

Senate Reports

Meeting #7

September 17, 2025



[Caroline Kelly, Director of Academic Affairs](#)

Hi everyone! I apologize for my absence from the last Senate, as I had a prior club commitment, but I am very excited to see everyone and talk a little bit about what I have been up to.

These past few weeks, my focus has been on ensuring that WEPA subscriptions have been working smoothly, which I should have usage data to share very soon, as well as working with the New York Times to make sure we are good to go for this year's new subscribers. Please, if you have not already, take advantage of the free access to global news through your UConn email account, and see me afterwards if you are having difficulty in doing so.

I have also been discussing new sensory rooms with the UConn Library, and hope to continue Academic Affairs' mission to provide accessible support to all undergraduate students. I hope to also have more information about these spaces soon. I am also working with the library to address Open Educational Resource access on campus and hope to table there at some point this semester to gather student opinions on programs such as the Husky Book Bundle.

Internally, I have been onboarding my new Deputy, Isabella Norato, and conducting research on fall breaks for the other flagship universities across the country. I have also just started gathering enrollment information that could be useful in future discussions on our syllabus repository and how we can make that more accessible for all undergraduate students.

[Olivia Eshoo, Director of External Affairs:](#)

1) **General**

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- a) External Affairs had its first meeting the second week of classes! (7 pm in SU 324 on Tuesdays)
- b) Deputy is Keira Conrad
- c) 2 Advocacy Coordinators are Molly Meyerson and Baylee Brandt
- d) Please tell your friends, all are welcome!!

2) Professional Clothing Closet

- a) Contract has been finalized between Career Center, UConn Brand Partnerships, and Goodwill
 - i) Goodwill provides free clothing
 - ii) Career Center provides staff support and helpful resources such as career knowledge
 - iii) UConn Brand Partnerships provides space (2nd floor of the UConn bookstore)
- b) Will officially open the week of 09/28 (will publish the official fall semester schedule once finalized)
 - i) Pop-up design centered around times the Career Center indicated students need clothing (popular interview weeks for internships, career fairs, etc.)
- c) Using a credit system where each undergraduate Storrs fee-paying student gets 11 credits per semester - enough for 1 full suit
 - i) Suit jackets/dresses - 5 credits
 - ii) Pants/skirts - 3 credits
 - iii) Tops - 2 credits
 - iv) Ties/accessories - 1 credit
- d) Currently exploring ways to improve this initiative so feel free to reach out with any ideas!

3) VEO Scooters

- a) University has taken on idea of bringing VEO Scooters to campus through a contract the state of CT already has - last I heard they

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were planning a soft-launch of the fleet in October but this may have been pushed off

b) Scooters use geo-fencing which is a digital map

- 4) **Early Voting**
- 5) **CT Student Government Association**
- 6) **Town-University Committee Relevant Information**

Jibreel Akbar, Director of Student Services:

Ella Bennett, Chief Justice:

- Last week I held our first judiciary meeting on Wednesday, I confirmed candidates running for the fall senate election ballot. I scheduled our next few judiciary meetings and we will be meeting to certify election results after the results are in (9/18 12pm) and I will be reaching out to senators to let them know the results. The ballot goes live on 9/16 at 12pm, students can vote at vote.uconn.edu , I have also been working on ensuring that there is a justice at each committee meeting to enforce our bylaws and constitution. There have been no hearings at this time.

Kyle Lowry, Speaker of the Senate:

Hi everyone! The past few weeks have been busy with recruitment and coordinating this week's Senate meetings. I'm very excited to share that we have 52 Senate candidates on the ballot, a new record for USG elections! Thank you to everyone who helped with recruitment these past few weeks. Additionally, please remember that voting is open this week from Tuesday at noon to Thursday at noon. The ballot can be accessed at vote.uconn.edu. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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