

# UConn Senate Faculty Standards Committee

April 6, 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 March 2, 2026](#)
2. Old Business:
  - Undergraduate TA's Report Next Steps (Update from SEC)
  - SET Subcommittee Update (Martina Rosenberg)
    1. [Senate Guidelines](#)
    2. [The SET Survey](#)
    3. [SET Interpretation Guideline](#)
    4. [SET Subcommittee Report DRAFT](#)

Martina Rosenberg summarized the findings of the SET Subcommittee stating that the findings are primarily focused on course modality and compatibility with existing SET questions. In general, the SET subcommittee report highlights ways in which the SET instrument as currently written is not modality-neutral. There are several questions that do not apply to online/hybrid classes, and particularly asynchronous classes. Anastios Tzingounis thanked Martina Rosenberg for their report and asked the committee for questions and feedback on the draft report. Committee members were asked to review the draft report one last time so it can be approved by vote at the next meeting and shared with the SEC.

- UTA Report:
3. New Business
    - Provost's Office Updates (Amy Gorin):
      1. PTR/PR Forums scheduled for next week, encouraging faculty to attend. Amy Gorin also stated that it would be helpful to encourage departments/disciplines to try to have clearer written expectations and by-laws about what is required for promotion to help support all faculty to better understand these processes.
      2. CAHNR Dean search is in the final phase and there should be a formal update to share soon.
      3. A question was asked regarding upcoming Segal Town Halls/Q&A sessions.
    - Graduate TA – Faculty Mentors (Leslie Shor): Anastasios Tzingounis welcomed Leslie Shor to the meeting, inviting her to present on current mentoring programs offered by The Graduate School as well as goals for additional development going forward. Leslie Shor shared that any faculty member who wants to be appointed to the graduate faculty must complete an 8-hour faculty mentoring program and that this

program has been expanded to be offered when there is an incident or complaint of bullying made against a faculty member that they must also complete this training as a remedial tool. In future, it would be the goal to make this training available to all faculty. Leslie Shor added that there was an increase in mental health issues during and immediately following the pandemic that affected graduate students in particular and so there is a need to give them as much support as possible so they can experience positive outcomes and degree completion at UConn. Leslie Shor also shared a beta version of a new platform that has tabs on program demand, funding, student experience and student outcomes using SERU data. Anastasios Tzingounis thanked Leslie Shor for their information and the floor was opened to questions.

- University Benefits to Emeritus Faculty (including continued email access and software resources) (Barrett Wells): Barry Wells shared that they have [some concerns](#) about the policies currently governing the support of Emeritus faculty, sharing some concerns they have received first hand from Emeritus faculty (1) lack of clarity on resources available to Emeritus faculty and how they can be accessed (2) timing gap between retirement date and date that the Board of Trustees votes to approve Emeritus faculty leading to faculty losing their email account/OneDrive records for periods of time that are not recoverable when the account is reactivated (3) lack of access to university software licenses (4) Emeritus faculty who are PIs on grants are not allowed access to Pro card of Travel card (5) concerns regarding lack of access to free parking, though Emeritus faculty may purchase a parking pass. Barry Wells concluded that in general we should embrace and respect our Emeritus faculty recognizing their history and contributions to the institution and ensure they have a smooth transition. Discussion ensued and resources such as the [Emeritus Status page](#) on the Provost's Office website were shared. Amy Gorin shared that the Emeritus Committee is run by the Provost's Office and shared a document related to [Retired Faculty support/engagement](#). Elizabeth Jockusch shared that they recall the Faculty Standards Committee doing some work and making recommendations on this point several years ago (perhaps in 2021). Anastasios Tzingounis will follow-up with the Provost's Office regarding this issue to determine the next most appropriate steps in response to these concerns.
- Testing Centers/Supporting CSD Accommodations (Joseph Crivello): Joseph Crivello shared a statement highlighting concerns on the increase of incidents of student cheating on exams (particularly those proctored online) and an increase in student academic accommodations putting pressure on both CSD and faculty members. As a solution to these problems, Joseph Crivello proposed that the Provost's Office should investigate establishing a testing center on campus. The floor was opened to questions and discussion ensued on how this might work, particularly for those students based on regional campuses, and many members spoke in favor of this solution as a way to support both faculty and students. Joseph Crivello will return to this committee with a more detailed proposal at an upcoming meeting.
- Annual Report: Anastasios Tzingounis shared that they will draft the annual report for this committee that will be shared with the Senate at the May meeting and make

sure committee members are given an opportunity to review before it is finalized and presented.

- Upcoming Reports: Anastasios Tzingounis encouraged committee members to share any topics that they would like this committee to address either before the end of this academic year or going into next year.

## 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
- \*Elizabeth Jockusch, CLAS
- \*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
- Abdullah All Shakil, Graduate Student (*absent*)
- Tanya Sinha, Undergraduate Student (*absent*)

\*Senate Members, Academic Year 2025- 2026

## Potential Upcoming Topics:

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