

# UConn Senate Enrollment Committee

October 16, 2025, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | MS Teams

## Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions (new undergraduate student members): committee chairs welcomed new committee members and introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes: minutes were approved as written with one abstention.
  - [Minutes of September 28, 2025 Meeting](#)
2. Enrollment Update (Vern Granger): Vern Granger gave an update on how the university is approaching the issue of declining high school graduation rates, sharing the strategies being employed by the enrollment team to encourage application growth despite these trends. Vern Granger highlighted several strategies employed by the enrollment team such as targeted marketing, in-person events, the importance of campus visits and importance of investments in the student experience – high-touch and high-leverage tactics to try to mitigate the effects of this decline. He added that the pool of applicants each year has seen an increase in out-of-state students, highlighting that regional campuses rely more heavily on in-state applicants. The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued.
3. Regional Campus Strategic Planning (Amy Gorin): Vice Provost Gorin gave an update on the strategic planning process for the regional campuses, sharing a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the major points: (1) how this plan interacts with the greater university strategic plan and the timeline with the Board of Trustees for both (2) campus enrollment trends showing increasing numbers in Stamford and Hartford, and reductions in enrollments at Waterbury and Avery Point (3) defining the role of Regional Campuses as playing a vitally important role to the University's mission by identifying their strengths. The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued on enrollment drivers on each campus and how the university is supporting them and promoting enrollment growth.
4. UConn Medical School/AP Credit: Michael Finiguerra introduced this topic, summarizing that AP courses in some disciplines such as physics and chemistry are not accepted by the UConn Medical School, and so students either have to re-take these same classes during their undergraduate course at UConn in order to earn those pre-requisites, or take a higher level course. The question was raised whether UConn was an outlier in this policy and the potential impacts on advising, enrollment and the educational experience of students. Points were made such that AP and ECE credit make students a more valuable applicant even if they may not necessarily advance that person's degree; any STEM program has an emphasis on enrolling in program-specific entry-level courses. The question was raised whether there is any empirical data showing that students who are able to use AP credits in their programs either perform better or worse than students who are required to retake

these courses. The importance of students connecting with their advisors to ensure they are aware of these requirements was emphasized. More research/information to come and discussion to continue at a future meeting.

## Members & Attendance:

- **\*Jamie Caruso, Co-Chair, Academic Affairs (Waterbury Campus)**
- **\*Michael Finiguerra, Co-Chair, CLAS (Avery Point)**
- \*Thomas Bontly, CLAS
- \*Miranda Davis, CLAS (*absent*)
- \*Douglas Kaufman, Neag School of Education
- \*Mike Ormsby, One Stop Student Services
- \*Alison Paul, SFA (*on sabbatical during Fall 2025*)
- \*Carl Rivers, Registrar's Office
- \*Haritha Subramanian, Undergraduate Student
- \*Xiaojing Wang, CLAS (*absent*)
- Medha Arora, Graduate Student
- Nathan Fuerst, Student Life & Enrollment (Ex-Officio) (*absent*)
- Vern Granger, Office of Admissions
- Nina Lemash, Undergraduate Student
- Mona Lucas, Student Life & Enrollment (*absent*)
- Jennifer Morenus, Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Mansour Ndiaye, CLAS Academic Services

\*Senators during 2025-2026 Academic Year

## Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Honors at Regional Campuses
- Class sizes/classroom management (as enrollment increases)
- Academic Programs under review/possible expansion
- FYE Update presented by David Ouimette & Leo Lachut (12/18)