

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Chinedu Nkwo
Date | time: 10/21/2021 6:04 PM **Total Voting Members:** 12 **Quorum:** 7

Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President – Chinedu Nkwo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stu. Activities Coord./UConn – Gayle Riquier (non-voting) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President – Sabrina Uva | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CFO – Alyssa Pelletier | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director – Nahum Valiente |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO – Anejah McLaurin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Jennifer Criollo |

Senator Attendance

- Nicholas Marini
- Sofia Dadamo
- Ankith Nagabandi
- James Shiang
- Adam Barker

Approval of Minutes

Motion to: Approve the meeting minutes from 10/14/2021

Moved by: Anejah McLaurin

Seconded by: Sabrina Uva

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion Passes

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 before the next scheduled meeting.

President – Chinedu Nkwo

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Special Election Aftermath

- During the SGA Special election this week, there were alleged violations of the campaign code of conduct submitted against both candidates.
- Before we get into the specifics of the alleged violations, we would like to highlight that in the Spring 2021 SGA began a process to review/revise the Campaign Code of Conduct. The revision was started but has not

been approved by the GSM. Per the current standing rules all alleged violations are brought up during the GSM and decision regarding the outcome is determined by the Gayle/Organization Advisor. A major issue in the standing rules is the statement that authority/decision making powers reside with the advisor, and not with the student leaders. Chinedu and Gayle both agree that this is not appropriate, and that these decisions are to be made by current leaders/members. We would like it to be known that though this review Gayle simply gathered information related to the issue presented/university policies and shared that information with Chinedu. The decision/outcome was determined by Chinedu, the SGA President.

- Here is a summary of the concerns raised, and the findings:
- **Complaints against Nicholas Marini:**

Issue as indicated in the complaint	Related Information
Tabling without reservation	Tables must be reserved through the Stamford Student Activities or Event Service office. No Table reservation was submitted. Nick Indicated that he was not “tabling” but simply talking with students on the concourse.
Distribution of Campaign materials	Mask Adjusters were distributed during the campaign. The cost items was indicated on the financial statement. A campaign financial statement was submitted by the deadline. Interpretation of the value of donated items is ambiguous in the rules. Depending on how this rule is interpreted and the value calculated, the expenses may have exceeded campaign limits, or stayed.
Littering on campus	There was no clear articulation of a policy for littering on campus.

- It is determined that these complaints **do not** invalidate the election nor disqualify Nicholas Marini’s candidacy for President.
- **Complaints against Sabrina Uva:**

Issue as indicated in the complaint	Findings
All candidates must abide by the University of Connecticut Code of Conduct: Specific concern was that there was not a Temporary Food Service Permit was obtained for food distribution.	The concern raised was regarding distribution of pizza in the Residence Hall. The policies/procedures for activities in the residence hall are guided by the Department of Residential life (in Stamford it is the Hall Directors and Assistant Director of Student Services). A conversation with the staff indicated that a food permit would not have been required for this activity – therefore it did not violate their policies/procedures.
Keep all receipts from campaign purchases	A campaign financial statement was submitted by the deadline, and campaign expenses were within the appropriate limits.
Constitution and Bylaws of the UConn Stamford Student Government Association, Article VIII, Section 8.01, subsection B	This section of the constitution addresses SGA officer’s ability to hold the role of President and Treasurer Tier 2 organizations. While this is an issue that need clarification for all current officers in SGA, it does not impact your ability to run for President.

- It is determined that these complaints **do not** invalidate the election nor disqualify Sabrina Uva’s candidacy for President.
- It is further determined, that **the election itself stands as valid**. Additionally, as the SGA governing documents do not provide an opportunity to appeal this decision, and so this decision is final.

Special Election Results

- Election results are as follows:
- **265** of Votes Cast
- **110** of Votes for Nicholas Marini
- **155** of Votes for Sabrina Uva
- The winner of the Special election of President for Spring 2022 is Sabrina Uva!
- As we take a pause and review of the campaign code, and other governing documents we would like to encourage your thoughts/feedback from the senate and members of the association.

Officer Transitions

- Now that the election has been concluded we will start the process for officer transitions as soon as possible. Outgoing officers and incoming officers are expected to meet with each other until the end of the semester. A training day session will be scheduled with our advisor and incoming officers.

Dodd Center

- We were invited up to the Dodd Center for the dedication to see President Biden! We were met by USG officers, members of the graduate student senate, student trustee, and all of the other heads of the regional campuses.
- We later shook hands with prominent state senators, local government officials, and congressmen and congresswomen from our own electoral senate, as well as President Agwunobi. We also took photos with JONATHAN THE HUSKY!

Vice President – Sabrina Uva

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

Program Director Events

- **Soccer Outing: Nahum**
- Soccer Outing Hartford Athletic VS Charlotte Independence **tomorrow**.
- The deadline to register is **9 pm Thursday (10/21)**.
- Participate to committee meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays
- Any questions, please email Nahum through (nahum.valiente@uconn.edu)

- **Movie Night: Miraal**
- Movie night **tonight**: We are doing two movies tonight: **Dune** and **Halloween Kills**.
- **Halloween Kills will be at Landmark 8 at 7:40pm.**
- **Dune will be in Majestic 6 at 9:15pm.**
- Students must bring their student ID and check in with us at the movie theatre to receive a ticket for the movie.
- First come, first serve

- **Fall Fest**
- **October 28th**
- **3:30 pm -7:30 pm** (while supplies last)
- Activities will include a paint a pumpkin, wax hands, mechanical pumpkin, custom photo pennants, Halloween costume contest (prizes!!)
- **Location:** Rich Concourse

- **Haunted House: Miraal**
- 29 tickets left. Sign up:<https://tinyurl.com/dw3khh3k>
- Waiver: <https://sga.stamford.uconn.edu/assumption-of-risk-forms/>
- The event is next week (October 29th)
- Any questions, please email Miraal through (miraal.maqsood@uconn.edu)

- **Destress: Jennifer**
- **Monday 12/6 -SMASH Rage Room**
- **Location:** Rich Concourse
- **Time:** 1-4pm
- **Tuesday 12/7- Pet Therapy**
- **Location:** Schreiber Reading Room 253
- **Time:** 2-4pm
- **Thursday 12/9- Finals Kit**
- **Location & time:** TBD
- If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at her event, please email Jennifer through (jennifer.criollo@uconn.edu)

Chief Financial Officer – Alyssa Pelletier

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

Financial update

- None

Funding Proposals

- **The History Club**, Chronology Game

Description of the event: It is a game that they will use for their meetings. This game have a variety of cards about history.

Expected Attendance: For their organization members (about 5)

Motion to: Up to \$19.99 for Supplies/Equipment (purchase) to be used by the History Club.

Moved by: Alyssa Pelletier

Seconded by: Nicholas Marini

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion Passes

➤ **Indian Students Association**, Diwali Party

Description of the event: Fun event to celebrate Diwali. We will have music, fun activities, games and food. This event will help students learn about the Diwali Festival and celebrate through music, games and fun cultural activities.

Tentative Date: 11/12/21(location: A1 on a Friday)

Expected Attendance: 70 (Organization's Members)

Motion to: Up to \$1,200.00 for Catering/Refreshments, Supplies/Equipment (purchase), Giveaway items (for all participants), Other/Misc to be used by the Indian Student Association for Diwali Party.

Moved by: Alyssa Pelletier

Seconded by: Nahum Valiente

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Chief Administrative Officer – Anejah McLaurin

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Senator Appointments

- Ananya Viswanathan
- Anna Thelemaque
- Kendra Velasquez
- **Motion to:** approve the following individuals above to accept the Senator role (need to tabled the motion for next week to check eligible senator status)

Moved by: Anejah McLaurin

Seconded by: Jennifer Criollo

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion Tabled for next week

Senator Forms

- If this is your first time attending and planning to be a voting senator, come to next week's meeting and you will be sworn in as a voting senator
- Fill out the senator form here: [@sga.stamford.uconn.edu/member form/](https://sga.stamford.uconn.edu/member-form/)

Advisor- Gayle Riquier

Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu

- Thank you for the candidates and officers who run for the election

- Make sure to buy soccer tickets before 9 PM. The rest of the tickets will be used next semester/year
- Buy Haunted House tickets before the event next Friday

Announcements

- Contact SGA officers to ask questions:
 - Chinedu: StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu
 - Sabrina: StamfordSGA-VP@uconn.edu
 - Alyssa: StamfordSGA-CFO@uconn.edu
 - Anejah: StamfordSGA@uconn.edu
- Make sure you fill out the Senator Form on our website [@sga.stamford.uconn.edu/member form/](http://sga.stamford.uconn.edu/member form/)

Next Meeting/Adjournment

10/28/2021 6:00 PM – Room 129

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:57

Voting results: Unanimous **Motion** Passes

Approval:

 Anejah McLaurin – Chief Administrative
 Officer/SGA

 Gayle Riquier – Student Activities
 Coordinator/UConn

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Guests in Attendance:

Nicholas	Marini
Vaughan	Piccirillo-Sealey
Nahum	Valiente
Sofia	Dadamo
Zoe	Stewart
Noah	Park
Adam	Barker
Alexis	Pollock
Kendra	Velasquez
Ananya	Viswanathan
Kripa	Marvadi
Gayle	Riquier
Izabela	Ferreira
Anejah	McLaurin
Sabrina	Uva
Chinedu	Nkwo
Alyssa	Pelletier

