

UConn Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

March 23, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | MS Teams

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes

- [Minutes of March 2, 2026 Meeting](#)

2. Old Business:

- Attendance Policy Next Steps: Jennifer Terni shared the SEC response to the attendance policy recommendations shared with them as a result of this committee's discussions. The floor was opened to discussion and committee members shared questions, concerns and discussed next steps. Discussion focused on ensuring any changes to this policy (if proposed) include sufficient guidance. The committee discussed the idea of hosting a summit to collaborate and hear broad perspectives on this issue. Committee Co-Chairs will discuss timing and logistics for this and will follow up with the committee on next steps.
 1. [SEC letter](#)
- Online/Hybrid Laboratory Science Classes (Larry Walsh): Larry Walsh reintroduced the topic, summarizing that we currently have a policy where we do not accept transfer credits for lab science courses that are offered either online or hybrid. Scholastic Standards previously drafted language to change this and sent it to the lab science faculty in the fall for their review; a response was never received from those faculty member, and so the Transfer Office will be implementing the change to the Transfer Policy as originally drafted/approved by Scholastic Standards (below):

Fully online lab science courses are only transferable for generic credit.
Hybrid lab science courses that include synchronous in-person examinations and laboratory components would follow the traditional credit evaluation processes.

The transfer credit language was approved unanimously by voice vote. Larry Walsh will update the Transfer Policy accordingly.

3. New Business

- Accreditation and Transfer Credits (Sarah Croucher & Larry Walsh): Sarah Croucher shared that federal regulations changed several years ago so that now those traditional accreditors that were previously bound by geography are now able to accredit any institution in the country (i.e. NECHE). We can no longer have restrictions on accepting credit on the basis of institutions being "regionally accredited" and need to update the policy language in order to be compliant with these new rules (effective summer 2026). If we change this policy, what will still remain is that we look at any course that does not have an existing articulation at

UConn on a course-by-course basis. Larry Walsh can share the annual transfer report which shows additional data on these course-by-course considerations. Sarah Croucher also shared that there may be a need for certain disciplines to discuss ways to adjust to other more subtle changes, such as general content discrepancies for discipline-specific courses that may be different state-to-state. Discussion ensued on how we can ensure students transfer to UConn with the appropriate requirements and knowledge. Sarah Croucher and Larry Walsh will present a draft policy change at the next meeting.

- Scheduling Update: Brian Rockwood shared that the Registrar's Office is working to change the schedule so that there will be a Monday-Wednesday block (excluding Friday), similar to the Tuesday/Thursday schedule to help maximize scheduling.
- Jennifer Lease Butts shared that they will have a proposed by-law change to include Scholars Day recognition to the academic awards that students can receive in the Senate By-Laws, likely around the Dean's List section.
- Jennifer Terni shared that AI policy will be a topic of discussion at the next meeting.

Members & Attendance:

- ***Lindsay Cummings, Co-Chair, SFA**
- ***Jennifer Terni, Co-Chair, CLAS**
- *Dorothea Anagnostopoulos, Neag School of Education (*absent*)
- *Karen Bresciano, The Graduate School
- *Erin Ciarimboli, Office of Undergraduate Advising (*absent*)
- *David Embrick, CLAS (Hartford) (*absent*)
- *Holly Fitch, CLAS, Psychological Sciences
- *Elaine Choung-Hee Lee, CAHNR
- *Carrie Fernandes, Office of Student Financial Aid Services
- Maureen Armstrong, Dean of Students Office
- Smith Bernard, Undergraduate Student (*absent*)
- Sarah Croucher, Provost's Office, Academic Affairs
- Jennifer Lease Butts, Honors and Enrichment Program (Ex-Officio)
- Isabella Norato, Undergraduate Student
- Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office
- Lauren Schlesselman, CETL, Academic Program Assessment
- Nadia Upah, Graduate Student (*absent*)
- Lawrence Walsh, Office of Admissions
- Christine Wenzel, Center for Students with Disabilities

*Members are Senators, Academic Year 2025-2026

Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Final exams (Dan Schwartz)
- Incomplete/Temporary Grades Policy: Do we want to revisit the topic (again)? Should another Senate committee be involved? (Erin and Maureen)
- [Course Learning Objectives](#) (awaiting SEC)

- CLAS class/GA policy