GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President - Maria Oliveira
Date | time: 2/24/2021 1:01 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)
☐ Stu. Activities Coord./UConn-Shona Evans (non-voting)

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

Senator Attendance

☒ Michael Goyal
☐ Ayane Reis Da Conceicao
☒ Dominika Dojnikowski
☐ Diamond Bakare
☒ Hadia Ahmad
☒ Vivian Trinh
☒ Cullen Murphy
☒ Ananya Viswanathan
☒ Emily Cervantes
☒ Nahum Valiente

Approval of Minutes

Motion to: Approve the meeting minutes from 2/17/2021
Moved by: Anejah McLaurin Seconded by: Sabrina Uva
Voting results: 15 **:Approved** Motion **Passes**
0 **:Opposed**
1 **:Abstained** (more information in the Voting Results section)

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 Ballot

- Elections will happen the first week of March (2nd - 4th)
- Vote will happen on https://vote.uconn.edu

President

- Nicholas Marini
- Chinedu Nkwo

Vice President

- Francesca Figueroa
- Sabrina Uva
- Anejah McLaurin

CFO

- Hadia Ahmad
- Alyssa Pelletier

CAO

- None

Congratulations everyone!!! Good Luck!!!

Canva Pro Subscription and Officers Campaign

Discussion:

- The question discussed here is whether or not it would be appropriate to permit candidates running for an SGA Officer position to utilize the Canva Pro subscription paid for by SGA and Stamford Student Activities to promote their own campaigns.

- SGA's campaign rules disallow the usage of SGA materials for any individual's campaign purposes. The reason is because SGA must maintain its neutrality, and its funds must not be utilized to support/endorse any particular candidate. The issue therefore is whether usage of the aforementioned Canva Pro Subscription can inherently be considered usage of SGA's financial resources.

- **The argument against candidates using Canva for campaign purposes:** Because SGA does pay for half of the Canva Pro subscription, the Canva Pro subscription should be considered an SGA material that is funded by student-fee money. Therefore, it should not be utilized to benefit any particular campaign.

- **The argument in favor of candidates using Canva for campaign purposes:** Although the Canva Pro subscription is an SGA material, it is not exclusively so. Stamford Student Activities pays for half of the subscription; thus it belongs to Stamford Student Activities just as much as it belongs to SGA. SGA should not try to prohibit Stamford Student Activities from utilizing its part of the investment as it sees fit, so long as that usage is in accordance with Stamford Student Activities' purpose.

- Not only does Stamford Student Activities have the discretion to grant each candidate access to the Canva Pro subscription for campaign purposes, doing so would have positively impact the SGA election process. The candidates would have better resources to promote themselves to our constituents, which would encourage healthy competition and more effective communication. Furthermore, the professional and high-quality visual cues offered by the Canva Pro subscription would encourage our constituents to regard our

election process with greater attention, seriousness, and legitimacy, all of which would improve voter turnout and, in the long term, involvement in SGA.

- Therefore, as long as Stamford Student Activities and SGA each contribute an equivalent amount towards the Canva Pro subscription, SGA should not have any reservations about Officer candidates utilizing said subscription for campaign purposes. This type of utilization would be on behalf of Stamford Student Activities, not SGA, and would even promote the well-being of SGA in the long run.

Motion to: allow SGA candidates to use the Canva Pro subscription for campaign-related service, provided that Stamford Student Activities subsidizes, half the cost of the subscription
Moved by: Sophia Watson Seconded by: Sabrina Uva
Voting results: 13 **:Approved** Motion **Passes**
1 **:Opposed**
2 **:Abstained** (more information in the Voting Results section)

Student Trustee

- Noah Frank who is running for the Undergraduate Student Trustee
- Go to https://vote.uconn.edu
- Check out the Student Trustee and see what that's about

Invest In UConn

- Students who have volunteered to make a video, information will be sent out to you shortly
- Check out the Invest In UConn Twitter page
- Call your legislators about funding UConn and why it's important

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

A Day of Mystery

- Thursday, March 11th (New Date)
- 6 PM to 8 PM
- RSVP for either or both novelties on UConntact

Canvas Painting

- Starting next week
- First session: Tuesday, March 2nd at 5PM
- Second session: Thursday, March 4th at 6PM
- Third session: Wednesday, March 10th at 4PM
- Francesca is in charge of this event
- If you have any questions about it, email Francesca

Social Media Challenge

- Snapchat has been the biggest focus on the social media platform
- Trying to get new people on the newest platform
- We almost have 100 people!
- If you know anyone, let them know to add our SGA snapchat @uconn.sga

- The challenge will close today

Instagram Takeover Tuesdays

- It will take place on Tuesdays
- Students can volunteer to take over Instagram to post videos or post about anything
- Let your friends know about this fun event!
- If you are interested, email Cullen at cullen.murphy@uconn.edu

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

Recap of SFAC Presentation

- We submitted our budget to SASFAC and discussed our budget reflections for FY21, and our anticipated spending trajectory for FY22 and beyond
- Relevant documents will be posted to SGA website

Financial Update

11:31 AM
02/24/21
Accrual Basis

Stamford ASG Trustee
General Ledger
As of February 24, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Debit	Credit	Balance
100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY								
110 · ASG CASH								
Total 110 · ASG CASH								147,541.01
120 · Huskies for Charity								124,868.50
Total 120 · Huskies for Charity								124,868.50
100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY - Other								460.42
Total 100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY - Other								460.42
Total 100 · Bank of America-SUMMARY								22,212.09
200 · Accounts Payable								22,212.09
Total 200 · Accounts Payable								147,541.01
30000 · Opening Balance Equity								-9,564.55
Total 30000 · Opening Balance Equity								-9,564.55
32000 · Retained Earnings								-63,372.85
Total 32000 · Retained Earnings								-63,372.85
546 · Interest								-56,236.90
Total 546 · Interest								-56,236.90
547 · Student Fees								-190.49
Total 547 · Student Fees								-190.49
607 · Promotional Items								-53,933.75
Total 607 · Promotional Items								-53,933.75
609 · Subscriptions								6,511.07
Total 609 · Subscriptions								6,511.07
610 · SUPPLIES								1,318.40
610.2 · Events/Programs								1,318.40
Total 610.2 · Events/Programs								9,350.18
Total 610 · SUPPLIES								9,350.18
613 · Awards and Prizes								9,350.18
Total 613 · Awards and Prizes								9,350.18
615 · CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								100.00
615.2 - Events/Programs								100.00
Total 615.2 - Events/Programs								16,950.00
Total 615 · CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								16,950.00
622 · REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEES								16,950.00
622.2 · Entry Fees								1,527.88
Total 622.2 · Entry Fees								1,527.88
Total 622 · REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEES								1,527.88
TOTAL								1,527.88
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Funding Proposals

- Huskies for Charity, China Care Scavenger Hunt Event
  Description of the proposal: Huskies for Charity will host a China Care Scavenger Hunt event in which they will purchase a Goosechase premium service in order to host up to 100 people. Prizes for this event will be outsourced through other funding channels provided by local businesses that will be sponsoring the event. The estimated split in attendance is 60 Stamford Undergrads, 30 Other UConn Students, and 10 Members of the Public. This is an awareness campaign

Motion to: approve up to $250.00 foe Services/Contracts to be used for Huskies for Charity for China Care Scavenger Hunt to be used for services

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

Moved by: Nicholas Marini Seconded by: Cullen Murphy
Voting results: 13 **:Approved** Motion **Passes**
0 **:Opposed**
3 **:Abstained** (more information in the Voting Results section)

Discussion: TSOS Policies

- TSOS Funding Policies Acknowledgement/Implications for Tier II RSO's hosting events that are funded by SGA
- The way it was worded, it already applies to Tier II RSO's
- Looking at Part 5: Critical Financial Policies
- The policy would be sent out after the meeting

Chief Administrative Officer – Anejah McLaurin StamfordSGA@UConn.edu

Senators Appointment

- None

Logo Competition

- Competition still going
- Will end on March 1st (next week)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placers will have a shoutout on our social medias

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

3/3/2021 1:00 PM – WebEx Meeting Room
Motion to adjourn was made at 2:10 and was passed: 12 **:Approved**
0 **:Opposed**
1 **:Abstained**

Approval:

Anejah McLaurin

Anejah McLaurin – Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

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Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

Date

Guests in Attendance

Maria	Oliveira
Chinedu	Nkwo
Nicholas	Marini
Anejah	McLaurin
Francesca	Figueroa
Sabrina	Uva
Sophia	Watson
Cullen	Murphy
Vivian	Trinh
Alyssa	Pelletier
Michael	Goyal
Hadia	Ahmad
Ananya	Viswanathan
Rowan	Kennedy
Emily	Cervantes
Nahum	Valiente
Dominika	Dojnikowski
Angeline	Moresca

Voting Results

1.Motion to start meeting

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        A. In Favor          14/16 ( 88%)
        B. Opposed            0/16 (  0%)
        C. Abstain            1/16 (  6%)
        D. Non-Voting/Guest   0/16 (  0%)
No Answer        0/16 ( 0%)
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	A	B	C	D
Nicholas Marini (internal)	X			
Dominika Dojnikowski	X			
Sophia Watson (internal)	X			
Vivian Trinh (she, her) (internal)	X			
Francesca Figueroa (internal)	X			
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			
Michael Goyal	X			
Emily Cervantes	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente	X			
hadia ahmad	X			
Maria			X	
Cullen Murphy (internal)	X			
Angie				X

Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

2.Motion to approve minutes from 2/17

A. In Favor	15/17 (88%)
B. Opposed	0/17 (0%)
C. Abstain	1/17 (6%)
D. Non-Voting/Guest	1/17 (6%)
No Answer	0/17 (0%)

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

3.Motion to allow SGA candidates to use the Canva Pro subscription for campaign

A. In Favor	13/17 (76%)
B. Opposed	1/17 (6%)
C. Abstain	2/17 (12%)
D. Non-Voting/Guest	1/17 (6%)
No Answer	0/17 (0%)

	A	B	C	D
Nicholas Marini (internal)			X	
Dominika Dojnikowski	X			
Vivian Trinh (she, her) (internal)	X			
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			
Michael Goyal	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)		X		
Ananya Viswanathan (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			
Nahum Valiente	X			
hadia ahmad	X			

Maria			X	
Cullen Murphy (internal)	X			
Angie	X			
Gayle Riquier (internal)				X
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X			

4.Motion to approve funding proposal: Huskies for Charity

A. In Favor 13/17 (76%)
B. Opposed 0/17 (0%)
C. Abstain 3/17 (18%)
D. Non-Voting/Guest 1/17 (6%)
No Answer 0/17 (0%)

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

5.Motion to adjourn meeting

A. In Favor 12/14 (86%)
B. Opposed 0/14 (0%)
C. Abstain 1/14 (7%)
D. Non-Voting/Guest 1/14 (7%)
No Answer 0/14 (0%)

	A	B	C	D
Nicholas Marini (internal)	X			
Vivian Trinh (she, her) (internal)	X			
Sabrina Uva (internal)	X			
Alyssa Pelletier (internal)	X			
Michael Goyal	X			
Rowan Kennedy (internal)	X			
Ananya Viswanathan (internal)	X			
Emily Cervantes	X			
Chinedu Nkwo (he, him, his) (internal)	X			

Nahum Valiente	X				
hadia ahmad	X				
Maria			X		
Gayle Riquier (internal)				X	
Anejah McLaurin (internal)	X				

Signature: Anejah McLaurin (Mar 8, 2021 10:00 EST)

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Signature: gayle riquier (Mar 16, 2021 14:45 EDT)

Email: gayle.riquier@uconn.edu