

UConn Hartford - Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Minutes

Wednesday, March 6th 2019 Room 216

I. Call to Order *(President Quiles)*

- a. President Quiles calls the meeting to order at **4:38 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
- b. Members Absent: Dan O'Reilly (Advisor)
- c. Visitors: Sahar Amjad, July Leon, Natalie Daoud, Brittany Diaz, Aaron Paladino, Ryan Nur, Samatar Wehelie, Fatima Boumargoud, Erica Day, Amanda Carducci
- d. Quorum: **4/4**

III. Approval of Prior Minutes

- a. Prior Minutes of February **27th 2019**
 - i. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve the prior minutes of February **27th, 2019**. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.

IV. Old Business

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. Communications
 - 1. Chief Communications Officer Llabani mentions that during the Communications Committee meeting last week, the group decided that to get the Instagram more engaging we would begin doing daily themes on the stories. The days are going to be Shoutout Saturday, Survival Sunday, Music Monday, Tip Tuesday, Wisdom Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, Funny Friday. Each member of the committee is assigned to one day and has to send their final story flyer to CCO Llabani by midnight the day before for confirmation. However, the members will be given access to the Instagram account to post on their day themselves. In addition, she mentions that it is important that everyone in USG comment, tag, like, and respond to USG posts, stories, surveys, etc. because if our members aren't interacting with the account, then our student obviously will not.
 - 2. Chief Communications Officer Llabani states that she is going to figure out with President Quiles how to upload a Committee tab to the website.

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3. Chief Communications Officer Llabani that at the meeting tomorrow we will decide who is in charge of what in communications.
- ii. Programming
 1. Senator Ellis mentions that her committee has set hard deadlines for things because funds are running short and everything is due as soon as possible.
- iii. Advocacy
 1. Senator Campbell states that elections have been going well so far.
- iv. Finance
 1. Treasurer Naqvi states there is nothing new to report.

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 elections end tomorrow at **12** and the results will be sent out Friday night.
- b. President Quiles states that clubs are doing good and are on the right track. Advisor Young mentions that if any club leaders know there will be a transition within their organization, they need to figure out a system now before the semester ends. He says they must also have an updated UConn contact page and social media page because that is what incoming students will be looking at over the summer.

VII. Financial Standing *(Treasurer Naqvi)*

- a. Budget Update
 - i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that there is **\$16,978.22** for USG and clubs combined.

VIII. Budget Request *(Treasurer Naqvi)*

- a. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$285** to World Club for quarter zip sweaters for their club leaders. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- b. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$250** to World Club for Middle Eastern tea party on April 18th for food and tea from Amazon. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- c. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$90** to Henna Club for supplies. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi

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- suggests a motion to amend the motion allocate **\$20** to Henna Club. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
- d.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$420** to USG for Captain Marvel movie night. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Campbell Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
 - e.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$525** to MSA for next **three** meetings Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
 - f.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$224** to UHarts for card making event on the **12th** for donuts Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
 - g.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$120** to Human Rights Club for supplies for Domestic Violence Awareness event. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Campbell Seconds. Motion Passes **4/0/0**.
 - h.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$415** to World Club for Cultural Night event. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Senator Campbell suggests that World Club puts in their budget requests for the event all at once. The details for the event and its location are unclear and need to be determine before the money is allocated, especially since money is running low. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to table the budget request. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion tabled **4/0/0**.
 - i.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$900** to Gaming Club for gaming equipment. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Advisor Young explains that the budget request is for two virtual reality consoles because Gaming Club has a high attendance and they can use the equipment to compete with multiple players. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
 - j.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$641.25** to purchase rentals for Ron-A-Roll skating event. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
 - k.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$2000** to World Club for Boston bus trip. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that it may be a good idea to do a non-refundable deposit system of **\$10** so people will avoid not going. Visitor Natalie Daoud says that she cannot speak on behalf of the entire club but she likes the idea and she can communicate with her members. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to table the motion. Motion passes **4/0/0**.
 - l.** Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$500** for a bus to Ron-A-Roll Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to table request. Motion fails **4/0/0**. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$500** to USG. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **4/0/0**.

IX. Committee Reports

- a.** Communications Report

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- i. Chief Communications Officer Llabani mentions that most of her report was discussed in old business. She reminds everyone that the Communications Committee meeting is tomorrow and they will discuss positions for each member.

b. Programming Report

- i. Senator Ellis mentions that their meeting went very well. The next event is the Captain Marvel movie night at Spotlight on Friday, March **15th**. The first **40** people to show up get a free gift card to watch the movie.
- ii. Visitor Madison Vene mentions that her **two** events are the trampoline park at Launch and the collaboration tie dye event with GSA.
- iii. President Quiles and Senator Ellis talked about the end of the year awards ceremony and they were thinking about doing it in a CCC room and having it be an intimate event with the clubs.

c. Advocacy Report

- i. Senator Campbell mentions that she thought the Black History Month event was good but she thinks the turnout could have been better.
- ii. Senator Campbell discusses that elections could have been better advertised. Visitor Fatima Boumargoud mentions doing like a reverse trick or treating where they will go up to students and ask them if they voted then give them a shirt.

d. Finance Report

- i. Treasurer Naqvi **\$13,572** left for the semester after this week.

X. New Business

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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 Young says it is important to get as many people to vote as possible by tomorrow.

XIII. Adjournment (President Quiles)

- a.** President Quiles adjourns the meeting at **6:44 PM**.

Created by Chief Communications Officer Llabani