



**College Senate Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2025**

Webex meeting recording: College Senate Meeting-20250829 1533-1

The CT State Senate meeting was held on August 28, 2025, via Webex the President being the chair and the executive council being present.

Senators present:

Senator	Present	Senator	Present	Senator	Present	Senator	Present
Aster	YES	DiPietro	YES	Marcoux-Bowen	YES	Solivan	YES
Bage	YES	Diaz	YES	McCann	YES	Van Dermark	YES
Ballinger	YES	Fox	YES	Milewski	YES	Vitale	YES
Bennett	YES	Garcia	YES	Natoli	YES	Withnell	YES
Bettigole	YES	Goulet	YES	Pagano	YES	Trzepacz	YES
Bryant	YES	Guirand-Fleurimond	YES	Panicello	YES	VACANT	
Byrd	NO	Kier	YES	Prior	YES	VACANT	
Carroll	YES	Keiser	YES	Ricardo	YES	VACANT	
Cullen	NO	LaRose	YES	Selvaggio	YES		
Dawson	YES	Logan	YES	Shabana	YES		

Senators Absent: 2

Vacant: 3

Ex Officio:

Interim President, Dr. Christina Royal – absent

Interim Chancellor Dr. John Maduko - present

Review and approval of the agenda for the first College Senate meeting.

The who is missing:

The Name moved to adopt the agenda with the exception of the May minutes. The amended agenda was seconded. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation, with no objections.

Discussion on establishing a special committee for hiring practices, search firms, and related concerns.

Motion: R. Prior moved to refer hiring practices, the use of search firms, and related HR concerns be referred to the standing HR and Administration Committee instead of creating a new special committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Bonnie Solivan.

The motion passed.

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Cullen		LaRose	YES	Selvaggio	YES		
Dawson	YES	Logan	YES	Shabana	YES		

Key: ? Indicates roll did specify which Peter.

In favor: 31

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion: R. Prior moved to that the Senate establish a special committee on Commencement and a special committee of the Framework Release Review. Seconded by Thayer Trzepacz. Motion passed.

The Chair will send out a survey regarding the Committee Assignments to all senators after the meeting. In this survey, senators will be asked to rank their top committee preferences. The chair will then use this feedback to make the committee assignments, to give senators their top choices whenever possible.

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In favor: 30

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

T. Logan noted that the Special Committee on Advising was established in May of 2025, and members will be appointed following the May motion to include advisors, enrollment management, faculty, campus Deans, and the Provost Office, to be determined.

Action items and next steps:

Committee Assignments: The chair will send a survey to all senators to collect their preferences for committee assignments.

Task Force Launch: The **Campus Shared Governance Task Force** is expected to be launched, bringing together campus leaders and administrators.

September Meetings: The next Senate meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2025, at 9:30 am on the Asnuntuck Campus. It will be conducted both in person and hybrid. Interim President Royal is expected to attend and provide her remarks. The campuses will also use the time leading up to that meeting to identify priority issues.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L Solivan

Bonnie L Solivan, Secretary

September 23, 2025