

**University of Connecticut
University Senate
Summary of Actions, 2020-2021**

September 2020:

- Election of University Senate Moderator and Secretary
- Received Enrollment Update from Nathan Fuerst, Director of Admissions
- SEC meets with candidates for the positions of Vice Provost and Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion

October 2020:

- PRESENTATION / VOTE on a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.H, University Calendar (approved with more than 2/3 majority). Spring recess moved to April followed by two weeks of online classes.
- PRESENTATION / VOTE on a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.E.3.b, Grades not used to calculate the GPA, Pass-Fail Option (approved with more than 2/3 majority)

November 2020:

- Received Annual Report on the University Budget from Scott Jordan, EVP/CFO
- Approved motion to support recommendation of the Faculty Standards Committee regarding the requirement of Student Evaluations of Teaching (administration to consider how data will be interpreted in light of the pandemic).
- Rejected motion to expand pass/fail grading options for fall 2020

December 2020:

- PRESENTATION and VOTE on a joint motion with the Undergraduate Student Government to amend the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University By-Laws E.II.3.b, Pass-Fail Grading (approved with more than 2/3 majority). Deadline to select pass-fail grading was changed to December 28, 2020 for fall semester and May 14, 2021 for spring semester.
- Approved motion to endorse recommendation regarding the OVPR's Administrative Review and Approval of Proposals for External Support Policy presented by the Faculty Standards Committee. Recommendation to form working group was forwarded to President's Office.
- Received report on University Athletics from David Benedict, Director of Athletics.

February 2021: (meeting moved from 2/1/2021 to 2/8/2021 due to weather)

- Approved motion to endorse recommendation to amend the University By-Laws, Section IX.K.2 - Retirement, Emeritus Status (sent to President's Office for presentation to the BoT)
- Received report on Undergraduate Education and Instruction from Michael Bradford, Vice Provost and report on Regional Campuses from Carl Lejuez, Provost

March 2021:

- Received final report from the Presidential Task Force on Sponsored Projects
- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University Senate - II.B.10, Adding or Dropping Courses (added No-Record Covid option)

- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University Senate - II.1.5 Syllabi
- Received report from Report from the Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer – Presented by Vice President/CDO Frank Tuitt
- Delta2GE Taskforce shared draft proposal of the new framework for general education. Launched informational website at delta.senate.uconn.edu
- Faculty Standards Committee presented Forum on Promotion, Tenure, & Reappointment.

April 2021:

- Approved motion to approve amendments to the Senate By-laws following comprehensive review of by-laws.
- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University By-Laws – II.C.2.e, General Education Oversight Committee (representation on GEOC)
- Approved motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University By-Laws – University Senate II.A.4, High School Students and Credit Bearing Courses (OECM by-laws)
- Approved motion to support resolution supporting anti-racist policies and practices presented by Senate Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee
- Approved motion to endorse AAASF statement on anti-Asian violence presented by Senate Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee
- Received Report from the Vice Provost of Graduate Education – Presented by Vice Provost & Dean of the Graduate School Kent Holsinger
- Rejected motion brought under New Business related to the President’s Sponsored Programs Working Group

May 2021:

- 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 motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.H University Calendar (definition of Reading Days)
- Approved motion for extension of the increased credit limit for non-degree students (to 12 from 8) through the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Received Annual Report on Retention and Graduation from Nathan Fuerst, Vice President Enrollment Planning and Management
- Faculty Standards Committee holds first-ever Forum on Promotion & Reappointment (for CIRE faculty)