GENERAL SENATE MEETING
Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President - Maria Oliveira
Date | time: 06/09/2020 3:10 PM Total Voting Members: 9 Quorum: 6

Officer/Director/Senator/Advisor Attendance

☒ President – Maria Oliveira
☒ Vice President – Chinedu Nkwo
☒ CFO – Nicholas Marini
☒ CAO – Anejah McLaurin
☒ Stu. Activities Coord./UConn – Gayle Riquier (non voting)
☒ Stu. Activities Coord./UConn – Shona Evans (non voting)
☐ Program Director – Francesca Figueroa
☒ Program Director – Cullen Murphy
☒ Program Director – Sophia Watson
☐ Program Director – Carla Arza
☒ Program Director – Ayane Reis

Special Meeting of the Senate

Minutes for all meetings are posted on the web at http://sga.stamford.uconn.edu/meeting-minutes/ within 48 hours of the meeting. Senators should visit the site to review for accuracy prior to the next schedule meeting.

Student Activity Fee Recommendations

The University Bursar has asked us to recommend what the student activity fee ought to be in the Fall 2020 semester under three possible scenarios, this will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

- Scenario 1 is 100% online.
- Scenario 2 is partially online, or back on campus but with limitations on programming, such as social distancing, an limited gathering size, etc.
- Scenario 3 is completely back on campus and “business as usual” (very minimal limitations).

In the Spring 2020, due to the campus closure we added significantly to the fund reserve. Our current balance in the fund reserve is approximately $120,000. This is up from $59,000 in June 2019).

The intended purpose of fees received is to support programming delivered by SGA, and the Stamford Registered Student Organizations (RSOs).

We have considered each of the scenarios, and tried to determine

1) the funds needed to support SGA programming/activities.
   - The amount needed will vary based on each scenario, and we will discuss each proposal in this meeting.
   - The programming budget that was passed in the spring 2020 is a guideline for our programming, and will need further review and changes. We will make these adjustments at another meeting once we have a clear idea of the path the university is going to take and the impact on our programming plan.

2) the funds needed to support RSO programming/initiatives.
• In the spring 2020, we estimated the set aside funds for RSOs to be approximately $16,380. It is our intent to support up to this amount of funds for RSO programming in the fall 2020 semester, as we value that contributions of RSOs to our campus community, and hope to continue to support their initiatives through this time.

The fund reserve has been at a healthy level for the past few years. In the Fall 2019, the reserve was approximately $59,000. It is our goal to maintain this level. With the campus closure in the spring 2020, we added approximately $60,000 to the reserve. It is our intent to subsidize the student fee revenue with funds from the reserve to allow us to continue delivering programming to meet our goals. With this, we propose the following recommendations for each of the three scenarios.

Scenario 1:

If the University is completely online and there are very significant limitations on programs and activities.

• We estimate the SGA programming and operational budget to be: $28,000
• We estimate the RSO to be: $16,380
• We limit spending no more than $60,000 of the fund reserve.
• We recommend the Student Fee to be $0 per students, as the fund reserve will provide adequate support

Motion to: approve the recommendation to eliminate the Stamford Activity Fee, should the University move to an online format in the Fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Ayane Reis
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous Motion Passes

Motion to: approve utilizing up to $60,000 from the fund reserve to supplement the programming budget, should the University move to an online format in the fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Cullen Murphy
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous Motion Passes

Scenario 2:

If the University is partially or fully reopened, but there are very significant limitations on programs and activities.

• We estimate the SGA programming and operational budget to be: $61,000
• We estimate the RSO to be: $16,380
• We limit spending no more than $60,000 of the fund reserve.
• We recommend the Student Fee to be $15 per students, as this will provide an adequate revenue source to continue meet these goals.

Motion to: approve the recommendation to reduce the Stamford Activity Fee to $15/student, should the University partially reopen with limitation on programming/activities in the Fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Chinedu Nkwo
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous Motion Passes

Motion to: approve utilizing up to $60,000 from the fund reserve to supplement the programming budget, should the University partially reopen with limitation on programming/activities in the Fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Chinedu Nkwo
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous  Motion Passes

Motion to: approve the recommendation to reduce the Stamford Activity Fee to $15/student, should the University fully reopen with limitation on programming/activities in the Fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini  Seconded by: Cullen Murphy
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous  Motion Passes

Motion to: approve utilizing up to $60,000 from the fund reserve to supplement the programming budget, should the University fully reopen with limitation on programming/activities in the Fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini  Seconded by: Ayane Reis
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous  Motion Passes

Scenario 3:

If the University is fully reopened, and there are minimal limitations on programs and activities.

- We estimate the SGA programming and operational budget to be: $76,000
- We estimate the RSO to be: $16,380
- We limit spending no more than $60,000 of the fund reserve.
- We recommend the Student Fee to be $20 per students, as this will provide an adequate revenue source to continue meet these goals.

Motion to: approve the recommendation to reduce the Stamford Activity Fee to $20/student, should the University fully reopen with no/minimal limitation on programming/activities in the Fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini  Seconded by: Cullen Murphy
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous  Motion Passes

Motion to: approve utilizing up to $60,000 from the fund reserve to supplement the programming budget, should the University fully reopen with no/minimal limitation on programming/activities in the Fall 2020.

Moved by: Nicholas Marini  Seconded by: Chinedu Nkwo
Discussion: None
Voting results: Unanimous  Motion Passes

Advisor- Gayle Riquier  Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu

- The University should be making an announcement about school is opening for fall or not this week.
- The Board of Trustees will be having their meeting at the end of this month.
- Please make sure you check your emails for any updates about housing, reopening schools, etc.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

Next regular meeting will be announced via “this week on campus”/Stamford Campus listserv.

Motion to adjourn was made at 3:39 and was passed unanimously.

Approval:
Guests in Attendance:

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