

UConn Senate Enrollment Committee

March 26, 2026, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | MS Teams

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - [Minutes of January 22, 2026 Meeting](#)
 - [Minutes of February 19, 2026 Meeting](#)
2. Enrollment Updates from Student Life & Enrollment (Vern Granger): Nathan Fuerst shared a general update on the structure of the Student Life & Enrollment team focusing on the ways in which the unit reorganization will help support strategic initiatives. Vern Granger gave an enrollment update sharing that 51,000 total decisions were issued at the end of February and that we are currently on target for the 7300 total new student enrollment goal for the fall. Vern Granger also shared details on upcoming [UConn Bound](#) days. The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued. Questions were raised regarding housing availability for the fall and Vern Granger shared that first year students on campuses with residences will be guaranteed housing and suggested that someone from Residence Life present at an upcoming meeting of this committee to share more.
3. Co-Op Program (Beth Settje & Olivia Maffucci, Career Readiness & Life Skills): Beth Settje shared a presentation summarizing the Experiential Learning at UConn and specifically the Co-Op Program and how it benefits students both while they are at UConn and beyond. They clarified that Co-Op programs are available for both undergraduate and graduate students, but their office supports undergraduate students specifically. They shared that Co-Ops are different in that they occur over the course of an entire semester, are paid, full-time and students are placed in a career-oriented role; at UConn, Co-Ops are not for credit and do grant full-time equivalent status. Only students who have a 2.0 GPA or higher may enroll and can take up to three total Co-Ops (two consecutive allowed). All financial aid questions should be referred to the OneStop Office. They also reviewed the benefits of these programs, potential barriers to participation and how students can tackle some of these challenges in order to be able to take advantage of the opportunities that Co-Op Programs offer. The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued.

Members & Attendance:

- ***Jamie Caruso, Co-Chair, Academic Affairs (Waterbury Campus)**
- ***Michael Finiguerra, Co-Chair, CLAS (Avery Point)**
- *Thomas Bontly, CLAS (*absent*)
- *Miranda Davis, CLAS (*absent*)
- *Douglas Kaufman, Neag School of Education (*absent*)

- *Mike Ormsby, One Stop Student Services
- *Alison Paul, SFA
- *Carl Rivers, Registrar's Office
- *Haritha Subramanian, Undergraduate Student
- *Xiaojing Wang, CLAS
- Nathan Fuerst, Student Life & Enrollment (Ex-Officio)
- Vern Granger, Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- Nina Lemash, Undergraduate Student (*absent*)
- Jennifer Morenus, Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Mansour Ndiaye, CLAS Academic Services

*Senators during 2025-2026 Academic Year

Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Academic Programs under review/possible expansion