

**University of Connecticut  
University Senate  
Summary of Action, 2019-2020**

**September 2019:**

- Election of University Senate Moderator and Secretary
- Received Annual Report on Enrollment from Nathan Fuerst, Director of Admissions
- Received Report from University Planning, Design, and Construction from Laura Cruickshank, Chief Architect
- Approved resolution in support of the Day of Action on the Climate Crisis

**October 2019:**

- Approved motion to endorse proposal on Defining and Renumbering Research and Experiential Courses

**November 2019:**

- Received Annual Report on the University Budget from Scott Jordan, EVP/CFO
- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, E.7 Change of Course Grades, E.8 Appeals of Assigned Course Grades
- Honor 2019 recipients of the Provost's Outstanding Service Award, Eric Schultz and Jaci Van Heest

**December 2019:**

- University Senate meeting cancelled due to lack of actionable items and cancellation of Report of Athletics from David Benedict. Report rescheduled for May 2020.

**February 2020:**

- Received Report from the UConn Foundation by Scott Roberts, President and CEO

**March 2020:**

- Approved resolution in support of UConn Foundation Divesting from Fossil Fuel Companies
- Approved resolution regarding subsidy for Athletics
- Received Report on Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship from Michelle Williams, Associate VP for Research Development
- Approved by electronic vote a motion for a temporary by-law change for pass/fail grading to the COVID 19 pandemic

**April 2020:**

- Held first-ever virtual Senate meeting permitted per order of Governor Lamont
- Approved motion to allow ENGL 1007 and 1008 as prerequisites for all W courses
- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.C.1 Minimum Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees
- Received report from Student Health and Wellness on Counseling & Mental Health Services Presented by SHaW Director Suzanne Onorato & Dean of Students Elly Daugherty Received

- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate II.C.1.b and II.F.5 (Education Abroad)
- SEC considered topic of mandatory pass/no record grading and opted not to pursue

#### **May 2020:**

- By way of Consent Agenda, received Annual Report from all Senate Standing Committee and Subcommittee Reports
- Approved 2020/2021 standing committee rosters presented by the Senate Nominating Committee
- Approved a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.F.I Dean's List
- Approved via electronic vote a motion to further amend the temporary by-law change for pass/fail grading to the COVID 19 pandemic
- Received Annual Report of Financial Aid and Retention from Nathan Fuerst, Vice President Enrollment Planning and Management
- Anticipated report from Athletics postponed until fall

#### **June 2020:**

- Approved via electronic vote (after e-discussion)
  - Motion to amend the University By-Law II.A.5 Non-Degree Students passed by a vote of 67 YAY, 1 NAY, 4 ABSTENTIONS. The approved non-degree credit motion raises the cap from 8 to 12 credits for Academic Year 2020-2021.
  - Motion to amend the University By-Law II.H University Calendar passed by a vote of 55 YAY, 15 NAY, 2 ABSTENTIONS. The calendar motion for Fall 2020 substitutes four reading days for four class days at the end of the semester.
- SEC continued to meet weekly with Provost Lejuez throughout the summer to prepare and plan for the fall semester during the continued pandemic
- SEC Chair served on Provost's Fall 2020 Planning Committee. Weekly meetings were held.