

Annual Report to the University Senate

Academic Year 2026-2027

Senate Multi-Campus Committee

Committee Charge: This committee shall facilitate a multiple-campus perspective in University Senate decision-making and shared governance of the University. This committee will identify and review areas of attention or concern in the distribution of university resources provided to UConn students, staff, and faculty across all campuses.

2026/2027 Senate Multi-Campus Committee Members:

- ***Jennifer Dineen, Co-Chair, Public Policy, CLAS (Hartford)**
- ***Michael Ormsby, Co-Chair, One Stop Student Services**
- *John Cooley, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, CLAS (Hartford)
- *Kimberly Cuevas, Psychological Sciences, CLAS (Waterbury)
- *Beth Ginsberg, Political Science, CLAS (Stamford)
- *Lori Gresham, Psychological Sciences, CLAS, Stamford
- *Oskar Harmon, Economics, (Stamford)
- *Morty Ortega, NRE, CAHNR
- *Rosalind Tavarez, Undergraduate Student (Waterbury)
- *Penny Vlahos, Marine Sciences, CLAS (Avery Point)
- Liza Boritz, Director of Planning, Assessment and Evaluation, Student Life & Enrollment
- Zachary Boudah, Graduate Student
- Amy Gorin, Senior Vice Provost (ex-officio)
- Mark Overmyer-Velazquez, Campus Dean, Hartford
- Peter Tribuzio, Director, Student Services (Waterbury)

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Summary:

The Multi-Campus Committee held its inaugural meeting in February 2026. We began by collecting ideas and topics for the group to explore in relation to our Charge. Topics primarily centered around three themes: (1) strategic planning and institutional support, (2) equity in and access to resources, and (3) awareness/advocacy of campus identity.

Given these themes, we decided information gathering would be the focus of our spring 2026 semester meetings. Senior Vice Provost Amy Gorin presented on Regional Campus Plans and Priorities, a presentation previously shared with the Board of Trustees. The presentation included current and future plans for each campus, a sense of identity for each campus, and their individual points of pride. Guest Fany Dejesus Hannon (Dean of Students) shared information about current

and future support for Campus Change students during our April meeting. The presentation included data on Campus Change students.

The committee identified priority topics for the fall 2026 semester. Meeting with members of the Senate Budget Committee to better understand the University budget and the Budget Transformation Initiative (BTI) is a top priority. Given Dr. Gorin's presentation on the priorities for regional campuses, the outstanding question is whether there will be funding for those priorities. The committee will also invite Tadarrayl Starke, Vice Provost for Student Success (as recommended by Amy Gorin) to learn more about regional campus student services.

These pieces, combined with campus change information and the regional priorities and plans, will give us a fuller picture of the distribution of resources across all campuses and inform the committee's Spring 2027 agenda.

Specific Topics Addressed:

Topic 1 Areas of interest for the Multi-Campus Committee to explore

Topic 2 Regional Campus Plans and Priorities

Topic 3 Campus Change data and support for Campus Change students

Topic 4 (Fall 2026) Senate Budget Committee and BTI

Topic 5 Student Services/Student Success support at regional campuses

Goals:

1. Gather information on regional campuses to understand student experience and needs across campuses (Regional Campus Plans/Priorities presentation, Campus Change information, Student Services across campuses)
2. Identify potential gaps or areas of improvement (Budget, further conversation once information is collected)
3. Provide recommendations/suggestions to the Senate and Administration based on our findings and conclusions.