

I. Call to Order

- a. President Quiles is chairing the meeting and calls the meeting to order at **10:53 AM**.

II. Attendance

- a. Members Present: Olgui Quiles (President), Syed Naqvi (Treasurer), Aditi Dave (Chief of Communications Officer), *Angelica Marie Ellis* (Senator), *Milton Rosario* (Senator), *Ariana Llabani* (Senator), *Aaliyah Campbell* (Senator), *Kendall Okeke* (Senator), Daniel O'Reilly (Advisor), Paul A. Young (Advisor)
Denotes voting members
- b. Members Absent: None
- c. Visitors: Chany Castillo, Lorena Minja, Amila Talovic, Natalie Daoud, Hannah Nguyen, Sandy Doan, Lubna Rauf, Riana Kona, Pusha Shah, Nile Keah, Samatar Wehelie, Maaz Uddin, Brittany Diaz.
- d. Quorum: **5/5**

III. Approval of Prior Minutes

- a. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve final minutes from Tuesday, November **6th 2018**. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- b. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve final minutes from Tuesday, November **8th 2018**. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. President Quiles mentions we had an emergency meeting to pass a few motions. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.

IV. Public Comment

- a. Visitor Sandy Doan passes.
- b. Visitor Chany Castillo passes.
- c. Visitor Lorena Minaj mentions that she is here for Human Rights Club.
- d. Visitor Amila Talovic passes
- e. Visitor Natalie Daoud passes.
- f. Visitor Hannah Nguyen passes.
- g. Visitor Lubna Rauf passes.
- h. Visitor Riana Kona passes.
- i. Visitor Pusha Shah passes.
- j. Visitor Nile Keah passes
- k. Visitor Maaz Uddin passes.
- l. Visitor Samatar Wehelie passes.

V. Visit for the Director's Office

- a. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that the Director's Office hosts a regular solidarity hour where members of UConn, meaning students, faculty, and staff, all get together as a community to talk about our world, share stories, and talk about

specific events. Director Mark Velazquez invites us all to come and share our stories at the next meeting which is November **28th** at **2:30** PM.

- b. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that the UConn men's hockey team's first game is tonight and that the UConn Athletics Department is giving out free tickets to the game.
- c. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that the Director's Office is having a Winter Fest, where there is free ice skating and carol singing on November **27th** at **5:30** PM on the Hartford Times Building front stairs. Everyone is welcome to come join.
- d. Director Mark Velazquez mentions a follow up with parking, as well as more space for USG. He adds that he is working on finding solutions to these concerns.
- e. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that his office is opening an academic achievement center, where the school can hire someone who can help facilitate education and to help navigate college. He adds that it will need its own space.
- f. Senator Campbell asks if the Q-Center can get an economics tutor since many students take economics and it is a hard class. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that his office is looking into tutors for the STEM field. He will talk to the Director of the Q-Center about an economics tutor.
- g. Visitor Lorena Minja asks about breakout rooms. In the library, students can reserve up to **four** hours in a room and she thinks there should be a similar process for the breakout rooms in the Hartford Times Building. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that we have **two** rooms open currently and that the space needs to be used effectively so that is a very good option.
- h. Visitor Hannah mentions the honors program. On the Hartford Campus, there is not much support. We need someone to help advise us for honors since it is a complicated process.
- i. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that he has not received any letters or documents for the student fee increase. President Quiles replies that she will send the documents over.
- j. Director Mark Velazquez mentions that he appreciates all of our suggestions and concerns and he will look into them.

Meeting Breaks at **11:26** AM.

Meeting Restarts at **11:38** AM.

VI. President Report

- a. President Quiles mentions the Elections Committee is the President, Treasurer, Chief of Communications and Programming Committee Chair. All of us will be working closely to plan out elections for next semester.
- b. President Quiles mentions new committees. Every senator is going to be a chair of a committee. She wants to expand USG President Quiles mentions that we will

have Programming co-chairs and that Senators are going to be in charge of their own committees and not worry about programming. All committees will be apart of USG. Senator Rosario asks for clarification and is worried about commitment issues. Advisor Young mentions the concerns and limitations for this idea, it is good because it will be a pipeline for future leaders. Visitor Natalie Daoud asks how the committee members would be given their positions. President Quiles replies that the committee heads will be in charge of picking their members.

VII. Treasurer's Report

a. Motions

- i.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$175.00** for USG Programming for their Gingerbread House competition on December 3rd. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- ii.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$180.00** for Cookies from the Kitchen for Pre-Health Society's Ornaments and Cookies Event on the 27th. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- iii.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$550.00** for a bus for USG's Programming for Ice Skating. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- iv.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$500.00** for Pretzels from Pretzel Maker for Winterfest. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Okeke Seconds. President Quiles mentions that the quote from the budget request was not good and advises the Senators to vote against this motion. Senator Ellis asks what was wrong with it. President Quiles replies that the vendor, address, phone number were not on the quote, which makes it invalid. Chief of Communications Dave adds that she did not know those things had to be on the quote. President Quiles adds that the requirements were not clear. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- v.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$65.00** for Snowball and Beanies Event for USG's Winterfest. Senator Okeke So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- vi.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$3,500.00** for Gaming Club for **three** computers. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Finance Committee recommends to table the motion because we are not sure if the Gaming Club is capable of building these computers. Finance Committee about allocating the money for one computer. President of Gaming Club mentions that the point of buying them is to build and use them for the club. It is a cheaper and when you build computers they have a better performance. President Quiles asks if they have ever built a

computer. President of Gaming Club replies that he does it all the time in his town and at his job. Attendance per meeting is from **15** to **20** people. The club is constantly looking to grow. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.

- vii.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$20.00** for World Club for scissors. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Advisor Young asks who the vendor is. President Quiles replies that the vendor is Amazon. Advisor Young says we need to switch the vendor to Huskybuy Evolution. UConn has a contract with them. Liaisons need to let their clubs know that office supplies need to be bought from HuskyBuy. Senator Campbell asks why can't we buy supplies for all the clubs and they can all share. Natalie shares her justification. Treasurer Naqvi suggests to amend the motion to **\$200.00** for supplies for clubs. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- viii.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$300.00** for Human Rights for their End of Semester Celebration. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- ix.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$100.00** for Pre-Health Society for their End of Semester Celebration for pizza and drinks from Empire Pizza House. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Okeke Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- x.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$600.00** for MSA for shirts for their first **50** members. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- xi.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$1,200.00** for USG Programming for Beanies for their Winterfest event. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Okeke Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- xii.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$200.00** for MSA for food. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion Passes **5/0/0**.
- xiii.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$20.00** to reimburse USG for the **two** basement keys that are missing. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Advisor Young mentions to table or vote against the meeting because UConn should not be asking USG to pay for keys for their advisors. Motion Fails **0/5/0**.

VIII. Chief of Communications Report

- a.** Chief of Communications Dave mentions that she had her first Communications Committee meeting. In the meeting they discussed the office rules and the deadlines for agendas and budget requests. They think that Senators should be able to see the budget requests as they come in because they are the ones who vote and only have a short time to make a decision. The Senators also need to

hear the Finance Committee recommendation before the meeting so they can decide and not have a rushed decision. Chief of Communications Dave adds that agendas should be sent out early so there is time to prepare the minutes. Advisor Young adds that we need to decide a date for the deadlines. USG decides that agendas and Finance Committees recommendations will be sent out by Monday at **7:00 PM**.

- b. Chief of Communications Dave mentions that all social media and website are up to date and her liaisons are all set.

IX. Programming Board Report

- a. Senator Ellis mentions the Programming Committee Meeting was very productive.

X. Senators Report

- a. Senator Rosario mentions that he emailed his clubs and they are doing well, some of them are not active. Senator Rosario mentions that his Friendsgiving Event is tomorrow. He will get the donuts from Neil's tomorrow morning. Senator Rosario adds that Beanies for his event got approved. Senator Rosario mentions that the New York trip will be sign ups through a portal.
- b. Senator Llabani mentions her Caricature Event was successful. There were **four** to **five** people that didn't show up. From now on, sign up sheets do not work for these types of events. Senator Llabani's clubs are doing well and she is getting prepared for Winterfest.
- c. Senator Campbell mentions her cupcake event is in two weeks. She is working on getting a quote. Senator Campbell adds that the Director's Office is taking over the Social Mixer but USG is paying for the Pretzels. President Quiles mentions that we should do the Pretzel Event another day. Senator Campbell adds that she wants to do a giveaway with socks, keychains, car stickers and candy. Her liaisons are kicking off next semester.
- d. Senator Okeke mentions his clubs are doing well. For his winterfest event, people need to make teams and sign up beforehand.

XI. Advisor's Report

- a. Advisor O'Reilly mentions exceptions on budget requests.
- b. Advisor Young mentions that this was a good meeting.

XII. Final Thoughts

- a. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that November **23rd** is last day for budget requests.
- b. Visitor Lorena Minja mentions Human Rights Club Sexual Harassment event is from **11:00 AM** to **1:00 PM**.
- c. Visitor Deep Aluria mentions that Pre-Health has their Ornament Decorating Event on November **27th**.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. President Quiles adjourns the meeting at **12:42** PM.

Created by Chief of Communications Officer Dave