

# UConn Senate Multi-Campus Committee

February 2, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | MS Teams

## Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions: all committee members went around the virtual room and introduced themselves.
2. Review of [Committee Charge](#): committee co-chairs shared the charge with the group, summarizing the purpose and uniqueness of this committee and asked committee members for feedback and questions.
3. Brainstorm of Potential Topics/Presenters (long-term and short-term): The committee brainstormed ideas of topics for this committee to discuss, highlighted below.
  - Campus Change (multiple mentions)
  - BTI – better understand how regional campuses are financially considered and supported as part of the budget transition initiative (BTI) (Oskar Harmon)
  - Liza Boritz would like to present the findings of their needs assessment for regional and campus change students to the committee
  - Resources for students at regional campuses vs Storrs (Beth Ginsberg)
  - Access to faculty resources/professional development for regional campus-based employees (Beth Ginsberg)
  - Supporting students, faculty and staff at regionals and SEM (Mark Overmyer-Velazquez)
  - Increased access to academic programs and resources for regional campus students, i.e. McNair program (Kimberly Cuevas)
  - Communicate inequity of focus or resource allocation for various regional campuses (Penny Vlahos)
  - Emphasize the uniqueness and specific value of each regional campus to the UConn community and state interests/strategic goals (Penny Vlahos); highlight the positives and strengths of regional campuses and their students (Mark Overmyer-Velazquez)
4. Collaborative Agenda Items for/from Other Senate Committees:
  - BTI and SEM both came up earlier in discussion – our Senate Budget Committee has been working closely with the BTI committees, so it may be helpful to have someone from the Senate Budget Committee to discuss these issues here (Jennifer Dineen)
  - Liza Boritz shared that she is now the project manager for the SEM and is happy to present updates on this to the committee.
5. Long- and Short-Term Priorities
  - Immediate – Campus change, SEM, and BTI
  - Future – Facilities/Planning, Foundation support

**Commented [DJ1]:** I'm not debating the disparity or the fact that it was presented this way. Edits are an effort to frame the items as something to seek out or work towards instead of something to rectify or rehash.

**Commented [CK2]:** I would like to clarify that my primary point concerned the *disproportionate impact of university-wide policies on regional campuses*, particularly policies such as minimum class size enrollment requirements. These policies may have unintended structural consequences for regional campuses that differ significantly from their impact at Storrs. I also expressed support for increasing access to academic programs and resources (e.g., McNair), but my central concern was ensuring that institutional policies are evaluated for their differential effects across campuses.

**Commented [DJ3]:** Celebrate, promote, communicate?

**Commented [OM4R3]:** @Dineen, Jennifer I think communicate the inequities. But, I think/hope the group can decide how we do that, perhaps in multiple ways. Budget focused (\$/student), strengths-focused (all these great things we're doing with limited resources) or suggested improvements from Liza's data.

#### 6. Next Steps/To-Dos

- Ask Amy Gorin to present on the Regional Campus Strategic Initiatives at the March meeting
- Liza Boritz to present to the committee at the April committee meeting (Needs Assessment)
  1. Reach out to Michael Finiguerera for insight on this (Campus Change)
  2. Dean of Students Office will also have helpful information about Campus Change; same for Honors and Enrichment Svcs
- Presentation for BTI?

#### Members & Attendance:

- **\*Jennifer Dineen, Co-Chair, Public Policy, CLAS (Hartford)**
- **\*Michael Ormsby, Co-Chair, One Stop Student Services**
- \*John Cooley, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, CLAS (Hartford)
- \*Kimberly Cuevas, Psychological Sciences, CLAS (Waterbury)
- \*Beth Ginsberg, Political Science, CLAS (Stamford)
- \*Lori Gresham, Psychological Sciences, CLAS, Stamford
- \*Oskar Harmon, Economics, (Stamford)
- \*Morty Ortega, NRE, CAHNR
- \*Penny Vlahos, Marine Sciences, CLAS (Avery Point)
- Liza Boritz, Director of Planning, Assessment and Evaluation, Student Life & Enrollment
- Zachary Boudah, Graduate Student (*absent*)
- Amy Gorin, Senior Vice Provost (*ex-officio*) (*absent*)
- Mark Overmyer-Velazquez, Campus Dean, Hartford
- Peter Tribuzio, Director, Student Services (Waterbury)
- *Undergraduate student representation TBD*

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#### Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Fany Hannon to Present Updates from the Dean of Students Office

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