

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Sabrina Uva
Date | time: 2/17/2022 5:07 PM **Total Voting Members: 10 Quorum: 6**

Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President – Sabrina Uva | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Susan Chen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President – Nahum Valiente | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Vaughan Piccirillio Sealey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CFO – Jennifer Criollo | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Miraal Maqsood |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO – Ananya Viswanathan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Diamond Bakare |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stu. Activities Coord. /UConn – Gayle Riquier (non-voting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Evan Dingle |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Chelsea Valdez |

Senator Attendance

- Jozef Lopez
- Kevin Quezada

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 2/10/2022
Moved by: Ananya Viswanathan **Seconded by:** Kevin Quezada
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 – Sabrina Uva

StamfordSGA-President@UConn.edu

Appropriations Committee Public Hearing

- Sabrina Uva was selected to deliver testimony to the Connecticut General Assembly's Appropriations Committee at their Public Hearing on UConn's Budget on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 5:00 pm-7:30 pm.**
- **Hearing Information:** The public hearing is an opportunity for representatives of the University community to explain directly to members of the Appropriations Committee UConn's importance to the state and how critical state funding is to students and UConn's budget.
- The hearing will cover the entire higher education budget so the Connecticut State University System, Community Colleges, and Independent Colleges will also be participating.

UConn Stamford Food Insecurity Fund

- UConn Stamford's Food Insecurity fund through Student Services may be used to support students at UConn Stamford who are facing urgent, unanticipated financial shortfalls that undermine their ability to cover their costs for adequate and nutritious food daily. Priority uses for the fund will include providing resources to meet students' needs following unforeseen circumstances.
- UConn Stamford students may submit a request form for the UConn Stamford Food Insecurity fund. The request form should include a statement (maximum of 500 words) outlining the individual's need. Supporting documentation (i.e. letter of support on letterhead, receipts, etc.) must be included with one's request.
- Once the request is received, the student's enrollment will be verified, and financial aid status will be reviewed. Requests will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, as they are submitted until funds are unavailable. Awards will be provided to recipients in the form of gift cards to local grocers (Stop & Shop, Target, etc.).
- To apply use this link: <https://studentservices.stamford.uconn.edu/uconn-stamford-food-insecurity-fund-request-form/>

Food Insecurity Hearing

- UConn Stamford was present to testify in front of the CT Legislature regarding Raised H.B. No. 5033: AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- This bill would require institutions to investigate food insecurity, food pantries, and increase student eligibility for SNAP benefits.

Food Pantry

- UConn Stamford students are working to address food insecurity on campus and are co committed to providing students with access to students in need to reach their full potential. Fill out the food survey ([Linked here](#)).
- If you are interested in helping out with the food pantry, a few people are needed to monitor the event and help people between 12:30pm and 1:45pm Tuesday, March 1st 2022, Wednesday March 2nd 2022, or Thursday March 3rd 2022.
- Every week, Dr. Bunyan aims to pick up the food weekly from the Lower Fairfield County Foodbank 461 Glenbrook Rd, Stamford.
 - 1 People willing to go pick up the food and transport it to campus.
 - 2 People willing to help unload the car and take the food to the pantry.
 - 3 People to help staff it.
- If you have any interest in any of this please reach out to Laura.Bunyan@uconn.edu.

On-Campus Resource- Mental Health Resource Center (MHRC)

- The Mental Health Resource Center is a helpful, friendly environment that provides students with the space to feel comfortable speaking with a Case Manager. The Case Manager provides information and assists in accessing community mental health resources in your area to help you be a successful student and a happy and healthy person. If financial struggles/food insecurities/home instability is addressed, the MHRC could help review and access resources.
- For help finding additional services, contact them at (203) 251-9597 or stamfordMHRC@uconn.edu to schedule an appointment. <https://mhrc.stamford.uconn.edu/>

Joint Election Candidates:

- **President:** Nahum Valiente
- **Vice President:** Vaughan Piccirillo-Sealey, Chelsea Valdez
- **Chief Financial Officer:** Both candidates for CFO have declined their nomination.
- **Chief Administrative Officer:** Ananya Viswanathan

Election Oversight Committee

Weekly Update:

- Create a timeline and recruitment plan of qualified individuals for the CFO special election.
- Aim to fill the position by the end of this semester at the latest.
- Next meeting: Monday, February 21, 2022

Title IX Committee

➤ A special committee on Title IX is currently in effect. In addition, to reviewing Title IX policies, this committee will work to implement intervention programs that focus on prevention strategies surrounding topics of sexual abuse and make policy recommendations to the Undergraduate Student Government.

➤ **Weekly Update:** Meeting with **Lisseta C. Reid, J.D.** Associate Vice President Title IX Coordinator & ADA Coordinator, and **Kim Caprio, Ed.D.** Director of Title IX Compliance and Deputy Title IX Coordinator on **March 9th from 12 pm -1 pm.**

- The first SGA Title IX meeting will be on [Monday, February 21st at 12:45 pm - 1:15 pm](#)
 - Come up with ideas for the QA session
 - Preliminary questions
- Direct questions to StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu

Vice President – Nahum Valiente

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

Monday 2/21 - 2/25: Student Art Display

- Student artwork will be displayed to celebrate Black History Month
- **Location:** Schreiber Reading Room (Room 253)
- **Time:** Throughout the day

Wednesday 2/23: Poetry Smash

- Artists will be presenting their poetry in the concourse
- **Location:** Rich Concourse
- **Time:** 4:00PM - 7:00PM

Thursday 2/24: Snack and Chat

- ACCC will host a Snack and chat conversation inspired by Issa Rae's insecure.
- **Location:** MPR Room (Room 108)
- **Time:** 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Any questions, please contact brianna.walston@uconn.edu or diamond.bakare@uconn.edu

Wednesday 2/23: Movie Night - Nahum Valiente

- **Movie:** Uncharted
- **Time:** 6:00PM & 8:00PM
- **Location:** BowTie Cinemas; Majestic 6 Theater
- **Up to 50 Students for each time slot, first come first serve, must have student ID**

Multicultural Event: Vaughan Piccirillo-Sealey

- A form will be open so Students can submit nations they want represented at the Multicultural event
- Form will be open to public
- Any questions please email: vaughan.piccirillo-sealey@uconn.edu

Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Criollo

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

Funding Proposals:

- None

SASFAC- SGA Fee Budget Hearing

- The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee (SASFAC) is charged annually by the Provost and the Executive Vice President for Administration with providing recommendations and advice regarding a fee structure. The Spring 2022 SASFAC focus is on the FY22 review and FY23 budget proposals
- Sabrina Uva and I will be attending the hearing on February 24 virtually @2pm
- Direct questions to StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu

Chief Administrative Officer – Ananya Viswanathan

StamfordSGA@UConn.edu

Senator Appointments

- Kendra Velasquez
- Motion to: Approve the individual above as senator
Moved by: Ananya Viswanathan **Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente
Voting results: Unanimous **Motion: Passes**

Senator Resignations

- None

Member Form

If anyone is interested in becoming a senator, please complete the [member form](#).

Advisor- Gayle Riquier

Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu

- None

Announcements

➤ Contact SGA officers to ask questions:

- Sabrina: StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu
- Nahum: StamfordSGA-VP@uconn.edu
- Jennifer: StamfordSGA-CFO@uconn.edu
- Ananya: StamfordSGA@uconn.edu

Next Meeting/Adjournment

2/10/2022 5:00 PM – Rm 317A

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:39PM

Motion moved by: Nahum Valiente **Seconded by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

Voting results: Unanimous **Motion:** Passes

Next meeting will occur on 2/24/2022.

Approval:

– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

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Sabrina	Uva
Nahum	Valiente
Jennifer	Criollo
Ananya	Viswanathan
Chelsea	Valdez
Nam	Nguyen
Susan	Chen
Kevin	Quezada
Jozef	Lopez
Kendra	Velasquez
Vaughan	Piccirillio-Sealey
Jose	Garcia
Diamond	Bakare
Daniel	Ryan
Adam	Barker
Paulette	Catola Lopez
Gabriel	Gonzalez
Laura	Bunyan
Gayle	Riquier