss, Undergraduate Student
- John Richardson, Fine Arts
- Martina Rosenberg, CETL, Faculty Development
- Abdullah All Shakil, Graduate Student

- Tanya Sinha, Undergraduate Student

*Senate Members, Academic Year 2025- 2026

Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Dave Ouimette joining 11/6 meeting (“undergraduate mentors”)
- [Undergraduate TAs](#), Daniel Burkey joining 12/1 meeting