

**UConn Hartford - Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Minutes**  
*Wednesday, February 20th 2019 Room 216*

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- I. Call to Order** (*President Quiles*)
  - a. President Quiles calls the meeting to order at **4:42 PM**.
  
- 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\*
  - b. Visitors: July Leon, Luciano Lawrence, Chelsea Baidya, Irin Mathew, Erica Day, Fatima Boumargoud, Erica Arhin, Amanda Carducci, Chany Castillo
  - c. Quorum: **4/4**
  
- III. Approval of Prior Minutes**
  - a. Prior Minutes of February **13<sup>th</sup> 2019**
    - i. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve the prior minutes of February **13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Campbell Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
  
- IV. Old Business**
  - a. President Quiles states there is no old business.
  
- 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...*
    - i.
  
- VI. President Report** (*President Quiles*)
  - a. President Quiles mentions that all new clubs have been established so far and she is almost done meeting with all old clubs for the semester.
  - b. President Quiles states that **four** people have submitted their applications to run for senator this semester. The orientation is this Friday from **1-2** for all students running.
  - c. March **30<sup>th</sup>** is the Admitted Student Reception from **8-2**. The reception consists of introductions from the student body, the president speaking, different clubs, and a general idea of the way the school runs.
  
- VII. Financial Standing** (*Treasurer Naqvi*)
  - a. Budget Update

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- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that clubs have **\$5309.30** and USG has **\$16,408.92** left for the semester.

## VIII. Budget Request (Treasurer Naqvi)

- a. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$150** to GSA for flags to use at their Queer Here and Everywhere event on April 11th. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- b. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$400** to Art Club for an art show on the 17th of April to be hosted at Tainted. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi suggests motion pending approval of Tainted Incorporation as approved vendor. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- c. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$350** to Acapella for spring concert shirts. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Campbell Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- d. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$850** for hoodies. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Senator Ellis mentions that the reason why they are asking for hoodies and tshirts is because they are one of the most committed clubs on campus. President Quiles mentions that Acapella has also never requested money from USG. Senator Campbell agrees, saying that it is a good investment considering her club is active. Motion passes **4/0/0**.

## IX. Committee Reports

- a. Communications Report
  - i. Chief Communications Officer Llabani mentions that last week's Communications Committee meeting was very productive. One thing that was really talked about was the idea of doing the Instagram giveaways. By the end of the meeting, she mentions that they agreed that we should not be focusing as much on gaining more followers as we should be on engaging the students that we already have following us. She discusses how at the end of the meeting she asked each of her members to send her two ideas on how we can make our page more interactive for the students we already have following us and they brought forward some great ideas that will be talked about at tomorrow's meeting. She also mentions that they have set a schedule for posting events so that students can know about them ahead of time and attend. Another thing that was talked about at the meeting was the idea of having someone take a lead with each element of communications, meaning one person would be in charge of UConn contact, one in charge of the events calendar, one in charge of doing minutes, and so on. One interesting thing that was discussed was the idea of having someone handle the analytical aspect of Instagram by looking at the numbers behind our posts and putting

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them into charts and graphs. She mentions that Visitor Brittany Diaz would be taking a lead with this.

- ii. Chief Communications Officer Llabani states that her IT training for the website was successful and that she learned how to run and edit the website so minutes will be posted to the website soon.
- iii. Chief Communications Officer Llabani discusses promoting elections and the referendum as well. She mentions that they want to have each candidate give a short video message on Instagram introducing themselves and explaining why they are running for a senator position. She also mentions that she wants members of USG like President Quiles, Treasurer Naqvi, the senators, and the committee members who would like to participate to give a statement on the referendum and why it is important to vote for the fee increase.

## **b. Programming Report**

- i. Senator Ellis mentions that the meeting was very productive. She states how President Quiles' wood signage event was very successful. President Quiles says she has extra boards and stencils for anyone who wants to make a board.
- ii. Senator Ellis also mentions that the next event is the week after elections where they will be having a Captain Marvel movie night on the **15th** where there will be **40** spots. They are also in the process of planning an **80s** themed roller skating event. Senator Rosario mentions that the t-shirt event for next week is looking good. However, he mentions that if they move it to the week of elections they can giveaway the t-shirts to people who vote. He says that they can split the amount of t-shirts so that there is still an event next week. Senator Rosario mentions that he is putting together a luau for Spring Fest with a lot of different activities and foods.

## **c. Advocacy Report**

- i. Senator Campbell mentions that she wants to open up the conversation to everyone about what she should say to Director Mark Overmeyer Velasquez at the next meeting. Visitor Erica mentions that she should make her focus about the break out rooms and bring up any other small things at the end. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that there have people who have visited the campus and have asked if there is a rec center on campus for students to do something besides just studying. Senator Ellis says she will bring up parking and Treasurer Naqvi will take a lead with speaking about recreational space.

## **d. Finance Report**

- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the budget request form has been updated.

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- ii. Treasurer Naqvi also discusses the participatory budget, where a university from Connecticut will be given \$5,000. Advisor Young encourages everyone in USG to attend the event to represent UConn.

## **X. New Business**

- a. President Quiles states there is no new business.

## **XI. 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.*
  - i.

## **XII. Advisors Report**

- a. Advisor O'Reilly quotes "you must be the change you want to see in the world".
- b. Advisor Young mentions that everyone has been doing great work so far in the semester.

## **XIII. Adjournment *(President Quiles)***

- a. President Quiles adjourns the meeting at **6:32 PM**.

*Created by Chief Communications Officer Llabani*