

# UConn Hartford - Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Minutes

*Wednesday, April 3rd 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), \*Denotes voting members\*
  - b. Members Absent: Daniel O'Reilly (Advisor)
  - c. Visitors: Luciano Lawrence, July Leon, Aaron Paladino, Hunza Sajjad, Ayesha Zahrah, Ekramul Karim, April Saynganthone, Chelsea Baidya, Irin Mathew, Amanda Carducci, Madison Vene
  - d. Quorum: **7/7**
  
- III. **Approval of Prior Minutes**
  - a. Prior Minutes of March **13<sup>th</sup> 2019**
    - i. President Quiles suggests a motion to approve the prior minutes of March **13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Llabani Seconds. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
  
- IV. **Old Business**
  - a. 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 mentions some concerns that Hartford students have about the UConnic Music Festival at Storrs. She says that students can go to the concert but have to pay an extra fee as a guest due to the fact that USG at Storrs uses their funds for the event and we do not pay fees to Storrs.
  - b. President Quiles discusses the end of year celebration. She mentions that the Director's Office has paid for venue at the Marriott. She also says that because USG has a better relationship with clubs there will be a higher number of people will be going. The event is May **3rd** from **6-9 PM**.
  - c. President Quiles states that Treasurer Naqvi will be taking over the constitution for the summer and fixing it.
  - d. President Quiles also discusses orientation and what to do to get new students engaged within student activities. One suggestion is doing a Kahoot

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after the USG and club presentation and rewarding the top three winners. President Quiles also mentions that clubs need to have their UConn contact updated before orientation.

Senator Nur exits.

- e. President Quiles mentions a thank you to everyone who attended open house and that the event was very successful.

Senator Nur returns.

Senator Day exits.

Senator Day returns.

## **VII. Financial Standing** (*Treasurer Naqvi*)

### **a.** Budget Update

- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that there is about **\$11,000** remaining and there is **\$1,000** in a reserve fund should we run out of money too soon.

## **VIII. Budget Request** (*Treasurer Naqvi*)

- a. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$225** to Wellness Club to purchase vouchers from Rush Bowls for April **8th**. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Advisor Young suggests getting Rush Bowls to cater for **30** bowls instead of giving out vouchers because it is a more complicated process. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to amend the motion to allocate **\$225** to Wellness Club for catering for **30** bowls from Rush Bowls. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
- b. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$500** to MSA for guest speaker on April **6th**. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. This is a collaboration event with the University of Hartford who will be paying for the food and MSA from UConn Hartford will pay for the speaker. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
- c. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$150** to Art Club for food on Art Night. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the original quote was from the New York Deli but is now from The Kitchen. Treasurer Naqvi restates the motion to allocate **\$500** to Art Club for Art Night. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
- d. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$200** to Yoga Club for yoga mats. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
- e. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$120** to Henna Club. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Henna Club will be purchasing candles and mod podge to practice henna on the candles. Motion passes **7/0/0**.

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- f. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$350** to World Club for end of semester celebration. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
- g. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$1500** to Gaming Club for a computer. Senator Llabani So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that they will wait to get the VR headsets so they would like a computer instead. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
- h. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$180.44** to Pre Health for end of year celebration. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Motion passes **7/0/0**.
- i. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$100** to MSA for wristbands. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. Advisor Young explains that the idea was to sell wristbands and donate money to a mosque which can be done but it is a complicated process. MSA can buy the wristbands themselves if they would like and ask to be reimbursed. Motion fails **7/0/0**.
- j. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$391.05** to USG for lunch for Brown Girls Brunch. Senator Rosario So Moves. Senator Ellis Seconds. President Quiles mentions that they paid for **two** catering meals instead of one by accident and the food needs to be paid for. Motion passes **7/0/0**.

Treasurer Naqvi exits.

### **IX. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Communications Report**

- i. Chief Communications Officer Llabani mentions minutes have been uploaded to the USG website and the emergency meeting minutes and the week of March **13th** still need to be uploaded and will be done up by Friday.
- ii. Chief Communications Officer Llabani states that Brittany Diaz has left the committee and will no longer be in USG but fortunately Senator Nur will be joining the committee and taking over her responsibility, which is the events calendar. One important thing we wanted to mention was UConntact, which Visitor Mathew updates everyone on. She mentions that all pictures have been updated and she will begin putting USG events on the calendar.
- iii. Chief Communications Officer Llabani discusses that we want all committees to start taking informal minutes for all their meetings and share them with all members of USG so everyone has some insight on what is being discussed because it is important that we all have an understanding of what is usually going on so there is never any confusion.

Treasurer Naqvi enters.

#### **b. Programming Report**

- i. Senator Ellis mentions that recently there was the roller skating event and open mic she says they both went really well.

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- ii. Senator Ellis mentions that if anyone is available and free for events they should be going and supporting.
- iii. Senator Ellis mentions that the tie dye event, Easter egg hunt, and Spring Fest are coming up. Programming wants a minimum of five people showing up to the events, which they are calling "gophers".
- iv. Advisor Young mentions the purchases have been made for the tie dye spray for Visitor Vene's event and the shirts have a little bit of a delay. Treasurer Naqvi says that any specialty items should be given at least **three** weeks to a month.

President Quiles exits. Treasurer Naqvi chairs the meeting.

Senator Day exits. Quorum changes **6/6**.

- v. Visitor Paladino mentions the Easter egg hunt and says that things are looking good for the event.
- vi. Senator Rosario mentions his Life's a Beach event is on Monday, April **29th** from **11-1**.
- vii. Senator Ellis mentions that Coachella Day is on Tuesday, April **30th** from **10-2**.
- viii. Senator Ellis mentions that the picnic event is Wednesday, May **1st** from **11-1**. There will be lawn games, cotton candy machine, food from Cornerstone and The Kitchen.

## c. Advocacy Report

- i. Senator Campbell mentions the Brown Girls Brunch went well. The guest speaker was great and the feedback was tremendously positive.
- ii. Visitor Leon mentions that his event Queer, Here and Everywhere is Thursday from **11:30 to 1:30**. He needs **six** people to volunteer to help in the Atrium for a memorial to remember people who lost their lives due to violence for being who they are.

## d. Finance Report

- i. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that there is **\$7700** left.
- ii. Treasurer Naqvi suggests allocating money for orientation. There are **11** orientations and they would do **\$75, \$50, and \$25** gift cards. Senator Rosario suggests telling students that they have a chance to win **\$50** as an incentive. Treasurer Naqvi suggests a motion to allocate **\$935** for incentive giveaways for orientation. Senator Ellis So Moves. Senator Rosario Seconds. Motion passes **7/0/0**.

Senator Amjad exits.

Senator Amjad returns.

- iii. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the budget request for the awards ceremony will be first next week.
- iv. Treasurer Naqvi mentions that the bus trip policy has been shared with everyone and he asks that senators review it for next week.

## X. New Business

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### **XI. Final Thoughts** *(all)*

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### **XII. Advisors Report**

- a.** Advisor Young mentions that clubs should be thinking about elections and thinking about who their executive members will be for their next year.
- b.** He also mentions that there will be a required training for all club leaders and if they do not attend they will not be eligible for funding or room reservations. There will be workshops throughout the year for any club leaders who cannot attend and once they do they can request funds and room space.
- c.** Advisor Young also states that the dates for summer meetings are still being worked out but tentatively will every three weeks where there will be planning for the upcoming year and professional development.

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

- a.** Treasurer Naqvi adjourns the meeting at **7:01 PM**.

*Created by Chief Communications Officer Llabani*