

UConn Hartford - Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Minutes
Wednesday February 6th 2019 Room 216

I. Call to Order *(President Quiles)*

- a. President Quiles calls the meeting to order at 4:33 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) *Denotes voting members*
- b. Members Absent: Daniel O'Reilly, *Aaliyah Campbell*
- c. Visitors: Julio Leon, Erica Day, Chelsea Baidya, Irin Mathew, Saher Amjasal, Natalie Daoud, Amanda Carducci, Fatima Zahra, Madison Vene, Aaron Paladino, Muneeb Ali
- d. Quorum: 3/4

III. Approval of Prior Minutes

- a. Prior Minutes of January 30th, 2019
 - i. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve the prior minutes of January 30th, 2019. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes 3/0/0.

IV. Old Business

- a. President Quiles states that 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...*

VI. President Report *(President Quiles)*

- a. President Quiles discusses the elections. She has spoken with senator campbell and they have decided that she is going to be the one to help spread the word to students on why there is going to be an election and why we should have a fee increase. President quiles mentions that her job will be actually getting people to run.
- b. President Quiles mentions she has met with about 7 clubs so far and has upcoming meetings with others. She says that she has been talking to them and training them about this semester.

Senator Campbell enters at 4:36 PM. Quorum changes to 4/0/0. Advisor O'Reilly enters at 4:36 PM.

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VII. Financial Standing (*Treasurer Naqvi*)

- a.** Budget Update
 - i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the USG budget as of now has **\$16,708.76** remaining and clubs have **\$10,202.89** left.

VIII. Budget Request (*Treasurer Naqvi*)

- a.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate \$150 to USG to purchase supplies for the 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 \$201 to Art Club to purchase food for first meeting from Blind Pig. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- c.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate \$210 to GSA to purchase art supplies February 20 from Amazon. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that these supplies cannot be purchased off Amazon and need to be bought off of HuskyBuy. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- d.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate \$215 to Human Rights for their first meeting on the 12th. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that Human Rights has not met the requirements from last semester to submit a written statement. He mentions that they submitted the same attendance for two events. The request can be tabled until final thoughts should a representative show up to the meeting. Motion tabled **4/0/0**.
- e.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate \$115 to Art Club for supplies. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that one of the supplies must be purchased on HuskyBuy. Treasurer Naqvi restates the motion to allocate \$140 to Art Club for supplies Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- f.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate \$250 to World Club for kickoff meeting. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the Finance Committee reviewed the budget request and World Club is requesting the funds for the next day, but they must be requested two weeks in advance. Motion fails **4/0/0**.
- g.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate \$135 to World Club for candy around the world from Amazon so moved Milton second Angelica suggests a motion to amend the motion to \$160 to purchase candy so moved Milton second Angelica motion passes **4/0/0**.

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- h.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$1600** to USG to purchase club supplies from HuskyBuy. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Campbell Seconds. After discussion, President Quiles explains that it would be a good idea to increase the amount. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to amend the motion to allocate **\$2000** 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 Advocacy Committee's Black History Month Trivia on Instagram started yesterday. The response to the question was pretty successful and we had a winner within a few minutes. Chief Communications Officer Llabani also states that the story was left up a little longer than the rest will be up for just to see the data of the posts, like how many people viewed it and how many people we could get to respond to the post. In addition, she explains that the Instagram following has stayed pretty constant but that will begin to increase when we begin the giveaways at the end of the month.
- ii.** Chief Communications Officer Llabani also mentions that the first Communications Committee meeting was held last week. She says that the meeting was productive and every member of the committee will be assigned to one week according to Programming Committee's calendar in order to make flyers for their events. The flyers would be due by Friday the week before of the event. Chief Communications Officer Llabani also mentions that at the meeting the team created different ideas for the giveaway such as Travis Scott tickets at the XL Center, a Six Flags Season Pass, an Amazon Gift Card, headphones, and more. At the meeting tomorrow she says they will discuss which giveaway will be for the month of February and a budget request will be put in by one of the members by Friday.
- iii.** Chief Communications Officer Llabani also mentions that her and President Quiles are working on setting a day to be trained by IT so that minutes can be posted to the website and a number of other things.

b. Programming Report

- i.** Senator Ellis mentions that they had their first Programming Committee meeting of the semester today. For February events, she

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mentions that they will need help specifically for the Ben and Jerry's event on February 14th.

- ii. Senator Ellis also discusses future events for March, which currently all take place off campus so she would like people to give ideas for on campus events if they have any.
- iii. Senator Ellis also mentions that new senators should be required to be on Programming Committee since planning events takes into consideration elements of finance and communications, such as putting in budget requests and advertising events. President Quiles comes to the conclusion that two senators will be put on Programming Committee and one will be put on Advocacy Committee.

c. Advocacy Report

- i. Senator Campbell mentions that it has been decided that the 19th, 20th, and 21st of February from 11:30-1:30 will be the days that the students can learn more about USG elections and voting. She also explains that a budget request for candy as incentives was put in.
- ii. Senator Campbell also discusses that she has a guest speaker for the Brown Girls Brunch and it is open to everyone.

d. Finance Report

- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentioned that they looked at the budget request form and have finalized the way they want the form to look and if anyone has any suggestions to bring them forward.

X. New Business

- a. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that Human Rights was supposed to have someone come in to represent the club. He says that the motion can be approved pending the statement from the club and the food can be purchased after the statement is provided. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate \$215 to Human Rights for their kickoff meeting on February 12th. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0** pending the statement.
- b. President Quiles mentions that Director Mark Overmeyer Velasquez will be coming to a USG meeting at the end of the month. She also mentions that to get into breakout rooms there is a process and she wants to figure out as a community a better place to study for students since the breakout rooms are so difficult to access.

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- c. Senator Campbell also mentions that she thinks the security system should be more involved. She says they could be roaming the halls and also checking the breakout rooms instead of completely closing them off.

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.*

XII. Advisor Report

- a. Advisor O'Reilly commends everyone for being at the meetings and he says that this is the most representative student government he has seen in a long time.
- b. Advisor Young mentions that there a few clubs that are interested in doing bus trips to New York. He also mentions that we need to be utilizing all forms of communication, especially the events calendar.

XIII. Adjournment *(President Quiles)*

- a. President Quiles adjourns the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Created by Chief Communications Officer Llabani