

UConn Senate Enrollment Committee

January 22, 2026, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | MS Teams

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: minutes approved unanimously
 - [Minutes of December 11, 2025 Meeting](#)
2. Enrollment Updates from Student Life & Enrollment
 - Vern Granger shared that the Storrs application deadline of January 15th has passed and overall applications are down compared to last year, but it is still the second largest number of applications in our history. Decisions will be released at 5 p.m. the Friday before March 1st; these decisions will include financial aid award details. He added that the Regional Campus application deadline is not until May 1st. The transfer application for all campuses is April 1st.
3. [Financial Aid Updated](#) (Suzanne Peters)
 - Suzanne Peters presented several updates regarding how financial aid is being impacted by federal changes implemented by the passing of the One Beautiful Bill (going effect July 2026). The Office of Financial Aid anticipates receiving official guidance from the federal government in late Spring. Highlights of these changes:
 1. Pell Grants: starting July 1, a student will no longer be eligible in excess of their cost of attendance. It used to be that students could retain their Pell grant in addition to other student aid (grants, etc). The Office of Financial Aid has looked into how many students might be impacted by this change and student athletes are particularly affected and Athletics has been informed.
 2. Parent PLUS Loans: they will be capped at \$20,000 (currently capped at the total cost of attendance – financial aid). On average, in-state student parents borrowed less than this, but out of state students use larger on average Parent Plus Loans. There is also now an aggregate lifetime cap of \$65,000 which means they will not be allowed to borrow \$20,000 each year for all 4 years. There is a legacy provision that will protect currently enrolled students who have a Parent Plus Loan for up to 3 academic years or until credential is completed.
 3. Graduate PLUS Loans: starting July 1, 2026 this program will be eliminated. There is a legacy provision here that those who borrowed a federal direct loan prior to July 1, 2026 that they can borrow for up to 3 academic years or until credential is completed. Looking at the data, medical and law students will be impacted the most by this change (highest population utilizing Graduate PLUS loans).
 4. Borrowing Limits for Federal Loans: undergraduate requirements for sub/unsub loans have not changed. However, for graduate programs, now

only programs deemed as “professional” are eligible. Many programs are excluded from this designation. Lifetime limits for all levels (PLUS excluded) is now \$257,500. Historically, if a student repaid their loan, it would open additional eligibility for them; that is no longer the case.

5. Loan Reduction Proration: this provision applies to the subsidized and unsubsidized loans, all students, and means that if a student is not enrolled full-time, then they cannot receive their full annual loan limit. This has to be reviewed on a semester-by-semester basis, and grades are accounted for in this calculation (i.e. any W grading in the fall course may mean they are not considered full-time).
 6. Institutional Accountability: new earnings measure for continued Direct Loan eligibility by program – if a program is not producing students who earn enough money to justify the cost of their education 2 out of 3 years post-graduation will go on “notice” and a warning disclosure to students will be required. This is of particular concern and there is no guidance available at this time.
 - Overall, there is likely to be a decrease in accessibility of aid for students and significant challenges in trying to adhere to these new rules without clear or timely guidance.
4. Upcoming Events Reminder (invites already sent):
 - Enrollment Workshop: January 29 hosted by Student Life & Enrollment
 - Enrollment Committee invited to join the Senate University Planning Committee meeting on 2/2 at 11 a.m. to hear from the Classroom Committee

Members & Attendance:

- ***Jamie Caruso, Co-Chair, Academic Affairs (Waterbury Campus)**
- ***Michael Finiguerra, Co-Chair, CLAS (Avery Point)**
- *Thomas Bontly, CLAS
- *Miranda Davis, CLAS
- *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 (*absent*)
- *Xiaojing Wang, CLAS (*absent*)
- Nathan Fuerst, Student Life & Enrollment (Ex-Officio) (*absent*)
- Vern Granger, Office of Admissions
- Nina Lemash, Undergraduate Student (*absent*)
- Mona Lucas, Student Life & Enrollment
- Jennifer Morenus, Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Mansour Ndiaye, CLAS Academic Services

*Senators during 2025-2026 Academic Year

Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Honors at Regional Campuses
- Academic Programs under review/possible expansion