

I. Call to Order

- a. President Quiles is chairing the meeting and calls the meeting to order at **10:56 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: Dan O'Reilly (Advisor)
- c. Visitors: Chany Castillo, Deep Aluria, Syed Naqvi, Madison Vene, Luciano Lawrence, Joshua Ellis, Sandy Doan, Brianna Nedjoika, Adam Case, April Saynaghtone, Thais Quiles.
- d. Quorum: **5/5**

III. Public Comment

- a. Visitor Chany Castillo mentions that he is here for more information and to get involved on campus.
- b. Visitor Syed Naqvi mentions that he is here is to get involved more on campus.
- c. Visitor Madison Vene mentions that she is here to get involved.
- d. Visitor Thais Quiles mentions that she would like to introduce her club, Huskies with a Mission. The Mission trip to Morocco with everything is included is **\$600.00**.
- e. Visitor Joshua Ellis mentions that he is the Vice President of Huskies with a Mission and that they will want money for shirts.
- f. Visitor Luciano Lawrence mentions that he is here to talk about parking. There was no parking in the Convention Center today and it is getting frustrating not being able to park where the students paid for parking. LAZ Parking should give UCONN a list of events of when the garage will be full.
- g. Visitor Sandy Doan is here to sign a budget request for World Club
- h. Visitor Brianna Nedjoika is here to sign a budget request for UCONN Harts Club.

IV. President Report

- a. Club Liaisons
 - i. President Quiles mentions that an updated list was sent out over the weekend to all members of USG. All the club presidents are assigned to a USG member who are not biased to the club, meaning that they are not apart of the club.
 - ii. President Quiles mentions that we should be having one on one meetings with all club Presidents. All USG members should be meeting with club Presidents a couple times a month. During the one on one meetings we

should be showing club President's how to do budget request, room requests, and showing them the ropes.

b. USG Constitution

- i.** President Quiles mentions that edits were made to the Constitution. An updated copy will be sent out with the new edits made and to be re-edited once more. Edits are due Sunday at midnight. Advisor Young mentions if any members at large would like to help updating out Constitution. No one replies.

c. NACA

- i.** President Quiles mentions that the USG executive members will not be going to the NACA Conference anymore. President Quiles states that she would like to do something else during that time with all members of USG as a team bonding activity and asks for suggestion from the group. Chief of Communications Dave mentions that Foodology would be fun for everyone. Advisor Young mentions that Dave and Busters Arcade could be a fun option. Senator Campbell mentions Painting with a Twist in Hartford which is also supporting our community. President Quiles mentions that she wants to go to a pottery place.

- d.** President Quiles suggests a motion to rescind **\$1,200.00** back into the USG budget. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **5/0/0**.

- e.** Senator Campbell's birthday is October **13th** and we would all like to go out and celebrate.

V. Treasurer Report

a. Budget Update

- i.** USG has **\$9,2630.00** left in their budget.
- ii.** Clubs have **\$10,561.30** left in their budget.

b. Motions

- i.** Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$600.00** for fall themed mugs for Hot Beverages event for USG Programming. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. President Quiles mentions that we should do travel mugs so it helps with USG's advertising also stating because they are normal mugs, people will not bring them to school. Senator Ellis replies with that we are moving forward with the ceramic mugs but we will keep it in mind for the future. President Quiles mentions that things come in later from Darter Specialties. Senator Ellis replies that the event is on the **17th** and if the order is placed today then the mugs will get in by the **15th**. Treasurer Minja asks if a purchase order will be done by today. Advisor Young replies that he will try to get it done today. Advisor Young

also mentions that we should include a delivery date on the quote from now on. President Quiles mentions that since this is one of the first motions that the new Senators should speak up. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.

- ii. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$80.00** for office supplies. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. President Quiles mentions that we need to buy two pumps for the coffee creamer and cups for the coffee. President Quiles amends the motion to **\$150.00**. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- iii. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$330.00** for UCONN Harts Club for arts and crafts supplies for Art and Craft Care Packs to donate the items to Connecticut Children Medical Center. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Treasurer Minja mentions that the Senators must deny the motion due to the fact that UCONN is a trust organization and we are taking students funds to donate which is not allowed. Advisor Young mentions that the university prohibits giving donations. Liaison will work with the club to come up with another solution. Motion Fails **0/5/0**.
- iv. Treasurer Minja suggests a motion to allocate **\$200.00** for pizza and beverages for MSA meeting. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Advisor Young mentions that from now on the motion should be tabled if a representative from the Club is not here to sign. For today the motion can be passed. Visitor Madison Vene asks what is MSA. Treasurer Minja replies that it is the Muslim Student Association. Motion passes **5/0/0**.
- v. President Quiles suggests a motion to allocate **\$1,395.00** for a bus trip for World Club to go to Salem, Massachusetts. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Visitor Luciano Lawrence asks what the event is. President Quiles mentions that it was a good idea to go to Salem to celebrate Halloween. The trip is October **28th** and while there, students can do what they want to do. World Club will create a list of what there is to do in Salem and provide it to the students. There are **52** seats available and they will be open to World Club members first and then to the public. Parking at the Convention Center is not open on Sunday's but Advisor Young mentions that street parking is free on the weekends. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- vi. Advisor Young hands out a document that explains the funding policies and procedures. Visitor Sandy Doan asks about budget requests being **two** weeks in advance because she wants to do an event this week for World Club but did not know about the policy. She asks if she can get reimbursed if she pays out of pocket. Advisor Young replies that there is a lot of

behind the scenes and there has to be a motion in order for there to be a reimbursement. Visitor Thais Quiles asks where she can find the document. Advisor Young replies that all documents are on USG's website and on UConntact. President Quiles adds that there should be a specific section for tax exemption. Advisor Young mentions what tax exemption is and why we are tax exempt. Senator Campbell asks why budget requests need to be submitted **four** weeks prior to the event for clothing, buses, etc. Advisor Young explains that with those vendors it takes time, it is a domino effect. The **four** weeks gives us time to get over the hurdles and have the event be successful. Advanced preparation and planning is essential. Visitor Madison Vene asks if we are allowed to do fundraisers. Advisor Young replies with yes we are allowed to do fundraisers. Treasurer Minja asks that if clubs have questions that they should contact their liaisons. Visitor Thias Quiles asks if her club can get funding. Advisor Young replies that it is possible but there are lots of logistics that factor into the situation.

VI. Chief of Communications Report

a. Social Media Update

- i. Chief of Communications Dave mentions that polls on instagram are more effective for getting people's opinions rather than using the questions feature on Instagram.
- ii. Chief of Communications Dave asks how USG should be advertising. Senator Campbell mentions to post a picture about the event a week in advance and then post it on the story the day of. Senator Rosario adds that we should have a weekly schedule that breaks down the events. Chief of Communications Dave mentions that other than Instagram she is using other forms of advertising such as digital signage, events calendar, and UConntact. Advisor Young mentions that incentive is a good tool to use for people's engagement, such as giveaways. If a student follows they can be entered to win something. Visitor Sandy Doan mentions that USG should use Facebook. Chief of Communications Dave mentions that a few weeks ago USG as a whole decided not to use Facebook due to the lack of activity seen by the students on that platform.

b. Minutes

- i. Chief of Communications Dave goes over what all members of USG should be looking to edit within the minutes.

VII. Programming Board Report

- a. Senator Ellis mentions that the first Programming Committee meeting was this morning and went well. Lots of ideas and events were discussed.

- b. Senator Ellis mentions that the Family Feud event had some issues and we revisited on how we are going to approach the event. We are looking to reschedule the event but agreed that Wednesday's from **2:15** to **3:30** PM will work the best.
- c. Senator Ellis mentions that the Pumpkin Painting event is Monday, October 8th from **10:00** AM to **12:00** PM in the student lounge.

VIII. Senators Report

- a. Senator Rosario mentions that the Programing Committee meeting was successful.
- b. Senator Ellis passes.
- c. Senator Campbell passes.
- d. Senator Okeke passes.
- e. Senator Llabani passes.

IX. Advisors Report

- a. Advisor Young mentions that he wants us to be strong and have good leadership.
- b. Advisor Young mentions that he was able to step into the Programming Committee meeting and heard great things for the future.

X. Final Thoughts

- a. Visitor Sandy Doan wants to get masks and Korean food for this week's World Club meeting. She also needs supplies for the Albuquerque balloon festival event World Club is hosting.
- b. President Quiles suggests a motion to allocate **\$10.00** for glue sticks from Walmart. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. President Quiles mentions that we are tax exempt so either Sandy needs to not get charged for tax or USG will not reimburse her for the tax on the glue sticks. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- c. Treasurer Minja mentions that when clubs are purchasing stuff off of Amazon they need to allocate more money because the price might change. When clubs are purchasing stuff from special vendors the price will not change, so request the exact amount of money the vendor provides in the quote.
- d. President Quiles mentions that DECA is meeting from **3:30** to **4:30** PM today.
- e. President Quiles mentions that next semester the USG meeting will be from **3:30** to **5:30** PM on Wednesday's.
- f. President Quiles mentions that the henna event was successful.
- g. President Quiles mentions that Coffee with a Cop is Wednesday from **2:00** to **4:00** PM in the atrium.

XI. Adjournment

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

Created by Chief Communications Officer Dave