

I. Call to Order

- a. President Quiles is chairing the meeting and calls the meeting to order at **11:00 AM**.

II. Attendance

- a. Members Present: Olgui Quiles (President), Lorena Minja (Treasurer), Aditi Dave (Chief of Communications Officer), *Angelica Marie Ellis* (Senator), *Milton Rosario* (Senator), *Ariana Llabani* (Senator), *Aaliyah Campbell* (Senator), *Kendall Okeke* (Senator), Paul A. Young (Advisor), *Denotes voting members*
- b. Members Absent: Daniel O'Reilly (Advisor)
- c. Visitors: Chany Castillo, Deep Aluria, Syed Naqvi, April Saynganthone, Amanda Ciquori, Sandy Doan, Natalie Dawud, Sameena Shah, Riana Icona, Mary Sisson, Rimsha Asif, Mostafa Omar, Emily Lugo.
- d. Quorum: **5/5**

III. Approval of Prior Minutes

- a. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve final minutes from Tuesday, October 16th, 2018. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.

IV. Public Comment

- a. Visitor Chany Castillo passes.
- b. Visitor April Saynganthone mentions that she is President of Pre-Health Society.
- c. Visitor Deep Aluria passes.
- d. Visitor Syed Naqvi passes.
- e. Visitor Amanda Liquori is hosting a college night at the science center. **\$10.00** per ticket for students and they want to partner with USG to get people involved. Good opportunity for students to network. Saturday November 17th. President Quiles mentions that this is a great idea but the logistics need to be worked out.
- f. Visitor Mostafa Omar mentions that he is a Representative from Soccer Club.
- g. Visitor Sandy Doan passes.
- h. Visitor Natalie Daoud passes.
- i. Visitor Sameena Shah passes.
- j. Visitor Riana Icona passes.
- k. Visitor Mary Sisson passes.
- l. Visitor Rimsha Asif passes.
- m. Visitor Emily Lugo passes.

V. President's Report

- a. President Quiles mentions there was an email regarding the student fee, was sent out to all undergraduate students. As of now the fee is **\$30.00**. Chief of Communications Dave mentions that Hartford has the lowest fee compared to all regional campuses and has the most events. She adds that since we are a very active campus and have different size events students are involved. She thinks

that there should be a fee increase to **\$40.00-\$45.00** because we are a very active campus and have many different types of events. Senator Ellis thinks that a fee increase is necessary due to our events getting bigger and bigger and the demand from the students increasing. Senator Ellis adds that we are running out of supplies during our events and thinks **\$40.00-\$45.00** is a reasonable increase. Senator Rosario mentions that there are more students and more of a demand and thinks a increase is needed. Senator Okeke agrees with Senator Rosario. Senator Llabani says that the fee should be increased to maybe even **\$50.00**. Senator Campbell agrees. Treasurer Minja mentions that we run out of supplies and that the demand is there for our events. She adds that as of now we are not able to provide for all of our students. Advisor Young goes over how the process of a fee increase works. Visitor Syed Naqvi asks what the total amount of fees collected are for a semester. Advisor Young says it varies based on the number of students. Per semester there is around **\$35,000.00** to **\$40,000.00** and for the year there is between **\$75,000.00** to **\$80,000.00**. Visitor Syed Naqvi mentions that more students attend our events and to make the events better we should increase the fee to **\$60.00** due to the process of inflation. Visitor Natalie mentions that the fee increase is necessary due to students using resources and enriching our campus. She adds that students do not understand that when they eat a cookie during an event or from the atrium that it comes out from our student activities fund. Advisor Young mentions that students have complete control over the fee increase. President Quiles mentions that she thinks a reasonable price increase is from **\$55.00-\$60.00**. We are not being able to meet our expectations. She adds that if we were to have to fee increase the students need to back USG up. USG will develop a packet and pitch it to the board of directors. Visitor Mary Sisson mentions that this is a commuter campus and that they are here for their classes. People come here because the fees are decreased. It is important to look at it from all perspectives in order to make the right choice. Some people do not have time to participate. Visitor Mostafa Omar mentions that we should recap what we say during the minutes by sending out an email or posting on instagram. Chief of Communications Dave mentions that she posts the Minutes which has all the information from the meeting on the USG website. President Quiles mentions that we will be taking all the recommendations and thought into serious consideration before any sort of pitch is proposed.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a.** Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to rescind **\$5.05** back into the USG's fall semester budget. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.

- b. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to rescind **\$464.87** back into the clubs fall semester budget. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- c. Motions
 - i. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$200.00** to Safety Awareness Event to table in the atrium for Human Rights Club on October **31st**. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Visitor Rimsha Asif says the event is to create awareness for harassment. They want to send out a survey to all the students and ask them to open up about harassment and give out candy. They are going get a wire frame and put ribbons on it for harassment and if they know people have been harassed. President Quiles asks where are you going to keep the frame. Visitor Rimsha says they will put the frame in the basement. President Quiles mentions that we should table until the final details are sorted out. Visitor Semma mentions that the event is time sensitive. President states that this event is on Halloween and they want people to be aware, also mentioning that this is a serious topic. President Quiles suggests that the event should be moved to the next week. Visitor Semma says it is important to practice safety and be aware, which is why they want the event on Halloween. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
 - ii. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$387.00** for **37** T-Shirts for the Pre-Health Society club members. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
 - iii. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$95.00** to World Club for Scary Mask Halloween Event. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
 - iv. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$200.00** to Soccer Club for pizza, wings and drinks after soccer tournament. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Lorena suggests to make two different budget requests for things and need to be more detailed. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
 - v. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$50.00** for Barnes and Nobles Gift Card to Soccer Club for the winner of their soccer tournament. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Advisor Young adds that the gift card cannot be a mastercard or visa gift card, they have to be from a specific vendor. For gift cards, a gift acknowledgment certificate needs to be filled out. This certificate is proof for the winner receiving the gift card. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.

- vi. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$2,000.00** to Soccer Club for Indoor Soccer Rental Space. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Treasurer Minja suggests that we need the attendance list for the first two weeks, then we will fund you the remaining of the practices after. The price should change from **\$1,400.00** due to there being only **seven** weeks left in the semester. Advisor Young mentions that we should amend the motion to **\$400.00** for the first **two** weeks and they go from there Treasurer Minja suggests to amend the motion to **\$400.00**. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. They play every sunday at **9:00 PM** to **11:00 PM** for **\$200.00** per session. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- vii. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$250.00** to Veterans Student Association for United Hands High Five for Freedom Event. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**. The event is open to everyone.
- viii. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$70.00** to UConn Harts for Candy to Table in the Atrium. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. This is a student outreach event to advertise for the club. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- ix. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$60.00** to UConn Harts for Build Your Own Popcorn Event at the end of the semester. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Okeke Seconds. Everyone loves the event. Tuesday December 4th. During Winterfest for USG Senator Ellis says we could collab. Visitor Natalie says its for there meeting. Visitor Natalie Daoud says that we can move it up a week and wants to collab the week before. The details will all be worked out soon. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- x. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$60.00** to World Club for Hot Chocolate from Dunkin Donuts to Celebrate the Day of the Dead. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. President Quiles mentions that from **12:00 PM** to **2:00 PM** they are making day of the dead masks. Then from **2:15 PM** to **4:15 PM** they are watching the movie Coco with hot chocolate from Dunkin Donuts. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- xi. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$60.00** to MSA for cookies from The Kitchen for Hijab Day. Senator Okeke So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. OG motion was from stop and shop cookies. One person eats one cookie. Treasurer Minja amends the motion to **\$140.00**. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Okeke Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.

VII. Chief of Communications Report

- a. Chief of Communications Officer Dave mentions that IT trained her on how to manage and update the USG website and that she has updated as much as she could.
- b. Chief of Communications Officer Dave mentions that the Hot Beverages and Mugs Event went very well. The majority of the students loved the event, which showed from the results on the poll on Instagram.
- c. Chief of Communications Officer Dave mentions that she and the Communications Committee have drafted up the roles of a liaison and that is it uploaded on USG's website. All the liaisons should be sharing this with their clubs.

VIII. Programming Board Report

- a. Senator Ellis mentions that Programming Committee meeting went very well.
- b. Senator Ellis mentions her family feud tournament. She is struggling for sign ups. We did all the advertising we could. Advisor Young adds that sometimes these things happen and it is hurdle that we need to get over.
- c. Senator Ellis mentions the Christmas Spectacular event is December 1st and Senator Rosario is working hard on the event.
- d. Senator Ellis mentions that the Winter Fest events are set and are starting to be planned out.
- e. Senator Ellis mentions that ice skating is her event for Winter Fest.

IX. Senators Report

- a. Senator Okeke mentions that he is helping Senator Rosario with the mason jar event. Senator Okeke adds that his event for Winterfest will be the gingerbread house competition.
- b. Senator Rosario mentions his mason jar event. The budget request has been submitted and everything is being set and planned. The event will be a Friendsgiving theme with apple cider donuts and a rock message exchange. The details for the donuts and rocks are still being worked out. Senator Rosario mentions that the Christmas Spectacular Event is in the works. He adds that his co-captain is Chief of Communications Dave. The two captains have come up with a plan, which is to use the students' Husky cards to charge the **\$20.00** nonrefundable deposit which guarantees a seat and ticket for the trip. Senator Rosario adds that his snowball event is going to be a game for Winterfest where students play the game to get a beanie.
- c. Senator Campbell mentions that her office hours are changing. She adds that she was going to do a psychic readings event but it is not working out with the psychic so she is looking for other psychics. Her winterfest event is the social mixer. She will be looking into catering and things to do during the event very soon. President Quiles adds that Pretzel Maker could be a vendor. Chief of

Communications adds that she works there and can get a good deal and it will make this event a hit.

- d. Senator Llabani mentions that her caricature event is November 8th. As of now one have one artist and are working with another.
- e. Senator Ellis mentions that the programming calendar is open to everyone. Put in ideas you have so we do not forget them for the future.

X. Advisors Report

- a. Advisor Young mentions that we are doing well.
- b. Advisor Young mentions that clubs need to spend more money, it is there for them.
- c. Advisor Young mentions that clubs need to put their meetings and events on UConn's event calendar.
- d. Advisor Young mentions that the science center college night is a great idea and that we should start moving forward with that project.

XI. Final Thoughts

- a. President Quiles suggests a motion to accept the resignation of Treasurer Minja. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Campbell Seconds. Treasurer Minja mentions that she loves USG and she will miss it dearly. She will be around and be involved in clubs. Motion Passes 5/0/0.
- b. President Quiles mentions that World Club's Around the World Candy Event is Thursday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- c. President Quiles mentions that the room has a new set up, the Treasurer and Chief of Communications will be sharing a desk and the President and Programming Committee Chair will be sharing a desk. All Officers have computers now.
- d. President Quiles mentions that a list of expectations for our office has been shared with everyone and they need to be followed.

XII. Adjournment

- a. President Quiles adjourns the meeting at 12:29 PM.

Created by Chief of Communications Officer Dave