**University of Connecticut**

**University Senate**

**Summary of Action, 2015-2016**

**September 2015:**

* Election of University Senate Moderator and Secretary
* Approved motion from Student Welfare in support of Open Textbook Initiative
* Received Annual Update on the Diversity Plan
* Received Enrollment Update
* Received Report of the University Ombudsman

**October 2015:**

* Senate Executive Committee (SEC) issued three charges to Faculty Standards Committee
* Teaching Effectiveness
* Free Speech and Civility
* Academic Freedom
* In cooperation with the Provost’s Office, assisted in forming Common Schedule Task Force
* Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University

Senate, II.B.10 Adding and Dropping Courses

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* Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University

Senate, II.G.1 and 2 University Scholars

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**November 2015:**

* Received Report of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on the University’s Budget
* Received Report on the UConn Foundation

**December 2015:**

* Received Update on Projects, Design and Planning
* Received Report of the Vice President of Communication

**February 2016**

* SEC issued charge to Student Welfare regarding Fraternity and Sorority Life
* SEC issued charge to Growth & Development Committee to review the current by-laws related to election constituencies
* Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University

Senate, II.A Admissions

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* Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University

Senate, II.B.10 Adding and Dropping Courses

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* Received Annual Report on Undergraduate Education and Instruction
* Received Report of the Provost on Regional Campuses

**March 2016:**

* Approved motion from Diversity Committee to add Diversity Statement to the University By-Laws Preamble
* Received presentation from Office of Emergency Management
* Received Annual Report of the Dean of the Graduate School
* Received Report on Research

**April 2016:**

* Approved motion supporting Women’s Basketball team in their quest for a fourth consecutive National Championship
* Received Annual Report on the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

**May 2016:**

* By way of Consent Agenda, received Annual Report from all Senate Standing Committee and Subcommittee Reports
* Received Annual Report of the Honors Program
* Received Report on Financial Aid and Retention
* Received Annual Library Advisory Report
* Approved motion from Growth & Development recommendation to update University By-Laws related to Senate constituencies
* Approved motion to endorse the resolution offered by the Undergraduate Student Government regarding Bill Cosby’s Honorary Degree from the University of Connecticut. Forwarded resolution to the University Administration and the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees for consideration.