University of Connecticut University Senate Summary of Action, 2017-2018

September 2017:

- Election of University Senate Moderator and Secretary
- Received Annual Report on Enrollment from Nathan Fuerst, Director of Admissions
- Received Report on Projects from University Planning, Design and Construction from Laura Cruickshank, Master Planner and Chief Architect
- Announced call for metanoia on confronting racism

October 2017:

- Committee formed for metanoia, Together: Confronting Racism
- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.A.5.b, Admissions Non-Degree Students and II.B.1, Registration and II.B.4 Credits Permitted in a Semester and II.B.10, Adding or Dropping Courses Revised the Senate By-Laws to reflect current UConn practice/policy regarding Summer and Winter programs and other non-semester courses
- Received annual report on Regional Campuses from Vice Provost John Volin
- Received progress report on Recommendations of General Education Task Force from Senator Eric Schultz
- Approved motion to create DeltaGE Working Group to consider the structure of the University General Education curriculum

November 2017:

- Metanoia held on November 8 Together: Confronting Racism
- Received Annual Update on Diversity from Chief Diversity Officer Joelle Murchison
- SEC issued call for Parliamentarian

December 2017:

- Recipient of Provost's Outstanding Award, Jose Manautou, honored at reception following Senate meeting
- Received Report on University Budget from Scott Jordan, EVP/CFO
- Received Report on Metanoia from Senator & USG President Irma Valverde
- Approved motion to revise Policy on Academic Adjustments
- Received Report from GEOC on Status of Environmental Literacy discussions from Senator Schultz
- Scholastic Standards and Faculty Standards Committees form Academic Integrity Joint Subcommittee

February 2018

- Approved motion to add Environmental Literacy to General Education program
- Received Report on Undergraduate Education and Instruction from Vice Provost John Volin
- Received Annual Update on Athletics from Director of Athletics Dave Benedict
- SEC announces spring metanoia on the environment
- SEC forms General Education Environmental Literacy Task Force

March 2018:

- Received Annual Report of the Vice President of Communications from Tysen Kendig
- Received Annual Report of the Dean of the Graduate School from Kent Holsinger
- Presentation of new Honors Rules and Regulations
- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate 11.C.1 and 11.C.1.g, Minimum Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees.
 Changes to requirements for earning additional majors across schools and colleges.
- Introduction of Senate Parliamentarian Alisa Geller

April 2018:

- Received Annual Report on Research from Vice President Radenka Maric
- SEC provides written testimony for Bill 354, An Act Concerning the Acceptance of Advanced Placement Course Credit at Public Institutions of Higher Education
- SEC provides written testimony for Senate Bill 536, An Act Concerning Entrepreneurship Initiatives at the University of Connecticut
- Metanoia is held with events throughout the month focusing on the environment

April/May 2018:

- By way of Consent Agenda, received Annual Report from all Senate Standing Committee and Subcommittee Reports
- Received brief oral reports from Senate Committee chairs on committee annual reports (split between April and April/May meeting)
- Approved 2018/2019 standing committee rosters presented by the Senate Nominating Committee
- Received Annual Report of Financial Aid and Retention from Nathan Fuerst, Vice President Enrollment Planning and Management
- Received report from General Education Environmental Literacy Task Force from Senator Atkinson-Palombo
- Received report from DeltaGE working group from Senator Schultz