GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President - Maria Oliveira
Date | time: 2/10/2021 1:02 PM **Total Voting Members:** 18 **Quorum:** 9

Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

☒ President – Maria Oliveira
☒ Vice President – Chinedu Nkwo
☒ CFO- Nicholas Marini
☒ CAO- Anejah McLaurin
☒ Stu. Activities Coord./UConn- Gayle Riquier (non-voting)

☒ Program Director- Francesca Figueroa
☒ Program Director- Sophia Watson
☒ Program Director- Sabrina Uva
☒ Program Director- Alyssa Pelletier
☐ Program Director- Miraal Masqood
☒ Program Director- Rowan Kennedy

Senator Attendance

☐ Michael Goyal (absent for today)
☒ Ayane Reis Da Conceicao
☒ Dominika Dojnikowski
☐ Diamond Bakare (absent for today)
☒ Hadia Ahmad
☒ Vivian Trinh
☒ Cullen Murphy
☒ Ananya Viswanathan

Approval of Minutes

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 – Maria Oliveira StamfordSGA-President@UConn.edu

Election Timeline and Nominations

- Officers elections takes place first week of March
- Don't feel you are nervous to run a position, we will train you
- The specific details about the officers eligibility is in the Constitution, which is on our website: https://sga.stamford.uconn.edu/governing-documents/ (first document)
- A picture and bio about yourself will need to be submitted to Maria by Thursday (2/18th) after students accept their nomination

Nominations for Spring 2021

President

- Sabrina Uva
- Chinedu Nkwo
- Anejah McLaurin
- Nicholas Marini

Vice President

- Anejah McLaurin
- Francesca Figueroa
- Sabrina Uva
- Nicholas Marini
- Alyssa Pelletier

CFO

- Nicholas Marini
- Hadia Ahmad
- Alyssa Pelletier
- Vivian Trinh

CAO

- Cullen Murphy
- Sophia Watson
- Alyssa Pelletier
- Vivian Trinh

U-CONNECT Memorandum of Understanding

- Starting a partnership with the different UConn government campuses
- A meeting body that all of the organizations can come together and discuss various topics
- External Affairs are going act as the Chair but won't have a vote. Setting up a agenda for the organizations

Motion to: approve signing onto the U-CONNECT Memorandum of Understanding as presented and attached

Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Cullen Murphy

Voting results: 14 **:Approved** Motion **Passes**
0 **:Opposed**
1 **:Abstained** (more information in the Voting Results section)

Here's the attachment of U-CONNECT Memorandum:

UCONN
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Memorandum of Understanding
U-CONNECT Partnership

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:
The Undergraduate Student Government of UConn Storrs (USG)
The Undergraduate Student Government of UConn Hartford (USGH)
The Student Government Association of UConn Stamford (SGA)
The Associated Student Government of UConn Waterbury (WASG)
The Associated Student Government of UConn Avery Point (ASG)

REGARDING:
The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Collegiate Outreach Nexus for Networking, Educating, and Collaborating Together (U-CONNECT) Partnership

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the respective undergraduate student governments of UConn Storrs, UConn Hartford, UConn Stamford, UConn Waterbury, and UConn Avery Point, with the intention of forming an Undergraduate Collegiate Outreach Nexus for Networking, Educating, and Collaborating Together Partnership, (hereby referred to as the U-CONNECT Partnership), for the purposes of collaborating, jointly advocating, and organizing for statewide initiatives impacting University of Connecticut students across the state.

This Memorandum, upon enactment, establishes the goals of this regular meeting body to inform perspectives across all five campuses, and ensure ease of connection for student leaders in Connecticut together through partnership.

PURPOSE:

To establish the U-CONNECT Partnership as a collaborative body of student government leaders from all University of Connecticut campuses.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES:

1. Organizations eligible for this partnership are limited to those elicited in (1a.) through (1e.) in this Clause, with one representative body per campus operating within their capacity to serve undergraduate students, and are listed as follows:
   a. *The Undergraduate Student Government of Storrs* (USG)
   b. *The Undergraduate Student Government of UConn Hartford* (USGH)
   c. *The Student Government Association of UConn Stamford* (SGA)
   d. *The Associated Student Government of UConn Waterbury* (WASG)
   e. *The Associated Student Government of UConn Avery Point* (ASG)
2. Meetings of the U-CONNECT Partnership shall occur on a monthly basis and hosted via teleconference, both of which shall be determined by all signatories
3. Governments of the U-CONNECT Partnership agree to send Presidents, Presidential Cabinets, or their respective designees to represent their organizations at meetings of the Partnership
4. Governments within the Partnership shall uphold and respect the mutual sovereignty of each campus organization, and shall not infringe upon the ability of each campus to select leadership, manage governing documents, or other internal affairs

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5. Signatories of the U-CONNECT Partnership agree to adopt the following Partnership Mission Statement:
   a. *"The UConn U-CONNECT Partnership seeks to build bridges across student governance of the University of Connecticut to promote statewide advocacy, education, and organizational support. Prioritizing the needs of undergraduate students unilaterally affected by decisions of the University and external bodies shall be the chief focus of attaining best representation for all undergraduate students."*
6. The External Affairs Committee of the Undergraduate Student Government in Storrs shall act as a neutral chair and performed clerking duties over meetings of the Partnership
7. Following execution of this Memorandum, the signatories shall outline Standing Rules and Agendas for meetings of the U-CONNECT Partnership, to be approved at the first convened meeting of the U-CONNECT Partnership

AMENDMENT OR CANCELLATION OF THIS MEMORANDUM:

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or modified at any time in writing by mutual consent of all parties. Member organizations may rescind their participation within this agreement via a written notice to the members of the U-CONNECT Partnership.

AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION:

The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding is such that it intends the signatories to strive to reach, to the best of their abilities, the goals and objectives stated in this Memorandum.

This Agreement among the student body's trusted signatories at each campus shall become executed upon 3 signatures and shall remain in effect unless canceled as described within this Memorandum.

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Michael Hernández — Date
President of the Student Body at Storrs

Te'Ashja Bosh — Date
USGH President

Maria Oliveira — Date
SGA President

Esther Moreau — Date
WASG President

Kinley Stephens — Date
ASG President

Future of Learning Committee

- Discussing about various topics while we are in a pandemic
- Problems and solutions that we've had during this pandemic when doing distance learning
- And how we can apply these lessons in the future once we're in-person
- If you think about anymore topics to talk about, send Maria @StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu

Vice President – Chinedu Nkwo StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

Valentine's Eve

- Tomorrow
- February 11th
- At 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Play Kahoot.it Trivia and stuff a conservation heart pillows
- Event will take place on WebEX
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Trivia winners will be awarded (Gift cards)
- Information will be on UConntact
- You can email Sabrina and Rowan for questions at sabrina.uva@uconn.edu and rowan.kennedy@uconn.edu

Logo Competition

- Flyers should be up on social media
- We need a cool Logo for our organization
- The competition will be on for three weeks
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placers will have a shoutout on our social medias

Social Media Challenge

- Advertising on our recent social media accounts
- Drawing more attention to the social media content

Programming Committee Meetings

- Alyssa and Sabrina: Mondays @9:30 AM
- Sophia and Miraal: Tuesdays @10:50 AM-11:50 AM
- Francesca and Rowan: Tuesdays @12 PM-1PM
- Encouraging other students to help program directors to plan and advertise events
- The links to the meetings are on our website: sga.stamford.uconn.edu

Chief Financial Officer – Nicholas Marini StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

Financial Update

12:41 PM
02/10/21
Accrual Basis

Stamford ASG Trustee
General Ledger
As of February 10, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Debit	Credit	Balance
100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY								
110 · ASG CASH								
Deposit	02/04/2021			Deposit	547 · Student ...	581.00		150,167.21
								127,494.70
Total 110 · ASG CASH						581.00		128,075.70
120 · Huskies for Charity							0.00	128,075.70
Total 120 · Huskies for Charity								460.42
								460.42
100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY - Other								
Total 100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY - Other								22,212.09
								22,212.09
Total 100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY						581.00	0.00	150,748.21
200 · Accounts Payable								
Bill	02/04/2021	13973...	University of Connec...	139735910 B...	610.2 · Events/...			-7,100.40
Bill	02/04/2021	64226...	University of Connec...	64226 Presto ...	610.2 · Events/...		2,000.00	-9,100.40
Bill	02/04/2021	13986...	University of Connec...	139867690 P...	615.2 · Events/...		925.35	-10,025.75
							3,196.00	-13,221.75
Total 200 · Accounts Payable						0.00	6,121.35	-13,221.75
30000 · Opening Balance Equity								
Total 30000 · Opening Balance Equity								-63,372.85
								-63,372.85
32000 · Retained Earnings								
Total 32000 · Retained Earnings								-56,236.90
								-56,236.90
546 · Interest								
Total 546 · Interest								-190.49
								-190.49
547 · Student Fees								
Deposit	02/04/2021	290175		290175 DEC ...	110 · ASG CA...			-53,352.75
							581.00	-53,933.75
Total 547 · Student Fees						0.00	581.00	-53,933.75
607 · Promotional Items								
Total 607 · Promotional Items								6,511.07
								6,511.07
609 · Subscriptions								
Total 609 · Subscriptions								1,318.40
								1,318.40
610 · SUPPLIES								
610.2 · Events/Programs								7,623.83
Bill	02/04/2021	13973...	University of Connec...	139735910 B...	200 · Accounts...	2,000.00		7,623.83
Bill	02/04/2021	64226...	University of Connec...	64226 Presto ...	200 · Accounts...	925.35		9,623.83
								10,549.18
Total 610.2 · Events/Programs						2,925.35	0.00	10,549.18
Total 610 · SUPPLIES						2,925.35	0.00	10,549.18
613 · Awards and Prizes								
Total 613 · Awards and Prizes								100.00
								100.00
615 · CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								
615.2 - Events/Programs								13,005.00
Bill	02/04/2021	13986...	University of Connec...	139867690 P...	200 · Accounts...	3,196.00		13,005.00
								16,201.00
Total 615.2 - Events/Programs						3,196.00	0.00	16,201.00
Total 615 · CONTRACTUAL SERVICES						3,196.00	0.00	16,201.00
622 · REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEES								
622.2 · Entry Fees								1,527.88
Total 622.2 · Entry Fees								1,527.88
								1,527.88
Total 622 · REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEES								1,527.88
TOTAL						**6,702.35**	**6,702.35**	**0.00**

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Funding Proposals

- Video Game Club, Weekly Video Game Gauntlet
  Description of the proposal: Video Game Club is planning on meeting once a week for tournaments that will allow us to get together and game in a way that increases sociability of the students.

  Motion to: approve up to $480 to be used by the Video Game Club for prizes for their weekly Video Game Gauntlet tentatively scheduled between 2/12/2021 and 4/30/2021. (Only UConn Stamford Undergraduate students with an active Net ID may apply)

  Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends that this proposal be approved at the GSM.

  Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Rowan Kennedy
  Voting results: 12 **:Approved** Motion **Passes**
  0 **:Opposed**
  1 **:Abstained** (more information in the Voting Results section)

- Financial Management Club, MarketWatch Challenge
  Description of the proposal: Financial Management Club is running a competition which is open to anyone who attends UConn Stamford. Throughout the semester each participant creates a stock portfolio, and the end of the semester the participant with the highest earnings wins. Requesting three prizes (gift cards): two 1st place prizes, two 2nd place prizes , and two 3rd place prizes.

Motion to: approve up to $185 for Prizes (for winners) to be used by the Financial Management Club for prizes for their semesterly MarketWatch challenge scheduled between 2/9/2021 and 4/27/2021. (Only UConn Stamford Undergraduates with an active NetID may apply)

Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends that this proposal be approved at the GSM.

Moved by: Anejah McLaurin Seconded by: Cullen Murphy
Voting results: 9 **:Approved** Motion **Passes**
0 **:Opposed**
3 **:Abstained** (more information in the Voting Results section)

- SGA, Social Media Challenge
  Description of the proposal: The purpose of this social media challenge is to draw more attention towards our social media accounts (both newly created and existing) so that more people are able to see the information that we put out on all different platforms. The budget requested will be used to purchase prizes to incentivize the participation of all students provided that they are undergraduate fee paying Stamford students. Prizes: apparel, e-gift cards, and UConn Stamford swag.

  Motion to: approve SGA budget proposal up the amount of $100 to be used for the social media challenge (Only UConn Stamford Undergraduate students with an active Net ID may apply)

  Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Cullen Murphy
  Voting results: 10 **:Approved** Motion **Passes**
  0 **:Opposed**
  2 **:Abstained** (more information in the Voting Results section)

Chief Administrative Officer – Anejah McLaurin StamfordSGA@UConn.edu

Senators Appointment

- None

Senator/Member Forms

- If any new and returning members are planning to attend to these meetings for this semester, make sure you fill out the member form

Advisor- Gayle Riquier Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu

- None

Announcements

- None

Next Meeting/Adjournment

2/17/2021 1:00 PM – WebEx Meeting Room
Motion to adjourn was made at 2:07 and was passed: 10**:Approved**
0**:Opposed**
1**:Abstained**

Approval:

Anejah McLaurin

Anejah McLaurin – Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Date

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Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

Guests in Attendance

Maria	Oliveira
Chinedu	Nkwo
Nicholas	Marini
Anejah	McLaurin
Francesca	Figueroa
Sophia	Watson
Sabrina	Uva
Alyssa	Pelletier
Rowan	Kennedy
Cullen	Murphy
Vivian	Trinh
Dominika	Dojnikowski
Ayane	Reis Da Conceicao
Ananya	Viswanathan
Emily	Cervantes
Hadia	Ahmad
Nahum	Valiente
Rashana	Weerasinghe

Voting Results

1.Motion to start meeting

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        A. In Favor            10/15( 66%)
        B. Opposed             0/15 (  0%)
        C. Abstain             1/15 (  7%)
        D. Non-Voting/Guest    3/15 ( 20%)
No Answer        1/15 ( 7%)

                                            A    B    C    D
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Vivian Trinh (she, her)	X			
Ayane Reis Da Conceicao (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente				X
Sophia Watson (internal)	X			
Maria			X	
Rashana Weerasinghe				X
Dominika Dojnikowski				
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes				X
Nicholas Marini (internal)	X			
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)	X			
Cullen Murphy (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

2.Motion to approve: U-CONNECT Memorandum

A. In Favor 14/19 (74%)
B. Opposed 0/19 (0%)
C. Abstain 1/19 (5%)
D. Non-Voting/Guest 3/19 (16%)
No Answer 1/19 (5%)

	A	B	C	D
Vivian Trinh (she, her)	X			
Ayane Reis Da Conceicao (internal)	X			
Ananya Viswanathan (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente				X
Sophia Watson (internal)	X			
Maria			X	
Rashana Weerasinghe				X
Dominika Dojnikowski	X			
Francesca Figueroa (internal)	X			
hadia ahmad	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes				
Nicholas Marini (internal)	X			
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)	X			
Cullen Murphy (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			
Gayle Riquier (internal)				X
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

3.Motion to approve funding proposal: Financial Management Club

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        A. In Favor           9/17 ( 53%)
        B. Opposed            0/17 (  0%)
        C. Abstain            3/17 ( 18%)
        D. Non-Voting/Guest   4/17 ( 23%)
No Answer        1/17 (  6%)
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	A	B	C	D
Vivian Trinh (she, her)	X			
Ananya Viswanathan (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente				X
Maria			X	
Rashana Weerasinghe				X
Dominika Dojnikowski	X			
Francesca Figueroa (internal)				
hadia ahmad	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes				X
Nicholas Marini (internal)			X	
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)	X			
Cullen Murphy (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)			X	
Gayle Riquier (internal)				X
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

4.Motion to approve funding proposal: Video Game Club

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        A. In Favor          12/16( 75%)
        B. Opposed           0/16 (  0%)
        C. Abstain           1/16 (  6%)
        D. Non-Voting/Guest  3/16 ( 19%)
No Answer       0/16 ( 0%)
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	A	B	C	D
Vivian Trinh (she, her)	X			
Ananya Viswanathan (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente				X
Maria			X	
Dominika Dojnikowski	X			
Francesca Figueroa (internal)	X			
hadia ahmad	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes				X
Nicholas Marini (internal)	X			
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)	X			
Cullen Murphy (internal)	X			

	A	B	C	D
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			
Gayle Riquier (internal)				X
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

5.Motion to approve funding proposal: Social media Challenge

A. In Favor 10/16(63%)
B. Opposed 0/16 (0%)
C. Abstain 2/16 (13%)
D. Non-Voting/Guest 3/16 (19%)
No Answer 0/16 (0%)

	A	B	C	D
Vivian Trinh (she, her)	X			
Ananya Viswanathan (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente				X
Maria			X	
Dominika Dojnikowski	X			
Francesca Figueroa (internal)	X			
hadia ahmad	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes				X
Nicholas Marini (internal)			X	
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)	X			
Cullen Murphy (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			
Gayle Riquier (internal)				X
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

6.Motion to adjourn meeting

A. In Favor 10/14(72%)
B. Opposed 0/14 (0%)
C. Abstain 1/14 (7%)
D. Non-Voting/Guest 2/14 (14%)
No Answer 1/14 (7%)

	A	B	C	D
Vivian Trinh (she, her)	X			
Ananya Viswanathan (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente				X
Maria			X	
Francesca Figueroa (internal)	X			
hadia ahmad	X			
sabrina	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes				
Nicholas Marini (internal)	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			

Gayle Riquier (internal)				X
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

Signature: Anejah McLaurin (Feb 18, 2021 13:45 EST)

Email: stamfordsga@uconn.edu

Signature: gayle riquier (Feb 23, 2021 13:55 EST)

Email: gayle.riquier@uconn.edu