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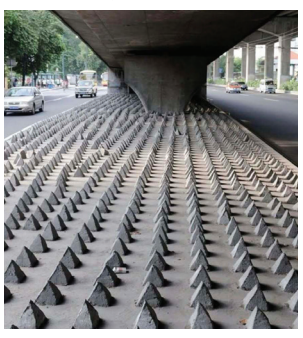
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Nov. 17-20 | Iowa City, Iowa

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 18 | 9 p.m. | Tuscon, Ariz.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 19 | 7 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 20 | 6 p.m. | Burlington, Vt.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 20 | 8 p.m. | Hartford, Conn.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 21 | Durham, N.H.

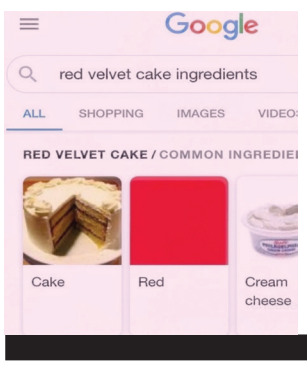
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 21 | 3 p.m. | Burlington, Vt.

FOOTBALL
Nov. 21 | 3:30 p.m. | East Hartford, Conn.

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MEME OF THE DAY



President Maric's contract to be extended

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President of the University of Connecticut Radenka Maric got emotional when the Board of Trustees' chair announced that her contract will be extended at a Wednesday meeting.

Shari Cantor, the new board chair Gov. Ned Lamont elected after Daniel Toscano's resignation, said the board considered the recent recommendations made by the University Senate to increase input in the presidential decision process.

"I do want to ask if President Maric wants to say any words," Cantor said, adding that they did not connect before the meeting.

Maric unmuted herself during the virtual Board of Trustees meeting and wiped away tears as she thanked Toscano for his former leadership and other members of the UConn faculty and staff.

"I apologize, I will put and collect myself later on, but this is the place that you love and care for, what, 16 years," Maric said. "We have a lot of challenges ahead of us, we can do it together. So I'm forever grateful to everybody who works for this place."

This decision arrives after the university senate requested the Board of Trustees include the opinions of students, staff, faculty and alumni in the process of selecting an interim president or evaluating the performance of a current president.

University Senate Executive Committee Chair and Associate Professor at UConn's Political Science department Michael Morrell said in an email that he hopes the trustees will work with the senate to create a process similar to the resolutions passed in Monday's special senate meeting.

"There should be meaningful input from University students, staff, faculty, and alumni in the future whenever the Board appoints an interim president or evaluates the performance of and/or renews the contract of a sitting president," Morrell said in an email. "The Senate also encourages the Board to proactively prepare in cases where a president is likely not to complete their term."



UConn President Radenka Maric poses for a photo. Maric's contract was extended at a board meeting on Nov. 18, 2026. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNPRES ON INSTAGRAM

Morrell added that he recognized the need for the board to make a quick and clear decision and that he's looking forward to continuing to work with Maric on important issues at UConn.

UConn American Association for University Professors President Thomas Bontly brought up the senate's Monday meeting in a public comment to the trustees before the announcement on Maric's contract extension was made.

"We applaud the resolution passed by the University Senate on Monday and we encourage the board to engage the broader university community, and the Senate in particular, when appointing, or reappointing or evaluating the performance of any president of the university," Bontly said.

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USG ranked as No. 1 student government association at conference

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The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government was recognized as the top student government association among all universities at the American Student Government Association Fall Summit conference Saturday.

"This was incredibly unexpected," USG President Venice Montanaro said in an interview Tuesday. "Hearing that we were one of the leaders, in a sense, was empowering."

The awards were presented at the beginning of the two-day long conference, which took place in Orlando, Fla., Montanaro said.

She said the awards were determined by a panel of judges who evaluated the characteristics of each school's student government, including its website and social media presence, events and initiatives, constitution and governing documents, as well as how power is distributed throughout the organization and how effectively it represents its students.

Montanaro said the panel was primarily composed of conference directors and speakers. She said the panelists came from a variety of backgrounds, some of which previously worked in litigation or marketing, and some who used to be advisors to student government associations.

"It was really interesting hearing everyone's different perspectives," Montanaro said.

Following the awards, Montanaro said they were divided into breakout rooms to discuss how student governments are ranked.

Eight USG members from UConn attended the conference with Montanaro, she said.

Montanaro said there were 25 student government associations from 16 states that attended the conference, including UConn. She said attendance was lower than expected because of flight issues.

She said there was more than enough time throughout the weekend to connect with representatives from other universities.

"There were definitely some long-lasting connections made from other schools," Montanaro said.

Montanaro said sometimes there are aspects of student government that can be discouraging, but she said it was motivating to talk to representatives from other schools and to learn that many student government organizations struggle with the same challenges as UConn.



Signage outside of the USG office in the Student Union. USG serves as a representative student organization for those attending the University of Connecticut.
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"It was very eye opening just to see other universities and talk to other presidents and see the ways that we are similar and different," Montanaro said.

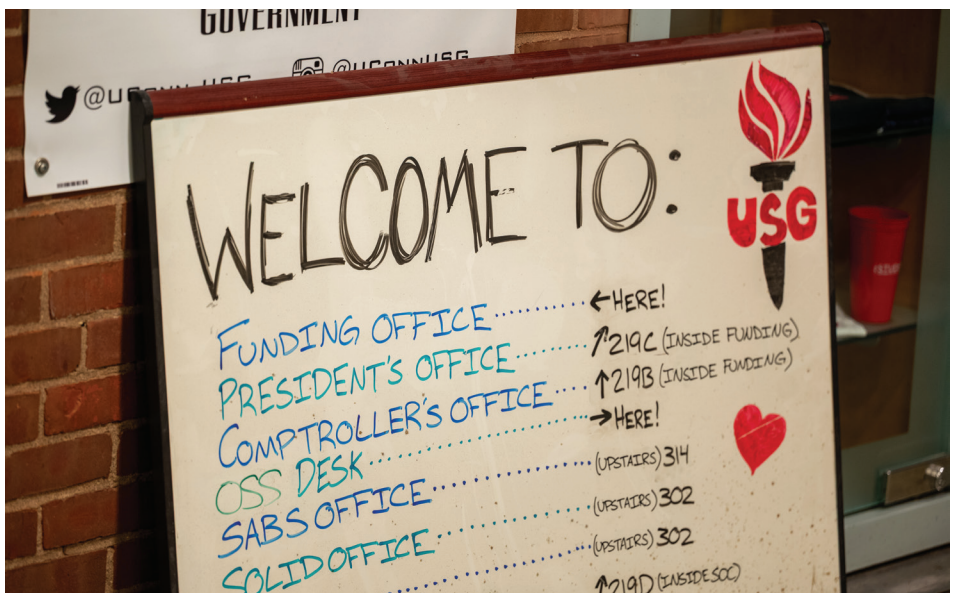
Montanaro said UConn was among one of the universities at the conference that collected a smaller amount of money from student fees, which totaled $45 for this academic year. She said there were universities present that had fees of upwards of $1,000.

"That was a low number compared to other schools, and yet we were ranked the best. We had the best initiatives, we had the best projects that we've been working on," Montanaro said. "That was very empowering to see what we had been able to do."

According to its website, the conference also featured 23 workshop sessions, four roundtable caucuses and nearly 16 hours of practical help, research and advice on how the organizations could become more effective and influential on campus.

Montanaro said everyone from UConn who attended took something valuable away to help them better serve the UConn community.

"It empowered us to keep going on that right track," Montanaro said.



A directory of locations outside of the USG office in the Student Union. USG was recognized as the top student government association at this year's American Student Government Association Fall Summit conference.
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Mansfield Town Council faces scrutiny over senior center plans

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A town council member apologized for accusing a resident of not doing proper research when the resident criticized his motion for ongoing renovation plans to the senior center.

According to the Nov. 9 town council agenda, resident and former Republican Council Member Brian Coleman emailed the council about Republican Council Member Chris Kueffner's comments during a council meeting on Oct. 26.

In that meeting, Coleman accused Kueffner of sneaking in a motion for option two of the plan, which the council moved forward with. This option will build a new senior center adjacent to the community center and renovate the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building which hosts the town hall. It is expected to cost over $60 million, which is more money than many residents preferred, according to a survey from the plan's consultant edmSTUDIO.

Coleman said the council doesn't listen to its residents, or the surveys and recommendations presented by edmSTUDIO.

"Residents don't want higher taxes, and they want the center to be close to senior housing, which would keep it at its present location," Coleman said in an interview. "My concern is that he's not listening to residents of the town and what they actually said in the survey."

Kueffner responded by stating that he didn't move with option two, but the concept of the new senior center only. He said people who believed he favored option two should do more research and look back at the Oct. 13 meeting minutes.

Coleman wrote in his email that he did research the plan, concluding that option two was the only one that had the senior center next to the community center. He then accused Kueffner of using "clever words" to hide his real motive of not listening to the public.

Kueffner responded with an email that began with an apology for his comment.

"I am sorry that I said or suggested in any unkind way that you did not do your homework," Kueffner wrote. "It was wrong for me to say, and I know that must have been hurtful to you because if there is anything you do, it is to prepare for meetings, and I apologize."

Kueffner said he didn't specify one of the options and only moved forward with the new senior center next to the community center. He wrote that he did this to try to eliminate the town hall proposal entirely and put emphasis on the senior center.

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