

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Chinedu Nkwo
Date | time: 11/11/2021 6:21PM **Total Voting Members:** 14 **Quorum:** 9

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicholas Marini | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Velasquez |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sofia Dadamo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anna Rose Thlemaque |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James Shiang (absent) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Barker | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ananya Viswanathan | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoe Stewart | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughan-Piccirillo-Sealey | |

Approval of Minutes

Motion to: Approve the meeting minutes from 11/4/2021
Moved by: Chinedu Nkwo **Seconded by:** Jennifer Criollo
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

StamfordSGA-President@UConn.edu

Elections

- The marketing period started on Monday of this week. All information has been sent to Storrs and has been verified. The election will take place on Nov 15th at 12 PM and end the following day at 12 PM. The election violation period will occur right afterward for **24 hours**.

- We should have the results of the election by our next GSM Meeting on next Thursday!

Provost Leadership Lunch (Tomorrow)

- UConn Stamford will be hosting a panel with the office of the provost leadership at 12 PM! So far we have at least 6 people RSVP'd :(
 - Frank Tuitt - *Chief Diversity Officer*
 - Gladis Kersaint - *Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives*
 - Jeffrey Shoulson - *Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs*
 - Kristi Henderson - *Chief of Staff and Assistant Vice Provost for Strategic Communications*
 - Michael Bradford - *Vice Provost for Faculty, Staff and Student Development*
- Communication will be sent out tomorrow through email! All are welcome. PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED!

Vice President – Sabrina Uva

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

Programming Events

Thanksgiving Dinner

- We are having a Grab-and-Go Thanksgiving Dinner boxes event
- Concourse on 11/18
- 2-4pm
- Students can come and grab a dinner box and eat it at their own time.
- We will also be having a food drive at the same time. To incentivize donation, we will be allowing students to pie an SGA officer if they donate at least 3 canned/nonperishable items
- If anyone from GSM is interested in getting pied or volunteering, email Miraal through miraal.maqsood@uconn.edu

Nahum - Tote Bag Event

- 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
- Supplies will include the option between paint or fabric markers, this will be a grab and go event
- **Location:** Rich Concourse
- **Time:** 1 PM - 5 PM
- If you have any questions or volunteer, please email Nahum through his email: nahum.valiente@uconn.edu

De-stress: Jennifer

- **Monday 12/6 -SMASH Rage Room**
- **Location:** TBD
- **Time:** 1 PM - 4PM

- **Tuesday 12/7- Pet Therapy**
- **Location:** Schreiber Reading Room 253
- **Time:** 2 PM - 4PM
- Make an appointment on Nexus
- https://nexus.uconn.edu/secure_per/schedule1.php?stser=2926

- **Thursday 12/9- Finals Bags (Grab and Go)**
 - Grab and go bags include: adult coloring books, tea bags, pop it toy, blanket, and candy canes
- **Location:** Room 202 (Student Activities Window)
- **Time:** 1 PM – 4 PM
- **If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at her event, please email Jennifer through jennifer.criollo@uconn.edu**

Program Director Applications

- Applications will be available on the SGA website
 - sga.stamford.uconn.edu
- Apply by Nov. 29, 2021

Chief Financial Officer – Alyssa Pelletier

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

Funding Proposals

- **Huskies for Charity**, Menstrual Health

Description of the event: This event will benefit the UConn Stamford community because it will provide more students access to menstrual products. This event directly relates to the mission of huskies for charity since providing greater access to menstrual products addresses the needs of the campus community.

Tentative Date: 11/15/2021

Expected Attendance: 40 (UConn Stamford Undergraduate Students (100))

Motion to: approve up to \$15.48 for **giveaway items** (for all participants) to be used by Huskies for Charity for Menstrual Health

Moved by: Alyssa Pelletier

Seconded by: Zoe Stewart

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Tabled

➤ **Latin X**, Noche De Baile Event

Description of the event: This event is to give students a way to end the semester by indulging in a causal event of dancing the night away with Latin cuisine and music! Salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia, reggaeton, cha cha cha y mucho mas! Indulge in Latin culture. raise awareness of support for the Latin Community of UConn Stamford

Tentative Date: 12/03/2021

Expected Attendance: 100 (My Organization's Members (100) UConn Stamford Undergraduate Students (60) Other UConn Students (10) UConn Staff/Faculty (20) General Public (20)

Motion to: approve up to \$2,108 for **Catering/Refreshments, Supplies/Equipment (purchase), Services/Contracts, Facility/Equipment rental, Security** to be used by Latin X for Noche De Baile Event

Moved by: Alyssa Pelletier

Seconded by: Vaughn Piccirillo- Sealey

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

➤ **Student Government Association**, Husky Market

Description of the event: Husky Market will involve our organization paying for gift cards to major grocery stores (Big Y, Stop and Shop, and Price Chopper) to be distributed to students dealing with food insecurity. This benefits the UConn Stamford community in that we will be making the experience of going to school (both as commuter and dormitory students) that much easier by alleviating the constant worry of students that may not have enough food to eat on top of the demands of an undergraduate student enrolled at our campus.

Tentative Date: 11/8/2021

Expected Attendance: 50 (UConn Stamford Undergraduate Students (100)

Motion to allocate: up to \$15,000 for no more than 50 \$150 grocery gift cards distributed to Stamford Undergraduate fee-paying students each semester through the Husky Market initiative to be used by Student Government Association for Husky Market

Discussion:

- **We will present some comments and points raised during the Finance Committee's review of the proposal:**
 - Affecting Student Financial Aid
 - Currently, due to COVID relief measures in place, this does not impact on a student's financial aid or tax liabilities. This is something that may change in the future and should be examined each time we consider participation in this program.
 - Limited number - first come first serve
 - It is important to note that the application for this has closed. No marketing was done to the student body at large - only promoted through SGA's social media accounts.
- **Anyone wishing to ask questions or make comments may do so - one at a time - we ask that you come to the front of the room so all may hear you (our in-person attendees as well as virtual attendees). If a virtual attendee would like to make a comment, please let us know by raising your hand in WebEx or a note in the chat**
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Moved by: Alyssa Pelletier

Seconded by: Nahum Valiente

Voting results: In Favor: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 2

Motion: Passes

Senator Appointments

- Diamond Bakare
- Junior Lara

Motion to: approve the following individuals for the Senator role

Moved by: Anejah McLaurin

Seconded by: Nahum Valiente

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion Passes

Advisor- Gayle Riquier

Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu

- If you are still interested being in a film, there's a film coming up on November 19th
- Here's the email about the film:
- We are a New York-based casting company that is working on the Netflix film "Mr. Harrigan's Phone" based on the Stephen King story. Our office came across your information on the UConn website and wanted to reach out about upcoming background work opportunities.
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- **Our production will be shooting on the UConn-Stamford campus the day of Friday 11/19.** We are seeking actual students to participate. Covid Testing would be required followed by the mandate listed below.
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- *This production has a mandatory vaccination policy and requires all cast & Zone A crew to be fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) or have a disability or sincerely held religious belief that prevents vaccination. If you meet this criteria, please submit without providing any additional information at this time. If you are selected, you will be given separate information on how to provide evidence to the production that you are fully vaccinated or to request an accommodation of any disability or a sincerely held religious belief. Any job offer will be conditioned on satisfactorily testing negative for COVID and showing evidence of vaccination or being granted an accommodation of a disability or sincerely held religious belief by the Employer.*
- We are exploring all avenues in an attempt to get the word out to the UConn-Stamford community and surrounding area. I have attached a flyer with more information.

Seeking UConn Students!

Grant Wilfley Casting, Inc. is seeking UConn Students to appear as extras in the Netflix & Blumhouse feature film:

MR. HARRIGAN'S PHONE
based on the short story by Stephen King

Filming @ UConn-Stamford Friday November 19, 2021

If interested please, email locations@gwcnyc.com and write "STAMFORD HUSKIES" in the subject line of your email.

When emailing submissions, include:

- Name
- Union Status (SAG AFTRA or Non Union)
- Phone Number
- Are you available for a Covid Test in Stamford on 11/17?
- Do you have full day availability for shoot date on 11/19?
- Current Height, Clothing sizes, Shoe Size
- A few recent photos of yourself

This production has a mandatory vaccination policy and requires all cast & crew to be fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) or have a disability or sincerely held religious belief that prevents vaccination. If you meet this criteria, please submit without providing any additional information at this time. If you are selected, you will be given separate information on how to provide evidence to the production that you are fully vaccinated or to request an accommodation of any disability or a sincerely held religious belief. Any job offer will be conditioned on satisfactorily testing negative for COVID and showing evidence of vaccination or being granted an accommodation of a disability or sincerely held religious belief by the Employer.

GRANT WILFLEY CASTING, INC. www.gwcnyc.com





- Please let us know if you have any suggestions for organizations or individuals to contact who would be helpful in spreading the word. Feel free to share the flyer.

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/

Next Meeting/Adjournment

11/18/2021 6:00 PM – Room 129

Motion to adjourn was made at 7: 30

Voting results: Unanimous **Motion** Passes

Approval:

Anejah McLaurin – Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

Date

Guests in Attendance:

Nahum	Valiente
Josepher	Shunaula
Jozef	Lopez
Michael	Guanoluisa
Junior	Lara
Noah	Park
Diamond	Bakare
Sofia	Dadamo
Vaughan	Piccirillo-Sealey
Anthony	Carreno
Jose	Garcia
Anna Rose	Thelemaque
Kendra	Velasquez
Zoe	Stewart
Nicholas	Marini
Ananya	Viswanathan
Adam	Barker
Chinedu	Nkwo
Sabrina	Uva
Alyssa	Pelletier
Anejah	McLaurin
Jennifer	Criollo
Miraal	Maqsood