

UConn Senate Faculty Standards Committee

March 2, 2026, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | MS Teams

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: minutes approved unanimously by voice vote
 - [Minutes of February 2, 2026 Meeting](#)
2. Old Business:
 - [Undergraduate TA's Report DRAFT Review](#): Tasso shared feedback received after sharing the draft with other Senate Committee Chairs and opened the floor for discussion and a vote. The draft report was approved unanimously by voice vote and will be sent to the SEC for their review and recommendations of next steps.
3. New Business
 - Provost's Office Updates (Amy Gorin)
 1. Regional Campus Priorities presentation at the Board of Trustees on February 25
 2. PTR Update: some requests for extensions have been received due to the current federal funding landscape; Amy Gorin gave an update on the guidance for faculty facing challenges due to federal funding issues – they do not have the means to grant extensions at this time.
 - Faculty Mentoring (Manuela Wagner, CLAS, Laurel White, CLAS Dean's Office): Manuela Wagner shared a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the CLAS Faculty Mentoring program. The full details of this program can also be found on the [CLAS website](#).
 1. Individualized Mentoring: Manuela Wagner added that this program was previously offered on an ad hoc basis, and when it was formalized in the Fall of 2025, there were 35 faculty members interested and 14 of those have been matched (the office continues to work with non-matched faculty). Feedback from the matched faculty thus far has been positive.
 2. Group Mentoring: previously, there were 3 mentorship groups (2 faculty mentors with 8-15 faculty mentees) and this program will be updated based on faculty feedback to try a different model more focused on career stages and specific development topics. There are currently 18 faculty mentees participating.
 3. Manuela Wagner shared that they will also be starting a department head mentoring program, though it has not yet been fully developed.

The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued, particularly on whether any other similar programs exist outside of CLAS (unclear).

- Tasso asked the committee if there was any new business for upcoming meetings; no topics were suggested.
- Academic Accommodations (Christine Wenzel, CSD): Tasso introduced Christine Wenzel and welcomed her to the floor to discuss the increase of academic accommodations and how the increasing number of cases is impacting faculty workload, and more importantly how to mitigate this. Christine Wenzel shared some data – CSD is currently working with 7,000 students (graduate and undergraduate) and their DSP caseloads are currently 700 – 800 students, which is well above the national average. Discussion ensued on how the expansion of availability of services has also increased the number of students registering (i.e. once a school/college gets a DSP, caseloads tend to jump, using School of Medicine as an example). Christine also shared that CSD proctored almost 10,000 exams last academic year and that they are working to improve the system through which CSD coordinates with faculty members to track and administer the proctoring these exams. Discussion ensued on how faculty and CSD can best work together to manage accommodations and it was asked whether CSD will have increased capacity in the future or not. Christine Wenzel shared that they are always advocating for more DSPs so that their caseloads can be smaller and they can give students better support. Christine also shared the link to the [Accommodations Handbook for Instructors](#) and shared they will continue developing resources.

Members & Attendance:

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

*Senate Members, Academic Year 2025- 2026

Potential Upcoming Topics:

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