

**University of Connecticut
University Senate
Summary of Actions, 2021-2022**

September 2021:

- Election of University Senate Moderator and Secretary
- Senate welcomed Interim President Andrew Agwunobi
- Received Enrollment Update from Mona Lucas, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Planning and Management
- PRESENTATION of a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.B.10, Academic Advising and Registration, 11.E.3.b, Pass-Fail Option. *Approved by greater than 2/3 majority.*

October 2021:

- Welcomed Senate Parliamentarian Damani Douglas
- Received update from Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning from Associate Vice Provost of CETL Peter Diplock
- PRESENTATION and VOTE: a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate, II.A.4. High School Student and Credit Bearing Course. *Approved.*
- Motion to Recommend Update to University By-laws, Attachment #4 Article IX.G/University Senate Committee and Article IX.A / University Senate Membership to increase professional staff representation on University Senate and Senate Executive Committee. *Approved.*

November 2021:

- Moment of silence observed to remember Emeritus Professor Dr. Michael Darre
- Resolution in Support of Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis. *Approved.*
- PRESENTATION of a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate II.A.1 Admissions, Minimum Requirements. *Approved at December meeting.*
- Motion brought under New Business: "The University Senate requests that University of Connecticut Board of Trustees send a representative to the meeting of the Senate on December 6, 2021 to answer questions from Senators." *Motion failed.*
- Received Report from Experiential Global Learning from Assistant Vice President for Global Affairs, Dr. Ngozi Taffe
- SEC recommends exploratory committee to consider mandatory Anti-Black Racism course

December 2021:

- PRESENTATION AND VOTE on a Resolution Concerning Class Capacity [enrollment caps]. *Approved.*
- Received report from Project Wellness Task Force from Deans Elly Daugherty and Nina Heller
- TAFS met on 12.14.2021
- SEC met with Senate reps to the BoT

February 2022:

- Senate welcomed Interim President Radenka Maric
- Presentation and vote on a Resolution to Recommend Increase to Board of Trustees Membership to add voting faculty and staff member to the BoT. *Approved.*
- Motion to Recommend Update to University By-laws, Attachment #4 Article IX.G/University Senate Committee and Article IX.A / University Senate Membership to increase undergraduate and graduate student representation on University Senate and Senate Executive Committee. *Approved.*
- PRESENTATION AND VOTE on amendment to the Policy on Academic Adjustments for General Education Competencies. *Approved.*
- PRESENTATION on a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University Senate, 2.E.II, Responsibility for the Academic Assessment of Students. *Approved March 2022.*
- Received report on NECHE Midpoint Accreditation Cycle Feedback from Dr. Sarah Croucher
- Motion brought under New Business: “The University Senate invites the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees to send a representative to a meeting of the Senate before the end of FY 2022 to discuss issues of mutual interest.” *Approved.*
- Special Meeting of the University Senate, 2.28.2022. Presentation and vote on a motion to approve the proposed Common Curriculum for Leadership and Global Citizenship Guidelines contingent and effective upon the Senate’s approval of both a plan to implement these Guidelines (including a fiscal impact report) and approval of changes to General Education Bylaws Section 2: General Education Curriculum that reflect these Common Curriculum Guidelines. *Passed.*

March 2022:

- Senate accepts resignation of Senate Parliamentarian
- ABR Course Taskforce formed and charged.
- GEOC/Common Curriculum Chair selected & announced by Nom Comm
- President’s Office reconvenes Fiscal Working Group (as response to previous month’s motion)
- PRESENTATION of 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 April 2022.*
- Resolution in support of convening a university-wide task force to operationalize “evidence of teaching excellence beyond SET” (formerly known as SET+ or SET Plus). *Approved.*
- Received Updates on Undergraduate Education & Instruction and the Regional Campuses from Provost Carl Lejuez and Vice Provost Michael Bradford
- Motion brought under New Business: “The USBC moves starting immediately that there be direct USBC participation in the establishment of fiscal priorities and direct participation in the budget development process across university programs and offices.” *Approved.*

April 2022:

- SEC met with Foundation representative to receive update on Sackler Funds.
- PRESENTATION of 2022/2023 Senate Standing Committee Rosters. *Approved May 2022.*
- Received Update from the Office of the Vice President for Research, Attachment #5 Innovation, and Entrepreneurship from Michelle Williams, Executive Director of Operations and Associate VP for Research
- Motion brought under New Business: “The University Senate resolves that the “5-day rule” in its current form is harming faculty and failing to achieve the goal of increasing the number and

quality of proposals submitted by the University. The University Senate supports changing the policy to better support faculty proposal submission." *Motion failed.*

- Faculty Standards Committee holds Forums on PTR and P&R

May 2022:

- UConn Board of Trustees Chair Dan Toscano attended meeting.
- Presentation of motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the University Senate, II.C.2. General Education Curriculum – vote to take place in fall 2022
- Presentation and vote on Guidelines for Interpreting Student Evaluation of Teaching Results. *Approved.*
- Received, via email, Annual Report on Retention and Graduation from Nathan Fuerst, Vice President Enrollment Planning and Management
- SEC received report with recommendations from the ABR Working Group.