

UConn Hartford - Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Agenda

Wednesday January 30th 2019 Room 216

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

- a. President Quiles calls the meeting to order at 4:35 PM
- b. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Campbell 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
- b. Members Absent: Angelica Ellis (Senator)
- c. Visitors: July Leon, Erica Day, Chelsea Baidya, Irin Mathew, Brittany Diaz, Sahar Amjasal, April Saynganthone, Natalie Daoud
- d. Quorum: $\frac{3}{4}$

III. **Approval of Prior Minutes**

- a. Prior Minutes of January 23rd, 2019
 - i. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve the prior minutes of January 23rd, 2019. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Campbell Seconds. Motion passes **3/0/0**.

IV. **Old Business**

- a. President Quiles discusses the elections that were mentioned in the last meeting. She states that in the next couple of days Advocacy Committee will meet with her. All the details for the elections will be finalized by the next USG meeting

Senator Ellis enters. Quorum changes **4/4**.

- b. President Quiles mentions Cabinet Meetings. She states that the meetings will be 45 minutes from 10:25 to 11:10 on Wednesday's. The location is still to be determined but no meetings are allowed in the USG office
- c. President Quiles also discusses the issue of who is to handle clubs. She states that instead of it being Advocacy Committee next semester and it being co-chaired, President Quiles will take autonomy for the rest of this semester and in the fall semester a Vice President will take the responsibility. In the past, USG has not been as supportive of clubs as it should be, which is why a Vice President position would be best. Visitor Brittany Diaz says that as a freshman if she were not a part of USG she would not know much about clubs or UConncontact. She suggests that people other than club leaders should know

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about UConn contact in order to get their information on being involved and who to contact. Advisor Young also suggests that there needs to be some kind of constant form of communication weekly to check in. President Quiles mentions that she has been creating a document that includes all clubs with leader contact information and meeting times. Advisor Young adds that representatives of USG should be attending club events to show that we support them especially if we expect them to come to our meetings. Sehar mentions creating a club Instagram account where events can be advertised.

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. Visitor Diaz mentions that because of her academic schedule this semester she may have to withdraw from USG and the committees she is on. She explains that she will know by Friday whether or not she will be continuing.

VI. President Report *(President Quiles)*

- a. President Quiles mentions that the Involvement Fair was successful. She thinks that although the responsibility of the fair was ambiguous, the event was full of students attending. She also mentions that many new clubs debuted at the Fair today.
- b. President Quiles also discusses whether or not USG members should be allowed to participate in raffles and giveaways. Senator Rosario argues that it should be allowed because we are

VII. Financial Standing *(Treasurer Naqvi)*

- a. Budget Update
 - i. Treasurer Naqvi states that USG has **\$16,461.24** and clubs have **\$9,978.24** left.

VIII. Budget Request *(Treasurer Naqvi)*

- a. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$1250** to USG for ice cream from Ben and Jerrys for February **14th**. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi asks if it would be possible to reduce the amount of money to serve **150** people because in the past, like with the cupcake event, way too many cupcakes were purchased. Treasurer Naqvi

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suggests a motion to amend the motion to allocate **\$1000** to Ben and Jerry's sundae bar on February **14th**. Visitor Vene accepts the amendment.

Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$1000** to USG for Ben and Jerry's. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.

b. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$310** to Acapella Club for **100** folders. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.

c. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$300** to World Club for pizza from Blind Pig. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the budget request was put in late, which is something that has become a recurring problem with World Club. Motion fails **4/0/0**.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Communications Report

- i. Chief Communications Officer Llabani mentions that the Involvement Fair went very well. A ListServ was sent out to the entire undergraduate student body talking about the Involvement Fair and it was also advertised on Instagram yesterday and during the event.
- ii. Chief Communications Officer Llabani also mentions that the first Communications Committee meeting is tomorrow from 11:15 to 12:15 in room 209. She also states that at the meeting the committee will figure out how the work is going to be allocated among the members.
- iii. Chief Communications Officer Llabani also mentions that she is going to get started on the February giveaway on the Instagram page. She reminds everyone that we will be doing giveaways every month starting the middle of February to gain Instagram followers. Advisor young

b. Programming Report

- i. Senator Ellis mentions that Welcome Week went well. she thinks that overall we had a lower turnout than in the past and they will be looking into seeing why that was.
- ii. Senator Ellis also discusses upcoming events. The next event should have been a movie day, but the budget request was never submitted. Senator Ellis mentions that she hopes they can find an event for next week to replace it. President Quiles mentions that if there is no event

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next week then we should focus on pushing awareness for club meetings and their kickoffs.

- iii. Senator Rosario mentions that his t-shirt event from Darter Specialties is in the works. He explains that he has had difficulties with the vendor in the past but he hopes that things will work out in time for his event.

c. Advocacy Report

- i. Senator Campbell mentions that over break she reached out to someone in ODI and was put in contact with someone who works on campus that wants to shine a light on the diversity at UConn Hartford. She will be helping her with Black History month, Women's History month, etc.
- ii. Senator Campbell mentions that for the fee increase, she wants to table a lot this semester to put out the word for the increase.
- iii. Senator Campbell passes the floor to Visitor Leon to speak on events. he mentions that he is finalizing an event for GSA on raising awareness for the LGBTQ community and violence. The purpose of the event is to not only raise awareness but also celebrate this community of people. He also mentions that there will be a big canvas with a rainbow or something focused on the LGBTQ community that will be put in the new USG space. Visitor Leon passes the floor to Visitor Day who discusses the Brown Girls Brunch event. She mentions that an email will be sent to the student body explaining the event and asking what day would be best to get the greatest attendance at the event.

d. Finance Report

- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that he submitted the petition for the fee increase and we received roughly about **105** signatures. he also says that it is necessary that we inform the public on all they need to know on the fee increase.
- ii. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that budget requests have been coming in, which is great. He also clarifies that budget requests must be submitted by friday at midnight the week before of the usg meeting that it must be approved, which must be two weeks before your event.
- iii. Treasurer Naqvi also discusses that finance committee is going to be looking for new members to join. President Quiles suggests sending out a ListServ stating that the positions open are going to be through an interview process and Treasurer Naqvi agrees that that is a good idea in recruiting members.

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X. Advisor Report (put after final thoughts)

- a. Advisor O'Reilly mentions that for clubs to continue the next year there is a re-registration process and uconntact must be updated. if this is not done, clubs may not be able to operate until mid september or later.
- b. Advisor Young mentions that the meeting today was engaging, informative, and productive.

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. President Quiles mentions that on March **27th** is the Acapella Club concert from **6-8** so there will be no USG meeting that day. An emergency meeting will be held to handle the budget requests for that week.
 - ii. President Quiles also mentions that in the next few weeks she will be handling everything with clubs and will be holding appointments with them. That being said, she states that she will be very busy so if anyone needs to speak to her to make an appointment.

XII. Adjournment *(President Quiles)*

- a. President Quiles adjourns the meeting at **6:26 PM**.

Created by Chief Communications Officer Llabani