

UConn Senate DEIJA Committee

March 30, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | MS Teams

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: minutes approved unanimously by voice vote
 - [Minutes of February 2, 2026 Meeting](#)
2. Religious Accommodations Policy, Amy Gorin: discussion tabled to a future meeting
3. Campus Facilities & Accessibility, Andy Kelly: Andy Kelly shared that as a part of contract negotiations with the unions, there will be a change for accessibility parking going into next year. Moving forward, all ADA spots and special reserve spaces will be “accessible to anybody with a paid permit and a handicapped placard. The number of available spaces will remain the same. Accessible van services are also available, with seven vehicles running concurrently when classes are in session (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) Andy Kelly shared that they will be working with OICR on granting accommodations to both employees and students for physical accessibility on campus. Micah Heumann thanked Andy Kelly for the update and opened the floor to questions. Discussion ensued with a focus on policy on various accessibility issues, accessibility for guests, and ADA spaces for parking associated with the new student housing in Stamford.

Attending:

- **Micah Heumann, Co-Chair, EP/Honors**
- ***Marie Coppola, Co-Chair, CLAS**
- *Mary Ann Amalaradjou, CAHNR
- *Martha Cutter, CLAS, English
- *Beth Ginsberg, CLAS (Stamford Campus)
- *Eleanor Ouimet, CLAS
- *Karen Skudlarek, ITS
- *Eduardo Urios-Aparisi, CLAS
- *Timothy Vadas, College of Engineering
- *Yaowu Yuan, CLAS
- *Cindy Zhang, CLAS
- Kimberly Curry, The Graduate School
- Vanessa Heigel, Graduate Student
- Greg Bouquot, Registrar’s Office
- Jeffrey Hines, OICR (ex-officio member) (*absent*)
- Angelo Montes Diaz, Undergraduate Student
- Jose Narcisse, Undergraduate Student (*absent*)
- Audrey Silva, Center for Students with Disabilities (*absent*)

*Members are Senators, AY 2025-2026

Potential Upcoming Topics:

- Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing access at athletic events (specifically basketball at Gampel); Audrey, perhaps you could comment on this before we add it to the April agenda: discussion ensued on accessibility within Gampel Pavilion and will be discussed in further detail at the April meeting.
- Beth Ginsberg raised additional concerns about finals being offered on Saturdays. Gregory Bouquot shared that the registrar's office will accommodate any needs to reschedule exams from a Saturday following the religious accommodations policy. Discussion ensued and the committee chairs will do additional follow-up to determine next steps on how to address these concerns.