

# STOP THE CUTS!

The UConn administration is planning massive budget cuts to academic departments. These cuts threaten UConn's standing as a world-class institution of higher learning.


**Stop the cuts!** The planned cuts of 15%-19% will devastate UConn, resulting in mass layoffs and program closures. **Class sizes will explode, and many will need to move online.** In turn, 4- and 6-year graduation rates will plummet, increasing the financial burden on students. Graduate programs will be reduced or eliminated, leading to a sharp decline in UConn's research output, and in turn, of federal research funding.

**Accountability & transparency now!** The Governor informed the public about planned cuts to State funding in February of 2023 (a decision students, staff, & faculty protested against in solidarity with the administration). **The administration claims it "misunderstood" the scope of these cuts.** It has carried on with aggressive hiring and expansion projects and now our budget is severely strained. Why should students, staff, & faculty bear the cost of this mistake?

**Where's the money going?** Unlike many public colleges with recent budget cuts, enrollment at UConn is at record highs (up 53% from 2001) and the State has a record surplus. For comparison, the number of faculty is up 43% over the same time, but **the number of administrators is up 275%.** The vast majority of all spending is directed by the administration, with no input from academic departments, who are now being told to pay for this spending.

**Huron off campus!** The UConn administration is spending millions of dollars on the services of Huron Consulting. Huron has been employed by other universities in recent years, including West Virginia University, the University of New Hampshire, the New School, and the University of Wisconsin, all **with disastrous impacts on those schools' reputations and future prospects.** We won't be next!

**UConn says NO!** The administration is implementing these cuts unilaterally, with no feedback from students or faculty, even though they will be the ones hurt most. **Over 40 department heads** have signed a petition against these cuts, and **over 300 faculty** have signed an open letter to the administration pointing out how catastrophic they will be.

**Learn more!** For more details about what is happening and how it will impact UConn, the State, and you, follow this link 



**Get involved!** Contact your State legislators. Join the President's Town Hall on 1/24 @ 12pm. Ask questions. Demand accountability and to **stop the cuts!**

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