

I. Call to Order

a. President Quiles is chairing the meeting and calls the meeting to order at **10:57 AM**.
Chair vote to make quorum **2/2**.

II. Attendance

a. Members Present: *Olgui Quiles* (President), Lorena Minja (Treasurer), Aditi Dave (Chief of Communications Officer), *Angelica Marie Ellis* (Senator), Paul A. Young (Advisor), Dan O'Reilly (Advisor) *Denotes voting members*

b. Members Absent: *Rimsha Asif* (Senator)

c. Visitors: Milton Rosario, Chany Castillo, Ariana Liabani, April Saynganthone, Luke Villani, Aaliyah Campbell, Deep Aluria, Syed Naqvi.

d. Quorum: **2/2**.

III. Approval of Prior Minutes

a. President Quiles motions to approve prior minutes for September, **11th 2018**. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds. Motion Passes **2/0/0**.

IV. Public Comment

a. Ariana Liabani mentions that she passes.

b. Syed Naqvi mentions he wants to start a Cricket Club and is here to see how meetings are run.

c. Deep Aluria mentions that he is here for Pre-Health Society.

d. April Saynganthone mentions she is the President of Pre-Health Society.

e. Aaliyah Campbell mentions that she is running for senator.

f. Luke Villani mentions that he is running for senator and is President of Chess Club.

g. Milton Rosario mentions that he is running for senator.

V. President Quiles Report

a. Election

i. Election candidate statements are submitted on vote.uconn.edu.

ii. Students and USG members can vote **four** out of **seven** people for elections.

- iii. Ariana mentions that she wants to meet the demands of the students and communicate with the students.
- iv. Aaliyah recalls her past years at UConn and how her view has changed. She wants to stay due to her great experiences on campus. She wants everyone to have a good experience and introduce more culturally diverse events.
- v. Luke mentions that he is a club leader and he has experienced underrepresentation with his club and wants to budget our money, increase moral and boost school spirit.
- vi. Milton mentions since this is a commuter campus we all want to have a good time and create memories. We also want to make students feel a part of something.
- b. Elections are Monday, September 24th from **12:01** AM to **11:59** PM.
- c. President Quiles mentions that we need to get everyone to vote.
- d. President Quiles asks what type of food the members and visitors would like for the meetings.
 - i. A survey was passed out to get the visitors thoughts.
- e. President Quiles mentions that the USG members must reach out to club presidents and get them to do different types of events. We must fulfill our liaison duties.
- f. Advisor Young asks about creating positions for club liaisons on UContact.

VI. Treasurer Minja Report

- a. Budget Update
 - i. Treasurer Minja mentions that there was a mistake in the budget report. USG allocated **\$2,400.00** for food for the meeting but the budget report said that we allocated **\$2,000.00**.
- b. **Motions**
 - i. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$200.00** for a new Keurig for the USG office since our last one broke, and **two** bags of MARS

Chocolate Halloween Candy Variety Mix **126.3-Ounce 400-Piece** for **\$33.99** each for our USG Halloween event. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds. Motion Passes **2/0/0**.

- ii.** Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$200.00** for the USG Family Feud Tournament for **six** COLOR SHOCK WORDMARK DECAL bumper stickers for **\$6.98** each, **six** brass keychains for **\$8.98** each, and **one** Sweatshirt Blanket for **\$39.98**. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds. Motion passes **2/0/0**.
- iii.** Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$20.00** for the USG Family Feud Tournament for a pack of **four** buzzers for **\$12.79**. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds. Motion passes **2/0/0**.
- iv.** Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$180.00** for USG Halloween Trick-or-Treating event for **two** packs of **72** Halloween goodie bags at **\$9.95** per pack which results in **144** goodie bags at **\$19.90**. The bracelets come in packs of **12**. Each pack is **\$6.99**. We will be ordering **12** packs of the bracelets which results in **144** bracelets at **\$83.88** and for **three** black plastic cauldrons to put the Halloween costume contest prizes in. Each cauldron is **\$7.67**. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds. Motion passes **2/0/0**.
- v.** Treasure Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$100.00** for USG Halloween Trick-or-Treating event for Starbucks gift cards and UCONN water bottles for costume contest prizes. **Three** Starbucks gift cards at different price values. **3rd** place will be **\$10.00**, **2nd** place will be **\$15.00** and **1st** place will be **\$20.00**. Which is a total of **\$45.00**. **Three** UCONN water bottles which are **\$14.98** each. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds. Motion passes **2/0/0**.
- vi.** Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$100.00** for games for room **202**. Treasurer Minja amends the motion to **\$120.00** because Advisor

Young said the uno deck gets messed up by students so we are getting the plastic uno cards. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds.
Motion passes **2/0/0**.

- vii.** President Quiles mentions any budget requests under **\$250.00** will be ready to go before meeting begins.

VII. Chief of Communications Report

a. Minutes

- i.** Minutes need to be done on time. Minutes are sent out by Wednesday midday and should be submitted back with edits by Friday at midnight. Final minutes will go out on Sunday.

VIII. Senators Report

- a.** Senator Ellis mentions that Field day event was successful.

- i.** Many people came.

- ii.** On a nice day we should put the lawn games out so the students have something fun to do.

- b.** Senator Ellis mentions Paint day is Monday, September **24th**.

- i.** Everything is in the process for the event.

- c.** Henna Event

- i.** President Quiles asks what is happening with the event.

- ii.** President Quiles is now taking the lead o the event.

IX. Advisors Report

- a.** Advisor O'Reilly mentions that it is hard to plan events on a commuter campus.

- b.** Advisor O'Reilly mentions that we need to think bigger and host more events.

- c.** Advisor O'Reilly mentions that the Programming Committee time might change due to Senator Asif's resignation.

- d.** Advisor O'Reilly mentions that USG has agreed to hosting a minimum of **one** event per week.

- e. Advisor O'Reilly mentions that the Storrs campus has a position open on the Board of Trustees. They are looking for a regional campus student.
- f. Advisor O'Reilly mentions that clubs should ask for UContact help if needed.
- g. Advisor Young mentions that we should bring as many people as we can to our USG meetings so they have an idea of what happens on campus.
- h. Advisor Young mentions that we are best when we have good discussion, just talk, share thoughts and opportunities.
- i. Advisor Young mentions to come with questions to the meetings.
 - i. Chany Castellino mentions that the Storrs campus has a Rainbow Center. CCO Dave replies that a student named Kris is starting a GSA Club on campus. His Constitution was just submitted to us. President Quiles adds that Chany should mention the Rainbow Center idea when our campus director is at our meeting next month.
 - ii. Deep mentions that he is interested in an Indian Student Association.
 - iii. Advisor Young mentions a Gaming Club is starting and they have a space in the Hartford Public Library.
 - iv. Syed mentions totally revamping the Cricket Club and starting fresh.
 - v. Senator Ellis mentions that USG focuses on seasonal events, smaller events and bus trips but we are open to different ideas.
 - vi. Deep mentions a movie day is a peaceful event for midterms.
- j. Advisor Young mentions to give visuals when someone is speaking by snapping or giving a thumbs up.
- k. Ariana mentions that she likes interactive events like Stuff-A-Husky, the scavenger hunt etc.
- l. Advisor Young mentions that he is going to ask the director's office if they will give us some money to do annual awards ceremony for USG and clubs as a leadership ceremony. There would be awards, food, we would dress fancy.
 - i. Senator Ellis mentions that in the past there has been both a dance and a ceremony. She says it should be one or the other.

ii. President Quiles asks if the ceremony was out of USG funding. Advisor Young replies with he is aware that previous ceremonies have been out of USG funds which is why he is bringing this to the Director's office since it is a big chunk out of our budget.

m. Advisor Young mentions there is a Community Service Fair on November **13th** or **15th**. We want to work with non-profits organizations.

i. Deep, mentions the Children's Hospital would be great to work with. Senator Ellis replies saying the hospital is very strict.

ii. Aaliyah mentions that her internship is a non-profit and they love having volunteers. We can work with them.

n. Advisor Young mentions Huskyton is an **18** hours dance marathon where you fundraise for the Children's Hospital.

o. Advisor Young mentions that he is proud of all the election candidates.

p. Advisor Young mentions that USG has **three** committees, programming, finance, communications. Visitors are welcome to come to the meetings.

q. Advisor Young mentions the Halloween event. He asks what people's thoughts are. Would people dress up.

i. Out of the group the majority said they would dress up, but some said they would not due to being the odd one out or taking the bus to school.

r. Advisor Young mentions that some people thought that there were a lack of clubs at the Involvement Fair.

s. Advisor Young asks what new clubs people want to see.

i. BSA, ISA, Tennis club, game room, newspaper- Daily Digest-The Bulletin, World War 2 Reenactment

ii. Luke mentions that clubs should have desks and office hours.

t. Advisor Young mentions social media and asks people for their thoughts.

i. Aaliyah mentions that USG should like people's pictures,

ii. President Quiles mentions that Facebook is not a platform USG will use from now on due to the inactivity of our followers.

iii. Visitor Aaliyah mentions that USG should have instagram theme days. Posting everyday is too much. We need to be broad in what we are posting. We should post before the event is happening, give a teaser, gets people intrigued. Post daily on our stories.

X. Final Thoughts

a. World club first event is Thursday in room **147** from **11:00 AM** to **12:00 PM**.

b. President Quiles suggests a motion to allocate **\$800.00** for Henna for USG programming. President Quiles so moves. Senator Ellis seconds. Advisor O'Reilly asks about the event. President Quiles replies that we are ordering **three** henna artists and the event is from **2:00 PM** to **4:00 PM**. Motion passes **2/0/0**.

c. Treasurer Minja mentions that clubs need an attendance list, and final receipt for all their events. In room **106** there is a USG mailbox where those requirements can be dropped off.

d. CCO Dave mentions that if clubs want to reach more people to join, then she can help them send out a Listserv.

XI. Adjournment

a. President Quiles adjourns the meeting at **12:22 PM**.

Created by Chief Communications Officer Dave