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WOMEN'S HOCKEY
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VOLLEYBALL
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MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 13 | 7:30 p.m. | Hartford, Conn.

FOOTBALL
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WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 14 | 2 p.m. | Providence, RI

VOLLEYBALL
Nov. 14 | 3 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 14 | 3 p.m. | Hartford, Conn.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
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MEME OF THE DAY



President Maric addresses replacement rumors

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University of Connecticut President Radenka Maric dismissed rumors about being replaced at a University Senate meeting on Monday, Nov. 2.

Maric was first appointed to a five-year term leading the university on Sept. 28, 2022, according to board meeting minutes. Her term ends in June 2027, and the contract said Maric needed to decide whether to run for a second term by June 2026. Maric said she told the chair of the board of trustees, Daniel Toscano, of her intent to run for a second term in February.

"I talked about our accomplishments, I talked about the areas of improvement, I talked about my own improvement and what has to happen and what it takes to be a successful university," Maric said, recounting when she told Toscano and other trustees of her intent to run.

The board's decision for Maric's second term would end up being pushed by six months and go from June to the end of the year.

"I sat with chair Toscano in March, and we agreed that there are so many things going on and that we should postpone that review after the election. So those are the facts, and this is the truth, and I think as a leader one has to be resilient," Maric said.

Maric addressed the senators after CT Mirror reported on Thursday that a board representative approached House Speaker Matt Ritter about becoming an interim president of the university if Maric leaves before her contract expired. Multiple members of the board were also reported by WTNH to have opposed renewing Maric's contracts in an executive session of a board meeting on Oct. 28.

Maric's report to the senators came before the University of Wisconsin-Madison listed her as one of three finalists in the search for a new chancellor on Thursday. She is scheduled to appear at a public forum in Wisconsin for the job this Friday.

UConn did not comment to CT Insider when asked about Maric being a candidate for chancellor at another university. When asked whether some board members opposed a new contract for Maric, University Spokesperson Stephanie Reitz sent a statement from Toscano, which said both outlets had been misinformed.

"We as a board and as individual trustees should not disclose the contents of a discussion that took place in an executive session. I will state unequivocally, however, that at no time during the executive session was there anything resembling a vote related to the president's contract, including a 'non-binding tally' of trustees," Toscano's statement said.

Toscano's statement continued by denying that there was any discussion of an interim president like Ritter.

"Further, the board did not send an 'emissary' to speak with anyone about serving as an interim president. Whoever provided that account as an anonymous source was knowingly or unknowingly sharing inaccurate information with the reporter. The story is wrong," Toscano said.

Ritter does not have any experience in academic leadership, unlike Maric, who joined UConn as a faculty member with the School of Engineering in 2010 and served five years as vice president for research before becoming president, according to UConn Today. Ritter's father, Thomas Ritter, has been a trustee since 2003, according to the Hartford Business Journal.

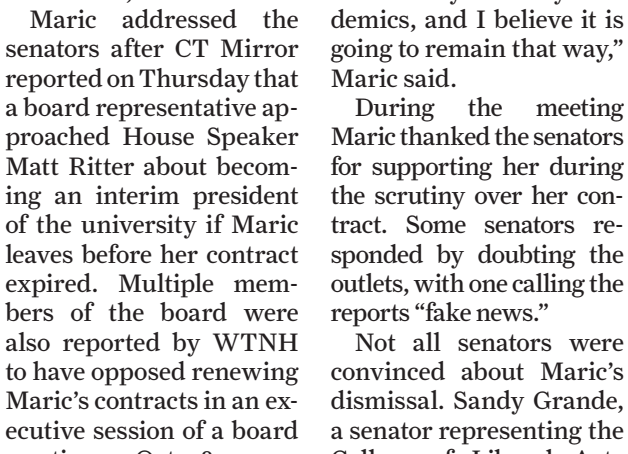
"This university has been always run by academics, and I believe it is going to remain that way," Maric said.

During the meeting Maric thanked the senators for supporting her during the scrutiny over her contract. Some senators responded by doubting the outlets, with one calling the reports "fake news."

Not all senators were convinced about Maric's dismissal. Sandy Grande, a senator representing the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, asked for more clarification.

"While I guess this is being marked as fake news, such events as you know are unsettling and dispiriting," Grande said. "So, I'm wondering if it was indeed misinformation, is there a plan for a press release to correct the information?"

Maric said some of the information must remain confidential because the decision is an internal employment matter but said Toscano was consulting with the board for additional statements to be released.



Radenka Maric, President of UConn, poses with Johnathan IV. She recently dismissed rumors about being replaced at a University Senate meeting on Nov. 2.

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President Maric addressed the Undergraduate Student Government. She recently dismissed rumors about being replaced due to her being a finalist for Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Local Republican official raises concerns over door flyers promoting Democratic candidates



Residential buildings and trees surround walkways outside of North Residence Hall. The building, a common first-year residence hall, is one of many around campus that have been grounds for political campaigns.

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Mansfield Republican Town Committee Chairman Aaron Bowman raised concerns about the distribution of door flyers promoting Democratic candidates ahead of midterm elections in University of Connecticut residence halls at a Town Council meeting on Oct. 26.

"Students should not have to risk their standing at the university because a political committee wants materials distributed," Bowman said.

Bowman said the reported distribution of the flyers appeared inconsistent with the requirements of university policy.

In an interview with The Daily Campus Thursday, Mansfield Democratic Town Committee Chairman and Mansfield Mayor Ben Shaiken said the flyers were printed by the Mansfield Democratic Town Committee for students to distribute. He said that there are always groups of students volunteering on democratic campaigns.

"This is what campaigns are," Shaiken said. "You have to communicate with voters."

Bowman and Chris Coyle, a Republican State Central Committee Representative for the 29th district, wrote a letter to the university regarding the matter.

Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst responded to Bowman and Coyle on behalf of UConn President Radenka Maric.

Fuerst said the university policy allows students and candidates to post materials in residence halls on certain days and times if approved. This includes political campaign literature that may support a particular party or candidate.

"As a university and a public institution in the State of Connecticut, UConn is proudly and fervently non-partisan," Fuerst wrote. "This does not mean that normal political activism and activities cannot exist on our campuses or within our student body if it is done in accordance with our rules."

Shaiken said that the Mansfield Democratic Town Committee has a long-standing record of following UConn's policy, and this year is no different.

Fuerst said the rules are applied the same for everyone, regardless of the candidate, ideology or political affiliation.

Both this year and in 2024, UConn has only received canvassing requests from its students, Fuerst said.

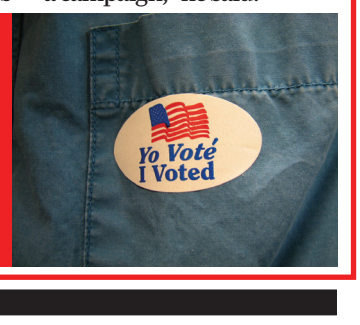
He also said that because students live in university residence halls and have key-card access, it is possible that some may distribute materials, political or otherwise, outside of the university's process and without its knowledge.

Shaiken said the flyers also included general information about the election to inform voters regardless of whether or not they are voting for Democratic candidates.

He also said it is difficult to reach students on campus by mail. Instead, he said the flyers served as a "door-to-door" attempt to reach voters.

Shaiken said Republicans are welcome to campaign on UConn's campus, as they have done in the past, noting that the undergraduate population of UConn makes up a substantial portion of the population in the surrounding political districts.

"I am sort of consistently flabbergasted that it is such an issue for Republicans that Democrats might have the gall to ask people to vote for them when they're running a campaign," he said.



A voter sports an "I voted" sticker in Spanish and English. The sticker is commonly distributed at polling locations across the U.S.

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