

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Sabrina Uva
Date | time: 2/24/2022 5:05 PM **Total Voting Members: 12 Quorum: 7**

Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President – Sabrina Uva | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Susan Chen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President – Nahum Valiente | <input 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
- Kendra Velasquez

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 2/17/2022
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 testified at the public hearing to explain directly to members of the Appropriations Committee UConn's importance to the state and how critical state funding is to students.

- **To view the recording of the hearing:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u090CDs2I8I>
- Sabrina Uva's testimony: <https://cga.ct.gov/2022/appdata/tmy/2022HB-05037-R000222-Uva,%20Sabrina-UConn-TMY.PDF>
- The hearing covered the entire higher education budget (Connecticut State University System, Community Colleges and Independent Colleges)

Mental Health Resource Center: Students can qualify to receive SNAP benefits

To access SNAP benefits under the new relief package, college students must satisfy all of the following:

1. Be enrolled at least half-time in institution of higher education, typically 6 or more units
2. Be between the ages 18 and 49 years old
3. Be a United States citizen
4. Have a monthly household income that does not meet the student's state requirements (check your state's household income requirement).

AND one of the following:

1. Qualify for a federal or state work study program (enrollment in a work study program is not required) OR
2. Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0

*This information can be located in your student portal under financial aid package or you can contact the financial aid office and they can provide you with this information.

On your own: WWW.CONNECT.CT.GOV, CLICK "APPLY NOW"

If you need assistance applying, call Foodshare's SNAP Outreach Team: 860-856-4354

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact STAMFORDMHC@UCONN.EDU.

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](#)).

Update from Dr. Bunyan: My Sociology of Food class is starting a food pantry on campus where students can get FREE food. If you would like free food, please stop by! We would like to keep the food pantry open on a consistent basis. The food pantry will ideally be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11:00 - 2:00. We need people to sign up to work it. This means going to the Welcome Center, getting access, leaving the door open and staying in there while people shop. A shift could be an hour, or two, or three. We will likely have a card swipe students can use so we can keep track of how many people we serve. This will help us to determine how much food to buy. The sign up is below if you are interested in helping. Please share with anyone you think might be interested in receiving food and/or would be interested in helping keep it open.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qBkgNXkewSUKbjqAivKfYAm52lqweiuWEdtl0s5Q6n0/edit#gid=0>

Please reach out with any questions: Laura.Bunyan@uconn.edu.

Husky Market

Husky Market is an initiative created by Undergraduate Student Government (USG) leaders at Storrs to address food insecurity on all UConn Campuses. Overall, Husky Market will have served over 1,500 students.

Update: Sabrina Uva will be picking up the gift cards this weekend from Storrs.

Election Oversight Committee Update

Joint Election

- **Election table reserved from March 1st- March 3rd to promote election.**
- **3 days of tabling with insomnia cookies.**
 - i. **On the third day, the tabling will be used to promote the special election after the joint election closes.**
 - ii. **Storrs will be sending "I voted" stickers.**

CFO Special Election

- **The Chief Financial Officer shall have the following duties and powers:**
 - (a) **To oversee all funding provided to and spent by the Association**
 - (b) **To propose motions to authorize or deny requests for money to be drawn from the Association's**

funds.

(c) To maintain the Association's financial sources and accounts

(d) To maintain a record of all expenditures and receipts pertaining to Registered Student Organizations funded by the Association

(e) To provide access to the Association's financial records to any member of the Association upon request within a reasonable period of time

(f) To compile a comprehensive budget report at the end of their term of service for review by the Senate

(g) To submit a bi-weekly report on all pertinent Association expenditures and deposits to the Officers

(h) To submit a bi-weekly report on the status of the Association's finances to the Senate

(i) To be one of two students authorized to sign checks for the Association

(j) To work with the President in preparing for and presenting at the annual budget hearing to the Student Fee Advisory Committee

(k) To chair the Finance Committee

- Opening nominations and releasing the election timeline in the upcoming weeks.
- Promotion of this election will be done 3/3 and tier II active clubs will be notified
- In the case that eligibility requirements are not met, candidates will need to be approved to run by the senate vote.
 - i. Committee: Create a recruitment plan of qualified individuals
 1. Commissioner: Email All Tier II Active club leaders
 2. After the recruitment table and email are sent, and eligibility is reviewed by interested parties, EOC will review the need to nominate an individual outside of requirements to the Senate.
 3. Commissioner: Aim to fill the position by the end of this semester at the latest
- Next Meeting: If you are a member of the EOC, please fill out the form. Please note that additional times have been added on Friday. https://doodle.com/poll/xppf6enhsvy3nei?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Title IX Committee Update

Sabrina Uva has been selected to be on the President's Task Force on Combating Sexual Violence and Supporting Our Students.

Read more information about the task force: <https://today.uconn.edu/2022/02/president-maric-announces-task-force-for-combating-sexual-violence-supporting-our-students/>

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.

- Please send topics of discussion and questions for the Title IX office to Sabrina Uva: StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu
 - I. For more information read this [Article](#) and visit Title IX the website: <https://titleix.uconn.edu/title-ix-at-uconn/>
- 20 professors signed a statement of support:

"We, the undersigned, support students in their demands for UConn to respond to sexual harassment, assault, and rape in ways that support survivors and work toward preventing gender/race/class/sexuality-based harassment and violence."

- Ingrid Semaan, Department of Sociology, UConn Stamford

- Laura Bunyan, Dept of Sociology, UConn Stamford
- Oskar Harmon, Department of Economics, UConn Stamford
- Pamela Bramble, Department of Art and Art History, UConn Stamford
- Mick Powell, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, UConn Stamford
- Lauren Todd, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, UConn Stamford
- Grégory Pierrot, Department of English, UConn Stamford
- Pamela Allen Brown, Department of English
- Claudia Kraemer, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UConn Stamford
- Kriti Bhargava, Dept of CSE, UConn Stamford
- Vida Samuel, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, UConn Stamford
- Annamaria Csizmadia, Department of Human Development & Family Sciences, UConn Stamford
- Patricia Morgne Cramer, English Department, UCONN Stamford
- Keith Wood, Physics Department, UCONN Stamford
- Leslie Burton, Department of Psychological Sciences
- Richard Watnick, Math Department, UConn Stamford
- Charles Yarish, Dept. of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, UCONN Stamford
- Frederick Roden, Dept. of English, Faculty of Judaic Studies and WGSS, UConn
- Miles M. Evers, Dep. of Political Science, UCONN Stamford
- Natalia V. Smirnova, Department of Economics, UCONN Stamford

Next Meeting: Open to all on a voluntary basis. Fill out poll:

https://doodle.com/poll/zbfmnsww6qg9ucux5?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Vice President – Nahum Valiente

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

Today 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

Poetry Slam: ACCC x SGA Diamond Bakare

- Pushed Back, now will Celebrate Black History and Women History Month
- **Submit:** Name, Year, Major, Title, Photo of Artist
- **ACCEPTABLE ARTWORKS INCLUDE:** Literature, Visual, Graphic, Plastic, Decorative, Performing, and Architectural Art
- **Deadline to apply:** Friday March 11th, 5PM
- **Contact the following email if you would like to volunteer:** diamond.bakare@uconn.edu

Today 2/24: 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**

Thursday 3/3: Paint Night - Chelsea Valdez

- **Students will have the option to enjoy a painting session in person or grab a kit to take somewhere else!**
- **Time:** 2:00PM-4:00PM
- **Location:** Auditorium (Room 1.09)
- **Any questions or concerns:** chelsea.valdez@uconn.edu

Multicultural Event: Vaughan Piccirillo-Sealey

- A form will be open so Students can submit nations they want represented at the Multicultural event
- **Link to the form:** <https://uconn.kualibuild.com/app/builder/#/app/620172371226d2e8a4873bb6/run>
- Any questions please email: vaughan.piccirillo-sealey@uconn.edu

Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Criollo

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

Funding Proposals:

- **Huskies for Charity**, China Care Scavenger Event

Description of the event: Students will participate in a scavenger hunt to draw awareness to China Care which is a nonprofit organization that raises funds for orphans and less privileged kids in China.

Tentative Date: March 13, 2022

Expected Attendance: All UConn undergraduate students

Motion to: approve up to **\$250** for **Supplies** for China Care Scavenger Hunt

Moved by: Jennifer Criollo

Seconded by: Kevin Quezada

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

- **Student Government Association**, Election Table

Description: In order to promote the joint election, Insomnia cookies will be distributed to students in the concourse so they can be aware of the candidates who will be representing them.

Tentative Date: March 1-3, 2022

Expected Attendance: All UConn undergraduate students

Motion to: approve up to **\$481** for **Incentives** for the Election Table

Moved by: Jennifer Criollo

Seconded by: Jozef Lopez

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Funding Process Steps

STEPS IN THE FUNDING PROCESS

COME UP WITH YOUR IDEA

With your RSO or Committee brainstorm your idea. What do you want to do? How does this further the mission of your group? How does this benefit our campus?

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Research as much as you can. Has it been done before? What do you need? How much will it cost? Where will you get it from?

"STEP 1: BUDGET REQUEST" FORM

Now it's time to start putting it in action. Budget Request form (<https://studentactivities.stamford.uconn.edu/rso-resources>) is the first official step in this process. This form will take about one week to process once submitted. You will have to provide information on the proposal and anticipated purchases.

SGA REVIEW & APPROVAL

SGA review begins with the Finance Committee (Tues @ 10 AM in 202). Be there to answer questions about the proposal. The committee may revise the request before sending along to the SGA Senate for final approval (Thursday 5 pm).

"STEP 2: PURCHASE REQUEST" FORM

Once the budget request has been approved by the SGA senate, a Purchase request form (<https://studentactivities.stamford.uconn.edu/rso-resources>) must be submitted. A list of specific items to purchase, and written quote must be submitted during this step.

APPROVAL & PURCHASE

SGA's President & CFO will review the purchase request to insure the items/services requested were approved, and are within the approved budget amount. The Advisor will begin the University purchasing process. It is important to note that the University purchasing process can take 3-6 weeks to complete - so provide ample time for this to occur!

WRAP IT UP

Once your purchase is complete the SGA Advisor will notify you of additional required documentation for your purchase. Please be sure to follow up and submit these as required.

For more information visit:

<https://studentactivities.stamford.uconn.edu/rso-resources>

If you need help reach out to
stamfordsga-cfo@uconn.edu
or Gayle.Biquier@uconn.edu

Senator Appointments

- Jose Garcia

- Motion to: Approve the individual above as senator
Moved by: Ananya Viswanathan **Seconded by:**
Voting results: **Motion: Tabled**

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

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- 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 5:28PM

Motion moved by: Nahum Valiente **Seconded by:** Diamond Bakare

Voting results: Unanimous **Motion:** Passes

Next meeting will occur on 3/3/2022.

Approval:

– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

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Nahum	Valiente
Jennifer	Criollo
Ananya	Viswanathan
Diamond	Bakare
Chelsea	Valdez
Jozef	Lopez
Kevin	Quezada
Kendra	Velasquez
Adam	Barker
Nicea	Nerette
Zayda	Aguilera
Adila	Daniel
Gabriel	Gonzalez
Gayle	Riquier