

UConn Hartford - Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Agenda

Wednesday January 23rd 2019 Room 216

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I. **Call to Order** (*President Quiles*)

- a. Calls the meeting to order at **4:41** PM. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds.

II. **Attendance** (*President Quiles*)

- a. Members Present: Olgui Quiles (President), Syed Naqvi (Treasurer), Ariana Llabani (interim Chief Communications Officer), *Angelica Marie Ellis* (Senator), *Milton Rosario* (Senator), *Ariana Llabani* (Senator), *Aaliyah Campbell* (Senator), Paul A. Young (Advisor), Daniel O'Reilly (Advisor)
Denotes voting members

III. **Approval of Prior Minutes**

- a. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve the prior minutes of January 17th, 2019. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes 4/0/0.

IV. **Old Business**

- a. President Quiles states there is no old business but meetings will always stop exactly at **6:25**. The purpose of old business is to resume where we stopped at the last meeting.

V. **Public Comment** (*all*)

- a. *Limited to ~2 minutes/person—this is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the group, reason for attending, and address any questions, concerns, and/or recommendations...*

VI. **President Report** (*President Quiles*)

- a. President quiles mentions a new system of meetings for the spring semester where there will be different meetings between different people aside from our weekly USG meeting. President quiles also mentions that the intent to run has been submitted for this semester's elections and three positions will be open. Advertisement for elections will start after the involvement fair.
- b. President Quiles mentions that there is no clear set of rules on what is happening with clubs and their liaisons. Angelica states that she believes that advocacy seems like the best fit to oversee clubs and a good idea would be to sent out a training powerpoint for club leaders. President quiles disagrees and believes that advocacy has enough on their plate. She would rather have one person handle clubs entirely than the split them among a certain amount of people. She mentions that for next semester it would be smart to start a

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club committee. Paul mentions that the whole point of starting advocacy was to help with the situation of club liaisons. President Quiles thinks she could temporarily Co Chair advocacy committee to split work for having clubs as well.

VII. Financial Standing (Treasurer Naqvi)

a. Budget Update

- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that we have so far allocated **\$4,000** for spending. He also mentions that as of now the budget is **\$19,875.6** for USG.

VIII. Budget Request (Treasurer Naqvi)

- a. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$171.42** for chocolates on USG Election Day. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- b. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$12.74** to USG for stickers to give on USG Election Day. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the purchase comes with **500** stickers. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario seconds. Paul suggests that because the stickers come from Amazon and the prices fluctuate to amend the motion. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to amend the motion to **\$20** dollars Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- c. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$242.46** to USG for prizes for Black History Month Trivia Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario seconds. Senator Campbell explains that on Tuesdays and Thursdays, trivia will be posted on the Instagram page and the first person to answer the question correctly will win the prize. The prizes will be water bottles and decals. Treasurer Naqvi suggests suggests a motion to amend the motion to allocate **\$350** Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Communications Report

- i. Chief Communications Officer Llabani mentions that social media for Week of Welcome has constantly been updated to inform the students of events for the week. She also mentions that on the posts you can see who saves them to their own personal accounts, which she says a lot of people do. She explains that this means that people are saving the dates and times for our events and spreading the word.

b. Programming Report

- i. Senator Ellis thanks everyone for all their help in the events for welcome week so far. She mentions that the photobooth and giveaway

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event was successful but she hopes that in the future a similar event should be bigger. The beanie event was also successful and a lot of people found it fun and engaging.

c. Advocacy Report

- i. Senator Campbell mentions that she was introduced to one of Advisor Young and O'Reilly's colleagues who will be a great asset to her goals for her committee. Treasurer Naqvi asks if she has heard anything regarding break out rooms and she says she will follow up on that

d. Finance Report

- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions they are finalizing training and have come up with a module. He hopes he will be in contact with club presidents by tomorrow to introduce them to the idea of training.

X. Final Thoughts (all)

- a. *Limited to ~2 minutes/person—this is an opportunity to address any questions, concerns, and/or recommendations before the formal end of the official meeting.*

XI. Advisor Report

- a. Advisor O'Reilly mentions that he is proud of everyone for working hard. He also states that there shouldn't be much discussion after motions are suggested and that those conversations should happen behind the scenes and at committee meetings.
- b. Advisor Young says it is important to recognize success and show selflessness and support. He also mentions that there should be a previous rsvp for help at events instead of asking at the meetings every time. This is also a way of keeping track of who doesn't help when they should be.
- c. Advisor Young also mentions that if there is a conversation that is not finalized or gets tabled it should be talked about in the old business section of our meeting agenda.

XII. Adjournment (President Quiles)

- a. President Quiles adjourns the meeting at **6:20 PM**.

Created by Chief Communications Officer Llabani