1. The regular meeting of the University Senate November 8, 2010 was called to order by Moderator Spiggle at 4:05 PM.

2. Approval of the Minutes

   Moderator Spiggle presented the minutes from the regular meeting of October 11, 2010 for review.

   **The minutes were approved as written.**

3. Report of the Provost

   A report was presented by Provost Peter Nichols in lieu of the President’s report. He reported that the search for the Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate education is continuing on schedule. There will be three candidates visiting campus in the near future and the campus community will be informed of these visits. Each visit will include an opportunity for public engagement and the members of the Senate are encouraged to participate.

   He next addressed cyber-security issues and progress towards the modification of our procedures and protocols to mask social security numbers. He pointed out that the number of persons who will have access to social security numbers has been reduced from 800 to fewer than 100 and stated that those persons will receive special security training and their computers will be encrypted.

   The Provost announced that the agenda for the November 12th Board of Trustees meeting includes consideration of a contract from McKinsey and Company. If approved the consultants will come to campus for several months to assess procurement, athletics, and various other support programs. There is a large steering committee representing a variety of constituencies who will guide the work of the consultants. Nancy Bull will serve as a special liaison between the University and the consulting firm.

   Provost Nicholls ended his report by praising the remodeling of Jorgensen Auditorium and encouraged all to visit the newly renovated facility.

4. Senator Clausen presented the Report of the Senate Executive Committee

   (Attachment #12)

5. Moderator Spiggle presented the Consent Agenda

   **The Senate voted to approve the Consent Agenda reports as presented.**
6. Senator Clausen presented Proposed By-law Changes on Annual Reports on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee.

The proposed changes allow for the annual reports of standing committees to be provided online and act to move the reports of those committees to coincide with the last Senate meeting of the academic year.

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Senator Chambers spoke in favor of the changes stating that it would be much easier on the chairs of the standing committees.

Senator Freake moved to amend the motion by adding the word “faculty” to I.C.1.

Its eight faculty members constitute the faculty membership on the Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Committee.

The amendment carried.

Moderator Spiggle presented the amended motion to modify I.C. of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate.

The amended motion carried.


(Attachment #16)

Motion:
The Scholastic Standards Committee proposes that the By-laws language quoted in strike through below be deleted and replaced with the language that follows:
By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate. Section II. E. 12. Semester Examinations and Final Assessments

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All final undergraduate examinations shall be administered at the times scheduled by the University during exam week, and at no other times.

Add: It is required that all undergraduate courses provide a clear form of final assessment of student work at the end of the semester, the assessment being consonant with and sufficient for the learning goals of the course. Such assessment may include but is not limited to proctored in-class examinations, projects in project based courses, portfolios in writing intensive courses, and take-home finals, for example.

In all undergraduate courses the final assessments must be due at the times scheduled by the university during the week set aside for final assessments, and at no other times, so as not to compromise instructional time at the end of the semester. In the case of in-class and other proctored final examinations, these examinations must be given in the places and at the times scheduled by the university. For all in-class final examinations and for all final assessments that are assigned during the last week of classes, the university’s bunched final examination policy will apply.

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A student whose failure to submit at the designated time the work required for final assessment or whose absence from the final examination is not excused in this way shall
receive a failure for the assessment or examination. A student whose absence is excused by the Dean of Students Office of Student Services and Advocacy shall have the opportunity to submit the final assessment or take the final examination without penalty.

Note: The last sentence on the bunched final examination policy reads as follows: “In all cases concerning the rescheduling of bunched exam, the student must present to the instructor a note of permission granted by the Office of the Dean of Students Office of Student Services and Advocacy, whose prerogative it is to determine which of the bunched examinations may be rescheduled.”

Senator Mannheim expressed concern that faculty may or may not inform students on the course syllabus of the form of the course final assessment.

Senator Mannheim moved to add the sentence “In the syllabus presented to the students at the beginning of the semester the specific form of final assessment is to be specified.” to the end of the first paragraph.

The motion to amend was defeated.

Moderator Spiggle presented the original motion to modify Section II. E. 12. Semester Examinations and Final Assessments of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate.

The motion carried.

8. Senator Segerson presented the Report of the Faculty Standards Committee (Attachments #17 & 18)

Motion

(1) as part of an effort to improve and assess teaching performance, the University Senate adopt the proposed new Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) form (attached), along with the following reporting guidelines:

(a) for student information questions, the frequency distribution of responses would be reported;

(b) for individual evaluation questions with at least five responses, the frequency distribution of responses and the median response (based on converting the response categories to a 5-point scale) would be reported; and

(c) for the questions relating to overall evaluation of the instructor and course with at least five responses, the frequency distribution of responses, the median response (based on converting the response categories to a 5-point scale), and, based on the frequency

3  For any question with fewer than five responses (excluding N/A), only the frequency distributions would be reported.

4  As with the individual evaluation questions, for any overall evaluation question with fewer than five responses, only the frequency distributions would be reported.
distributions, the following cumulative statistics would be reported:

i. percent of students who rated the instructor/course as “Good” or better,

ii. percent of students who rated the instructor/course as “Very Good” or better,

iii. percent of students who rated the instructor/course as “Excellent”.

(d) in addition to the above results for individual courses, for the two questions relating to overall evaluation of the instructor and course, aggregate frequency distributions (in percentage terms) and resulting cumulative statistics described in (c) and medians would be reported for courses at the same level by department and school/college, and for the entire university.

and

(2) the University Senate ask the Provost to make resources available to the Office of Institutional Research to implement use of the new SET form as soon as possible.

Several Senators asked for clarifications concerning several points which were provided by Senator Segerson.

Senator Mannheim moved to replace the categories in question 23 with a numerical rating scale in place of the verbal descriptions presently included.

The motion to amend the form was defeated.

Senator Pratto moved to replace “handouts and/or readings” with “other course materials” in question 21 of the proposed form.

The motion to amend carried with 33 for, 21 against, and 2 abstentions.

Senator Moiseff moved to refer the motion back to the Faculty Standards Committee for reconsideration, particularly concerning the wording of Questions 15 and 23 to better align them with the other scales provided.

The motion to refer back to the committee was defeated.

Moderator Spiggle presented the motion as amended by the Pratto motion to the Senate.

The amended motion carried with great applause.

9. Moderator Spiggle inquired if there was any new business.

10. Senator Mannheim moved that the Scholastic Standards Committee look into the possibility that every class be 75 minutes in length.

The motion carried on a vote of 26 for, 16 against, and 4 abstentions.
11. There was a motion to adjourn

The motion to adjourn was approved by a standing vote of the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Miller
Professor of Music
Secretary of the University Senate

The following members and alternates were absent from the November 8, 2010 meeting:

Accorsi, Michael  Dunne, Gerald  O’Neill, Rachel
Armando, Kayla  Franklin, Brinley  Ogbar, Jeffrey
Austin, Philip  Gilbertson, David  Paul, Jeremy
Biechele, Travis  Gray, Richard  Ratcliff, Kathryn
Bouchard, Norma  Hiskes, Anne  Roe, Shirley
Boyer, Mark  Hussein, Mohamed  Saddlemire, John
Bradford, Michael  Jain, Faquir  Skoog, Annelie
Bramble, Pamela  Knecht, David  Sorrentino, Katherina
Breen, Margaret  Laurencin, Cato  Strausbaugh, Linda
Brown, Scott  Letendre, Joan  Thorpe, Judith
Carrah, Jr., Michael  Madaus, Joseph  Tuchman, Gaye
Collins, Grace  McCoy, Patricia  Volin, John
Croteau, Maureen  Munroe, Donna  Zinn, Steven
Report of the Senate Executive Committee
to the University Senate
November 8, 2010

The Senate Executive Committee has met three times since the October 11th meeting of the University Senate.

On October 22nd the Senate Executive Committee met privately with Provost Nicholls.

On October 29th the SEC met with the Chairs of the Standing Committees to plan for the agenda of this meeting and to coordinate the activities between the committees. Most items discussed were those on the agenda today. In addition, the Scholastic Standards Committee continues to review the Honors regulations.

On November 5th the Senate Executive Committee met privately with President Austin. Afterwards, the SEC met with President Austin, Provost Nicholls, and Vice Presidents Barry Feldman, Suman Singha, Lee Melvin and John Saddlemire. At the invitation of Barry Feldman, David Gilbertson, Chief Information Officer, attended the meeting. He provided a summary of the IT challenges including the perception of UITS, the help desk, the number of technicians available, hours of operation, security issues, training, online course experiences, an advisory committee, with an overreaching challenge of developing appropriate priorities.

VP Lee Melvin reported that there is a 26% increase in applications for next year, perhaps partly due to UConn using the common app. Freshman retention is at 93%.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Clausen
Chair, Senate Executive Committee
November 8, 2010
Nominating Committee Report

to the University Senate

November 8, 2010

1. We move to appoint Francoise Dussart to the General Education Oversight Committee with the term ending June 30, 2012.

2. We move to appoint the following faculty and staff members to the named committee effective immediately with the term ending June 30, 2011.

   Amy Anderson to the Growth & Development Committee as a representative from the Faculty Standards Committee
   Stefan Wawzyniecki, Jr. to the Growth & Development Committee

3. We move the following undergraduate student additions to the named committees effective immediately with the term ending June 30, 2011:

   Connor Bergen to the Student Welfare Committee
   Brien Buckman to the University Senate Committee
   Grace Collins to the Scholastic Standards Committee
   Rebecca D’Angelo to the Enrollment Committee
   Jordan Hegel to the University Budget Committee
   Wonchi Ju to the Diversity Committee
   D. Clive Richards to the Student Welfare Committee
   Katlin Tyrol to the Diversity Committee

4. We move the following graduate student additions to the named committees effective immediately with the term ending June 30, 2011:

   Nicholas Koenig to the General Education Oversight Committee
   William Waite to the University Budget Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Cantino, Chair
Andrea Hubbard
Thomas Bontly
Debra Kendall
Karla Fox
Andrew Moiseff
University Senate Curricula and Courses Committee
Report to the Senate
November 8, 2010

I. The Curricula and Courses Committee recommends approval to ADD the following 1000 or 2000 level courses:

ENVE 1000 Environmental Sustainability
Second semester. Three credits.
Detailed examination of anthropogenic impacts on the environment, resulting from the need for energy, food and shelter. Subtopics in the broad areas of energy, food, shelter, waste, water, sustainable development will be grounded with case studies of UCONN activities/programs in sustainability. Overarching and linking each topic is the impact of population and water resources with a focus on environmental literacy. Resolution of scientific/technological, public policy and economic aspects of environmental sustainability issues will be explored, including strategies for success, and possible pitfalls, in achieving environmental sustainability in the subtopic areas. CA2.

TURF 2200 Athletic Field Management
First semester, even-numbered years. Three Credits. Three class periods. Henderson
Management strategies associated with heavily used athletic fields. Sport specific focus on mowing, fertilization, irrigation, core cultivation, overseeding, and pest control. Areas of emphasis will include: playing surface renovation, optimizing wear tolerance, maximizing turfgrass recovery, traffic management, and game day preparations.

II. The Curricula and Courses Committee recommends approval to ADD the following course with S/U grading:

INTD 3991 Interdisciplinary Internship Field Experience
Variable (1-6) credits. Supervised field experience. Hours by arrangement, 42 hours of field experience per semester per credit. Prerequisite: Instructor consent required. Repeatable to a maximum of 12 credits. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory).

III. The Curricula and Courses Committee recommends approval to REVISE the following 1000 or 2000 level course:

Current Title and Catalog Copy:
2245. Profession of Dietetics (245) First semester. One credit. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory). Brownbill Overview of the profession of dietetics, including clinical, community, and food service management. Portfolio development will be introduced. Not open for credit to students who have passed NUSC 4295 when entitled Profession of Dietetics.
Revised Title and Catalog Copy

**2245. Profession of Dietetics** (245) First semester. One credit. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory). Open only to NUSC Didactic Program students and others with consent. Brownbill Overview of the profession of dietetics, including clinical, community, and food service management. Portfolio development and dietetic internship application process and preparation.

(Restriction of course to relevant students)

**IV. The Curricula and Courses Committee recommends approval to REVISE the following course to be open to sophomores:**

Current Title and Catalog Copy:
**ANSC 3194, Seminar,** Second semester. One credit. One 2-hour discussion period. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher. Govoni A discussion of current employment opportunities in animal agriculture. In addition, students will prepare resumes and present oral talks.

Revised Title and Catalog Copy:
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**V. The Curricula and Courses Committee recommends approval to offer the following Special Topics sections in Spring 2011 with S/U grading:**

- **INTD 1998 Variable Topics Seminar**
  Section Title: The Holster First Year Project

- **INTD 3985 Special Topics**
  Section Title: Career Planning – Stamford Campus

**VI. The GEOC and Curricula and Courses Committee recommends approval of the following courses for inclusion in CA2 Social Sciences**

- **ENVE 1000 Environmental Sustainability**
VII. The GEOC and Curricula and Courses Committee recommends approval to REVISE following courses in CA2 Social Sciences:

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Current Catalog Copy  
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Revised Catalog Copy  
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(Restrictions increased to avoid overlap with other courses)

Respectfully Submitted by the 10-11 Senate Curricula and Courses Committee.  
Hedley Freake, Chair, Keith Barker, Norma Bouchard, Marianne Buck, Michael Darre, Andrew DePalma, Dean Hanink, Abigail Hastillo, Kathleen Labadorf, Susan Lyons, Joseph Madaus, Maria Ana O'Donoghue, Felicia Pratto, Annelie Skoog

11-03-10
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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Background:

Because the language on semester examinations in the By-laws is dated—it assumes, for instance, that a timed, written final examination is the overwhelming standard practice and it makes an odd exception that allows seniors to be given oral examinations—and because the By-laws do not acknowledge the emergence of other forms of assessment linked to the particular nature of and learning goals for a range of courses—the increase in project based courses and the wide spread use of portfolio assessment, for instance—the By-laws are out of sync with what has emerged as best practices for assessment, practices that faculty are in the best position to judge.

Motion:

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UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
Senate Faculty Standards Committee
Report to the University Senate
November 8, 2010

Faculty Standards Committee proposes that the Senate adopt a new form to be used to conduct the end-of-semester Student Evaluation of Teaching Survey, along with a new set of guidelines for the way in which the results of these evaluations are reported.

Background

On May 4, 2009 the Senate passed the following resolutions (see item #13 of the minutes of the said meeting, as amended on September 14, 2009):

1. Establish a subcommittee of the Faculty Standards Committee devoted to the evaluation of teaching.

2. Ask the new subcommittee to conduct a review to ensure that the Senate’s intentions regarding evaluations using any Student Evaluation of Teaching system are being properly represented and administered.

3. Ask the new subcommittee to consider the feasibility of adding other teaching evaluations, such as teaching portfolios, peer evaluations, expert (Institute of Teaching) evaluations. Feasibility includes determining the cost (in time and effort) of proposed new methods of evaluation and also determining whether those new methods are valid and reliable measures of a faculty member’s performance.

On March 1, 2010, the Senate approved the following motion presented by the Faculty Standards Committee (see item #7 of the minutes of the said meeting):

The Faculty Standards Committee moves:

(1) that the University Senate endorse the formative\(^1\) and summative\(^2\) use of student evaluations of teaching for the improvement of teaching at the University of Connecticut.

\(^1\) "Formative use" herein refers to use by an instructor designed to improve his/her teaching during the respective semester and beyond. Specific evaluation information that could be used for this purpose includes (optional) mid-semester student evaluations of teaching, as well as parts (e.g., student comments) of the end-of-semester student teaching evaluation surveys. Information collected for formative use should not be used for the Promotion, Tenure and Re-appointment process.
(2) that, in order to promote improvement of teaching, the University Senate request that the Provost encourage the use of the services offered by the Institute for Teaching and Learning to assist faculty in the design and administration of optional mid-semester student evaluations, as well as in the formative uses of these and end-of-semester student evaluations.

(3) that, with regard to the summative use of student evaluations of teaching, the University Senate recognize that, while the data gathered through the end-of-semester student evaluations contain valuable information regarding teaching effectiveness,

(a) no set of numerical values can be sufficient as the sole indicator of teaching effectiveness, and

(b) caution should be used in interpreting numerical values as an indicator of teaching competence.

(4) that the University Senate ask the FSC to develop, in collaboration with appropriate bodies, guidelines for appropriate summative use of teaching evaluations.

Even though the Senate formally endorsed the formative and summative use of student evaluations of teaching in March 2010, it has been recognized for a while that the present SET form and reporting system, in use since 1990, is not particularly suitable for formative use and has serious drawbacks as far as summative use is concerned. Consequently, development of a new form was undertaken by the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Task Force in 2004 with assistance from The Institute for Teaching and Learning, the Provost’s Office, the NEAG School of Education, and the Office of Institutional Research.

The new form was developed over three years. The questions and response scales were designed to meet national best practices according to experts in the field. Studies were made of survey instruments utilized by institutions nationally.

The new form was piloted by anonymous volunteer faculty in the Spring of 2009. The pilot was conducted by the Office of Institutional Research using protocols in place for the existing survey instrument. The results of the pilot were analyzed by the NEAG School of Education psychometricians. A copy of the report from the pilot is available at http://www.senate.uconn.edu/evaluations/SETpilotResults.pdf.

The NEAG analysis found the questions to be both reliable and valid.

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The major differences between the current and proposed new form and reporting systems are as follows:

- Inclusion of additional student information questions
- Change in question format
- Change in response scale (number and type of responses)
- Separation of course and instructor questions
- Inclusion of explicit summative questions for instructor and course
- Reporting of medians and frequency distributions rather than means for individual and summative questions.

Note that with these changes SET reports would no longer report either the means (and standard deviations) for individual questions nor the “mean of the means” (mean of the first 11 items), since means are not meaningful for the type of data collected on the SET forms, which do not measure magnitudes (or, more formally, “distances”) but only rankings. Furthermore, averaging across questions (to calculate a “mean of the means”) is inappropriate, since the questions are not commensurate (i.e., measuring similar things).

With these changes, the SET form and reporting system will conform with current best practices for use of student evaluations to improve and assess teaching performance and address many of the concerns that have been raised about the current SET system. However, consistent with the motion passed by the Senate in March 2010, if adopted, results from the new SET form would still need to be interpreted with caution and not viewed as sole indicators of teaching performance.
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# Proposed New Form

**University of Connecticut – Survey of Courses and Teaching**

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**MAKE DARK MARKS THAT COMPLETELY FILL THE CIRCLE – MAKE CLEAN ERASURES – MAKE NO STRAY MARKS**

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. The information you provide by completing this survey will not be used in any way that can identify you. It will be compiled to produce statistical summaries of student responses. These statistical summaries play an important role in further improving the course and the instructor's teaching. They are also used in making important personnel decisions. You have a responsibility to express your considered opinion if you choose to participate in this survey.

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**Which best describes this course for you?**

- [ ] Requirement for my major
- [ ] General Education Requirement
- [ ] Other Requirement
- [ ] Elective
- [ ] Elective format

**My desire to take this course was:**

- [ ] Much more than most courses
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## II. A. Diagnostic questions about the INSTRUCTOR:

Please respond to the questions about the instructor using this scale:

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   - [ ] Disagree
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15. What is your overall rating of this instructor's teaching?  
    - [ ] Poor
    - [ ] Fair
    - [ ] Good
    - [ ] Very Good
    - [ ] Excellent

## II. B. Diagnostic questions about the COURSE:

Please respond to the questions about the course using this scale:

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**Term: Spring 2012**  
**Primary Instructor: (Instructor name), (ID number): (COURSE CLASS NUMBER), (CATALOG NUMBER AND SECTION)**

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- ENROLL: 30
- 100% (Good, Very Good, or Excellent)
- 100% (Very Good or Excellent)
- 50% (Excellent)

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- 90% (Good, Very Good, or Excellent)
- 60% (Very Good or Excellent)
- 30% (Excellent)

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**The University of Connecticut Survey of Courses and Teaching**

**CURRENT FORM**

**Instructor**

**Department**

**Course No.**

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**Enroll**

**Use No. 2 Pencil Only**

**Correct Mark**

**Incorrect Marks**

**Make Dark Marks That Completely Fill the Circle**

**Make Clean Erasures**

**Make No Stray Marks**

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**SEMESTER STANDING**

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-8
- 9 or more
- Graduate

**EXPECTED GRADE IN THIS COURSE**

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
- Pass
- Audit

**IS COURSE IN MY MAJOR**

- Yes
- No

**CUMULATIVE AVERAGE (GPA)**

- 3.7 and above
- 2.7-3.6
- 1.7-2.6
- 0.7-1.6
- Less than 0.7

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**HOW OFTEN DID YOU ATTEND CLASS?**

- 90-100%
- 75-89%
- 60-74%
- 50-64%
- 25-49%
- 0-24%

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**UNACCEPTABLE**

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Evaluate this instructor/course from **UNACCEPTABLE** to **OUTSTANDING** by filling in the appropriate circle on the scale to the right of each statement.

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**A. Regarding the instructor**

1. Presented course material in a clear and effective manner
2. Overall organization
3. Made the objectives of the course clear
4. Fulfilled course objectives
5. Clarified work assignments and student responsibilities
6. Stimulated interest
7. Graded fairly and impartially
8. Used examination items which stressed important aspects of the course
9. Accessibility to students both in and out of class
10. Instructor's interest and concern for students
11. Preparation for each class

**STOP! READ DIRECTIONS! THEN GO!**

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**B. Answer questions 12, 13, and 14 ONLY if this course is designated as a writing course “W”, “J”, “S”, “P” or “Z”**

12. The usefulness of comments received on written assignments
13. The relationship of writing assignments to other course material
14. The extent to which this course has helped improve my writing

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**C. Answer questions 15, 16, and 17 ONLY if this course is designated as a computer course “C”, “S”, “V” or “Z”**

15. The accessibility to computers for hands-on work in this course
16. The degree to which the computer was tied into the course material
17. The extent to which this course has helped improve my computer skills

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**D. Answer questions 18, 19, and 20 ONLY if this course is designated as a quantitative course “Q”, “J”, “V” or “Z”**

18. The instructor's skill in explaining quantitative concepts
19. The usefulness of problem sets in learning course material
20. The extent to which this course enhanced my quantitative skills

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**E. Questions 21, 22, and 23 are optional questions provided by your instructor. The evaluation moderator will read these question to the class.**

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# University of Connecticut – Survey of Courses and Teaching

## Proposed Form

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**MAKE DARK MARKS THAT COMPLETELY FILL THE CIRCLE. MAKE CLEAN ERASURES. MAKE NO STRAY MARKS.**

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. The information you provide by completing this survey will not be used in any way that can identify you. It will be compiled to produce statistical summaries of student responses.

These statistical summaries play an important role in further improving the course and the instructor's teaching. They are also used in making important personnel decisions. You have a responsibility to express your considered opinion if you choose to participate in this survey.

## I. Student Information

### Academic Level
- [ ] Freshman
- [ ] Sophomore
- [ ] Junior
- [ ] Senior
- [ ] Graduate
- [ ] Other

### Expected Grade in this Course
- [ ] A
- [ ] B
- [ ] C
- [ ] D
- [ ] F

### Cumulative Average (GPA)
- [ ] N/A
- [ ] 3.5 and above
- [ ] 3.0 - 3.4
- [ ] 2.5 - 2.9
- [ ] 2.0 - 2.4
- [ ] < 2.0

### How many times did you miss this class?
- [ ] 0 - 2
- [ ] 3 - 4
- [ ] 5 - 6
- [ ] > 6

### On average, how many hours a week did you spend outside of class preparing for this course?
- [ ] 0 - 7
- [ ] 8 - 14
- [ ] 15 - 16

### Which best describes this course for you?
- [ ] Requirement for my major
- [ ] General Education Requirement
- [ ] Other Requirement
- [ ] Elective
- [ ] Elective for major

### My desire to take this course was:
- [ ] Much more than most courses
- [ ] More than most courses
- [ ] About the same as most courses
- [ ] Less than most courses
- [ ] Much less than most courses

### For me, the level of difficulty of the course content was:
- [ ] Much more than most courses
- [ ] More than most courses
- [ ] About the same as most courses
- [ ] Less than most courses
- [ ] Much less than most courses

### Overall, how much do you feel you've learned in this course?
- [ ] Much more than most courses
- [ ] More than most courses
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## II. A. Diagnostic Questions about the Instructor:

Please respond to the questions about the instructor using this scale:

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### What is your overall rating of this instructor's teaching?
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

## II. B. Diagnostic Questions about the Course:

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