Annual Report to the University Senate of the Senate Scholastic Standards Committee 2018-2019

This report presents highlights of the SSC's actions. Details of the extensive deliberations and consultations of the Scholastic Standards Committee may be found in the SSC minutes at https://senate.uconn.edu/ssc-meeting-minutes/.

Summary: Scholastic Standards presented two motions to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate during the 2018-2019 AY. An additional motion is ready to present to the Senate in the fall semester of 2019. In addition, the SSC approved by-laws for the Education Abroad Program. The Communications Subcommittee suggested procedures for consultation prior to any approved changes and proposals and for publicity after any approved changes and proposals. The Committee also reviewed and updated the Transfer Admissions Policies. Six matters are pending for the fall of 2019.

The SSC presented two motions to amend the By-Laws that were approved by the Senate:

1) Education Abroad: II.C.1.b: Changes name of Study Abroad to Education Abroad

II.F.5: Establishes Education Abroad Advisory Committee to report to SSC.

2) Examinations and Assessments: II.E.1. [pending approval on April 29th]

The SSC approved and presented to the Senate new by-laws for the Education Abroad Advisory Committee.

Additional Actions:

The SSC approved a report from the Communications Subcommittee recommending procedures for consultation prior to voting on a motion and for publicity after a motion is approved.

The SSC updated and approved Transfer Admissions Policies.

The SSC approved a new Grade Appeal Policy for by-law change that is ready for the Senate in the Fall of 2019.

The SSC established subcommittees on Academic Integrity (report at end of Spring 2019) and MOOCs (report in the fall of 2019).

The SSC prepared a proposal on the numbering of Research and Experiential Courses for presentation to the Senate in the fall of 2019.

Items Pending for the Fall:

Grade Appeal Policy: ready for presentation to Senate in fall 2019 Report of the Academic Integrity Subcommittee Research and Experiential Learning Course numbering: ready for presentation to the Senate in fall 2019 Fresh Start and Academic Forgiveness Options Report of the MOOC Subcommittee Course descriptions (more detail than catalogue) for students prior to registration for courses Transparency for students in the titles and prices of textbooks prior to course registration.