

## Faculty Senate President's Report- February25, 2026 meeting

### ***1). Faculty Senate Announcements***

#### ***Supports for Undocumented Students***

There is a Connecticut Senate Bill (Senate Bill 91) that has been introduced for creating safe access to various spots for undocumented people. As a community dedicated to social justice, this is a welcome development.

*No representative of a local, state or federal law enforcement 194 authority shall detain, arrest or otherwise take an individual in a 195 protected area, state facility or municipal facility into custody on the 196 basis of a civil offense, unless such representative (1) is acting in the 197 representative's official capacity, and (2) has documentation 198 demonstrating that the individual to be detained, arrested or otherwise 199 taken into custody (A) is the subject of a judicial warrant, (B) has been 200 convicted of (i) a violation of section 53-21 of the general statutes, 53a-201 56a of the general statutes, 53a-64aa of the general statutes, 53a-71 of the 202 general statutes, 53a-72a of the general statutes, 53a-72b of the general 203 statutes, 53a-90a of the general statutes, 53a-102a of the general statutes, 204 53a-196e of the general statutes, 53a-196f of the general statutes, 53a-196i 205 of the general statutes, 53a-222 of the general statutes or 53a-223 of the 206 general statutes, or (ii) any class A or B felony offense, or (C) is identified 207 as a possible match in the federal Terrorist Screening Database or similar 208 database.*

*c) Any designated individual receiving documentation pursuant to 210 subsection (b) of this section shall promptly review such 211 documentation. No representative of a local, state or federal law 212 enforcement authority shall detain, arrest or otherwise take an 213 individual in a protected area, state facility or municipal facility into 214 custody on the basis of a civil offense who is the subject of such 215 documentation, unless the designated individual determines, based 216 upon such review, that such individual (1) is the subject of a judicial 217 warrant, (2) has been convicted of (A) a violation of section 53-21 of the 218 general statutes, 53a-56a of the general statutes, 53a-64aa of the general 219 statutes, 53a-71 of the general statutes, 53a-72a of the general statutes, 220 53a-72b of the general statutes, 53a-90a of the general statutes, 53a-102a 221 of the general statutes, 53a-196e of the general statutes, 53a-196f of the general statutes, 53a-196i of the general statutes, 53a-222 of the general 223 statutes or 53a-223 of the general statutes, or (B) any class A or B felony 224 offense, or (3) is identified as a possible match in the federal Terrorist 225 Screening Database or similar database. 226 (d) A local, state or federal law enforcement authority may perform 227 an enforcement action at a protected area, state facility or municipal 228 facility if an exigent circumstance exists. If no such exigent circumstance 229 exists, the local, state or federal law enforcement authority shall comply 230 with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. 231 (e) Any violation of this*

*section shall be deemed breach of the peace 232 in the second degree and punished in accordance with the provisions of 233 section 53a-181 of the general statutes.*

It seemed beneficial to remind everyone of supports we have on campus for our undocumented students. Please refer students in need to the Support team. Here is a link to their website; <https://www.southernct.edu/undocumented-students/support-team>.

Additionally, the Student Policy Committee met with Esteban Garcia who shared UConn's ICE Guidance Plan. If you are interested, the link is [here](#). While there has been no indication that ICE has any plans to visit our campus, being prepared is always a good idea.

### ***2). The Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Faculty Leadership Council (FLC) meetings with administration –***

The FLC will be meeting with President Bulmer and Provost Irwin on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone has a topic they would like raised at the meeting, please send me an email.

### ***3). Contract negotiations***

This is just a reminder that contract negotiations are ongoing. It is the first time it is an open negotiation with members allowed to watch. Consider joining the watch party on campus or streaming the negotiations. If you do watch, you are under the same restrictions as a member of the negotiating team, which means you may not talk to a member of the press about what is going on. Be sure to register for the link regardless of whether you are going to the watch party or watching on your own. It helps to ensure an accurate count and demonstrates that an open negotiation is what faculty want.

### ***4). W courses***

There will be a change regarding W Courses and how they are offered. While it is currently possible to hold some sections of a course as a W and some as not, we have been informed that soon this will not be possible. As we switch over to Banner SaaS, this feature will be eliminated. Courses will need to be designated as W with a specific course number to distinguish them from other non-W courses.

### ***5). Preparing for our upcoming meeting***

On Wednesday, we will be joined by Sergio Perez who will be offering an update on DEI activity on campus. Please feel free to bring questions.

We will be discussing the Resolution for Information, Faculty Senate Suggested List for the DEC and Dept Chairpersons' Letters for Promotion & Tenure (P&T) evaluations.