

Annual Report to the University Senate of the Senate Scholastic Standards Committee 2019-2020

Scholastic Standards Committee

This committee shall prepare legislation within the jurisdiction of the Senate concerning those scholastic matters affecting the University as a whole, and not assigned to the Curricula and Courses Committee, including special academic programs, the marking system, scholarship standards, and the like. This committee shall include two undergraduate students and one graduate student.

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

The SSC presented 2 motions to amend the By-Laws that were approved by the Senate:

1. The By-Laws governing the grade appeal process was modified to require students to file a grade appeal within 10 days of the posting of the grade. (Approved at the February Senate meeting)
2. Dual Degree Requirements: The By-Laws were changed to allow students to gain a 2nd degree with 18 additional credits instead of the prior 30 credits. (Approved at the April Senate Meeting)

Additional Actions:

The SSC approved a report from the MOOC (massively open online courses) subcommittee and forwarded recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee.

The SSC approved a recommendation to The Graduate School to align grading scales between undergraduate and graduate classes. The Graduate School agreed to alter their grading scale with an 'A' instead of an 'A+' as the highest possible grade.

The SSC approved recommendations posed by Admissions regarding the bylaws concerning approval of courses outside the US.

The SSC did not approve a recommendation that freshman be academically dismissed for poor 1st semester grades.

The SSC approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee to be governed by J. Crivello to meet over the summer of 2020 with representatives from the Dean of Student's Office, Community Standards and the SSC to discuss the University Academic Misconduct Policy and make a recommendation to the Senate in fall 2020.

The SSC approved the temporary By-Law change allowing students to convert spring 2020 class to P/F grading in light of the Covid-19 crisis.

The SSC approved the change in Honors rules to waive the participation requirement for the 2019/2020 academic year.

The SSC approved a proposal from Admissions to receive generic credit for on-line classes taken as P/F at other institutions.

The SSC unanimously opposed a request from SUBOG to convert all undergraduate courses taken spring 2020 to pass/no record.

Items Pending for Fall 2020

Report from the ad-hoc committee on student academic misconduct and possible By-Law modification.

Suggestion that Departments make past course syllabi available to students interested in classes on their web sites.

2019/2020 Scholastic Standards Committee Members:

- ***Joe Crivello, Chair**, Physiology & Neurobiology
- *Maureen Armstrong, Dean of Students Office
- *Stuart Brown, Waterbury Student Services
- *Robin Coulter, Marketing
- *Hedley Freake, Nutritional Sciences
- *Holly Fitch, Psychology
- *Thomas Long, Nursing Instruction and Research
- *Suzanne Wilson, Education
- Shoshana Armington, Advising, School of Engineering
- Greg Bouquot, Registrar's Office
- Karen Bresciano, Graduate School
- Sarah Croucher, Director of Academic Policy
- Lindsay Cummings, School of Fine Arts
- Erin Curry, Graduate Student
- Robin Grenier, Educational Leadership
- Jennifer Lease Butts, Assistant Vice Provost for Enrichment Programs (Ex-Officio Member)
- Nia Moore, Undergraduate Student Representative
- Sreenidhi Nair, Undergraduate Student Representative
- Donovan Reinwald, University Libraries
- Lauren Schlesselman, Director of Learning Initiatives and Educational Technologies, CETL (Ex-Officio)
- Ellen Tripp, Student-Athlete Success Program (SASP)
- Lawrence Walsh, Office of Admissions
- Christine Wenzel, Center for Students with Disabilities