

# University of Connecticut

## University Senate

### Summary of Actions, 2025-2026

#### July 2025:

- Special Meeting called by a petition of Senators to discuss a series of budget concerns raised in response to announcements the University had made about how the Administration plans to respond to recent fiscal challenges regarding state support of the University, particularly concerning IDC and tier 4 accounts.
- Motion that called for university leadership to reconsider their fiscal plan with respect to 4 ledger fund balances and instead engage with the senate, which was included in the meeting materials was amended and approved unanimously as amended by voice vote.

#### September 2025:

- Election of University Senate Secretary; Election of University Senate Moderator.
- Enrollment Report presented by Vice President Nathan Fuerst.

#### October 2025:

- The SEC presented a motion regarding the previously passed ABR Course Requirement; a motion was made to amend the presented motion to instead pause the implementation of the By-Law until the beginning of the Fall 2026 semester subject to the formation of an implementation and study committee. A vote to approve this amended motion was postponed to the November meeting.
- Budget Update presented by Interim Vice President for Finance Reka Wrynn.

#### November 2025:

- The amended ABR motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Members of the SEC and Co-Chair on the Multi-Campus Ad Hoc Committee presented a resolution to establish a Standing Multi-Campus Committee. The

amendment to the by-laws was passed by electronic vote, 71 YEA, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTAIN.

- A CourseLeaf update presented by Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Sarah Croucher, and Marc Hatfield, Assistant Registrar.
- A new business motion to change the March 2, 2026 Senate meeting to March 9, 2026 in order to accommodate the Jewish Holidays of Taanit Esther and Purim was presented by Senator Ginsberg and passed unanimously by voice vote.

## December 2025:

- Senate Elections Update for AY 2026-2027 presented by Nominating Committee Chair Tom Bontly.
- Regional Campus Strategic Initiatives Update presented by Vice Provost for Health Sciences and Interdisciplinary Initiatives, Amy Gorin.
- Resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.E.13. Academic Notice) presented by Senate Scholastic Standards Co-Chairs Lindsay Cummings and Jennifer Terni. The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.F.1. Part-Time Dean's List) presented by Senate Scholastic Standards Co-Chairs Lindsay Cummings and Jennifer Terni.
- Resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.A.1. Admissions; Minimum Requirements) presented by Senate Scholastic Standards Co-Chairs Lindsay Cummings and Jennifer Terni.
- CCC Omnibus By-Law Change proposal presented by CCC+ Chair Jamie Kleinman
- A New Business Motion was presented by Senator Bush to establish an ad hoc taskforce on the effects of budget cuts on academic units. The motion was tabled to the February 2026 Senate meeting by electronic vote, 30 YEA; 21 NAY, 1 ABSTAIN.

## February 2026:

- Learning Accommodations Taskforce Report presented by Vice Provost for Student Success Tarrayl Starke.
- An amended version of the previously presented resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.F.1. Part-Time Dean's List) presented by Senate Scholastic Standards Co-Chairs Lindsay Cummings and Jennifer Terni. A vote on the resolution was postponed to the March meeting unanimously by voice vote.

- Resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.A.1. Admissions; Minimum Requirements) presented by Senate Scholastic Standards Co-Chairs Lindsay Cummings and Jennifer Terni at the December meeting passed unanimously by voice vote.
- CCC Omnibus By-Law Change proposal presented by CCC+ Chair Jamie Kleinman at the December meeting passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Taskforce on the Effects of Budget Cuts on Academic Units, which had been raised by Senator Bush at the December meeting, was reintroduced by and amended. The amended motion was further amended and passed as amended unanimously by voice vote.
- A New Business Motion was introduced by Senator Morrell to change the originally passed ABR Implementation & Study Committee charge to extend the deadline for when their report is due to the SEC from February 12, 2026 to April 23, 2026. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### March 2026:

- An amended version of the previously presented resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.F.1. Part-Time Dean's List) presented by Senate Scholastic Standards Co-Chairs Lindsay Cummings and Jennifer Terni. The amended resolution was further amended and passed as amended unanimously by voice vote.
- Resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.E.1. Classification of Students) presented by Senate Scholastic Standards Co-Chairs Lindsay Cummings and Jennifer Terni. The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Resolution to amend the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University Senate (Article II.C.2.b; IDML) presented by CCC+ Chair Jamie Kleinman. The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.
- UConn Foundation Report presented by Vice President for Development, Schools and Programs Giving, Rachel Marshall.
- Graduate School Update presented by Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School Leslie Shor.

### April 2026:

- Senate Standing Committee Rosters for the 2026-2027 Academic Year presented by Nominating Committee Chair Tom Bontly.

- Budget Committee analysis of non-grant revenues and expenditures from Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2025 presented by Budget Committee Co-Chairs Laurent Michel and Michael Morrell.
- Academic Affairs Update presented by Interim Provost Pamir Alpay.
- HR Updates presented by Interim Vice President for HR Renee Boggis and Scott Nostaja, Senior Vice President with Segal Consulting.

## May 2026:

- Follow-up discussion on the data received as a result of the new business motion proposed by Senator Bush and passed, as amended, at the February 2026 Senate meeting moderated by SEC Chair Bob Day.
- Senate Standing Committee Annual Reports presented by Senate Standing Committee Chairs.
- Budget Update presented by Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Reka Wrynn.
- Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan Update presented by Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, Chief of Staff to the President Phil Hunt and Director of Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation Liza Boritz.