

# GENERAL SENATE MEETING

## Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

**Meeting called to order by** President – Chinedu Nkwo  
**Date | time:** 10/28/2021 6:12 PM **Total Voting Members:** 12 **Quorum:** 7

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### 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                        |

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### Senator Attendance

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- Nicholas Marini (emailed his absence)
- Sofia Dadamo (emailed his absence)
- Ankith Nagabandi (emailed his absence)
- James Shiang
- Adam Barker

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### Approval of Minutes

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**Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 10/21/2021

**Moved by:** Anejah McLaurin

**Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente

**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.

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President – Chinedu Nkwo

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### Another Special Election

- With the conclusion of the special election that we had last week, a gap will need to be filled in the absence of current vice-president as she takes office next semester. With that, we will be hosting another special election for the role of Vice-President to be filled during the spring semester. This election will be a lot quicker than usual, as

we aim to be finished before Thanksgiving break, so we will hold a nomination from this wValiek and until next week and then quickly move onto advertising/campaigning.

- Keep in mind the requirements to run for Vice-President of our organization:
- To be eligible to run for the role as President or CAO you must have the following!
  
- Be a member of the Association at the time of nomination and during their term in office!
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 (current semester and cumulative) at the time of nomination and at all times during their time in office!
- Must be a fee-paying student!
- Fit leadership criteria!
  
- *Leadership Criteria For Vice-President!*
- Individual must have been a member of the Senate or serve as a Stamford Tier-II RSO leader (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) for *at least two semesters!*

#### Nominations:

- Nahum Valiente
- Nicholas Marini
- Jennifer Criollo

#### Bias Action Group

- There has been the launch of the Bias Action Group by the Dean of Students office. This group was formed with the intent of being the hub to receive information from students, faculty and others on the basis of safety concerns, bias, harassment or otherwise. We as students have lots of complaints that we receive about issues on our campus regarding safety (walking at night), payment for student workers, degrees, resources or factors not listed here, that I think we should be attempting to address by at least sending things up the flagpole. At the very least, I think we should be aspiring to be a vehicle (or a highway) for our students to use for their issues and problems that they feel need to be addressed, with this group being a good way to do that.
- Deadline: November 14<sup>th</sup>

#### COVID Forum

- There will be a COVID Forum taking place on Friday at 12:30 for all students to attend created by the Dean of Students (Eleanor Daugherty) and some members of the USG executive board (President, Chief Diversity Officer, Vice-President).
- We've been informed by the director that there has only been 1 student that has signed up for the event so it will be a **virtual event** (but Sabrina and myself will be present). This is likely because the office of student affairs (or Dean of Students) neglected to reach out to our organization or the student activities office (Gayle) to get a feeling for the environment and venue, but we will be posting as much as we can with as little information as we have.
- The link will be posted on our social media

- I've requested that Dean Daugherty allow for our entire executive board meet her before the event takes place at 11:15 AM. I'd like for us to see our organization as a group rather than 2 people (Sabrina and myself)

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Vice President – Sabrina Uva

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### Programming Events

#### ➤ Nahum and Miraal

- Committee Meeting Progress - At Nahum and Miraal's committee meeting, ideas were discussed with multiple students on events that can be done next semester. It is important we have student input for these events and plan them ahead of time

#### ➤ Fall Fest

- Wax Hands, Photo pennants, mechanical pumpkin, operation game, pumpkin painting and costume contest in the concourse
- Today from 3:30pm-7:30pm in the concourse

#### ➤ Soccer Outing-Nahum

- Great first bus outing since the pandemic!
- People are familiarizing themselves with these kinds of outings

#### ➤ Outing Events

- We will probably have another outing next semester for a UConn Women's Basketball Game at Storrs (TENTATIVE, maybe around February)
- There are around 30 tickets that can be used next season without any additional charges, we will decide later how to use them

#### ➤ Haunted House: Miraal

- Tickets are SOLD OUT!!
- Bus will be 1194 Washington Blvd parking at 5 PM. Please come before 4:30PM. If you are not there by 5, the bus will leave
- Event will be in Shelton, CT
- Bus will return around 10:30PM
- Any questions, please email Miraal through ([miraal.maqsood@uconn.edu](mailto:miraal.maqsood@uconn.edu))

#### ➤ Tote Bag Event- Nahum

- November 29th

- There will be a tote bag event where students will be given a free tote bag and free art supplies to design their bags
- Location: TBD (probably at the concourse or Schreiber Room)
  
- [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 (Grab and Go)**
- **Location:** Room 202 (Student Activities Room)
- **Time:** 1-4pm
- **If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at her event, please email Jennifer through [jennifer.criollo@uconn.edu](mailto:jennifer.criollo@uconn.edu)**

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Chief Financial Officer – Alyssa Pelletier

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### Updated Profit and Loss Statements

- **Profit and Loss Detail:** Total credit (profit) and debit (loss) amounts for the entire year to date
- **Profit and Loss by Class:** Includes more specific “Class” designations (aka “buckets”)
- Shows that our **Net Income is Positive: We are ADDING to the reserves!**

### RSOS

- **Discussion:**
- How do we encourage Clubs to Request Funding for the rest of the Fall/upcoming Spring Semester?
  - Get the organizations into the Tier II status

Ask the Senate Questions:

- Any ideas on ways to reach out to RSOs / encourage funding on campus?
  - Information on how fund money for future events
  - Submitting funding requests trainings
- What things have clubs have done in the past that students have enjoyed / that you think clubs would be looking to do now that I can reach out to them about?
- Ask Huskies for Charity to talk about the Color Run experience / how funding helped build the experience.
- **Open it up to Gayle** to talk about the Funding Workshop she is offering to move RSOs to Tier II so they can request funding!
  - **RSO workshop next Friday, find information on UConntact**

### Senator Appointments

- Ananya Viswanathan
- Anna Rose Thelemaque
- Kendra Velasquez
- Zoe Stewart
- Vaughan Piccirillo Sealey
- **Motion to:** approve the following individuals above to accept the Senator role

**Moved by:** Anejah McLaurin

**Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion Passes**

### 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/)

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### Advisor- Gayle Riquier

Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu

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- Nothing to report

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### Announcements

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

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### Next Meeting/Adjournment

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**11/4/2021 6:00 PM – Room 129**

**Motion to adjourn was made at 6:55**

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion Passes**

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### Approval:

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Anejah McLaurin – Chief Administrative  
Officer/SGA

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Gayle Riquier – Student Activities  
Coordinator/UConn

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Date

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**Guests in Attendance:**

Ananya	Viswanathan
James	Shiang
Anna Rose	Thelemaque
Noah	Park
Diamond	Bakare
Kendra	Velasquez
Adam	Barker
Vaughan	Piccirillo-Sealey
Sabrina	Uva
Chinedu	Nkwo
Alyssa	Pelletier
Nahum	Valiente
Jennifer	Criollo
Anejah	McLaurin