

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Sabrina Uva
Date | time: 3/10/2022 5:06 PM **Total Voting Members: 13 Quorum: 7**

Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

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| <input checked="" 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

- Adam Barker
- Jozef Lopez
- Kevin Quezada
- Kendra Velasquez

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 3/3/2022
Moved by: Ananya Viswanathan **Seconded by:** Diamond Bakare
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

Election Results

Nahum Valiente – President
Vaughan Piccirillo-Sealey – Vice President
Ananya Viswanathan – Chief Administrative Officer

CFO Special Election Nominations

- Kevin Quezada
- Johnson Celestin
- Mary Attah Agyeman

EOC Nominations

- Nahum Valiente
- Nicholas Marini

Special CFO Election Tentative Timeline

3/10 Open nominations EOC and Special Election
3/24 Close nominations
3/28-4/1 Campaign period
4/4 noon - 4/5 noon Election Period
4/6 Violation period and certify with EOC
4/7 Announce results

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.

Dr. Bunyan's Sociology of Food class started 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.

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

Wellness Coordinator

We, the undersigned, are calling for a full-time wellness coordinator on the Stamford campus to provide support and resources for students who have experienced the following:

- Gender/race/class/sexuality-based harassment, discrimination, and violence
- Alcohol/drug abuse
- Food insecurity
- Other health issues, including mental health issues

In addition, the wellness coordinator would provide educational programs on:

- Healthy sexuality
- Safe alcohol/drug use
- Anxiety and stress
- Virus transmissions and vaccines

A full-time wellness coordinator would bring much-needed support to students across a wide range of health issues. Furthermore, the coordinator would complement, support, and expand on the excellent work of the case managers in our Mental Health Resource Center.

1. Ingrid Semaan, Department of Sociology, UConn Stamford
2. Richard Watnick, Department of Mathematics, UConn Stamford
3. Pamela Bramble, Department of Art and Art History, UConn Stamford
4. Laura Bunyan, Department of Sociology, UConn Stamford
5. Oskar Harmon, Department of Economics, UConn Stamford
6. Claudia Kraemer EEB Department, UConn Stamford
7. Pamela Allen Brown, Department of English
8. Frederick Roden, English, Judaic Studies, WGSS, UCONN

9. Grégory Pierrot, English, UConn Stamford
10. Vida Samuel, HDFS, UConn Stamford
11. Kevin McEvoy, PhD, Marketing, UConn Stamford, multiple teaching award winner
12. Phara Bayonne, Library Director, UConn Stamford Library (Jeremy Richard Library)
13. Annamaria Csizmadia, HDFS, UConn Stamford
14. Alexandra Manna, Center for Career Development, UConn Stamford
15. Leslie Burton
16. Lori Gresham, Psychological Sciences, UConn Stamford
17. Tara Malone, Center for Career Development, UConn Stamford
18. Mary Tabb Foley, HDFS, UCONN Stamford
19. Nancy Dryden, Research & Instruction Librarian, UConn Libraries
20. Beth Ginsberg, Political Science, UCONN, Stamford
21. Jenny Gregory, Library Access Services, UCONN Stamford
22. Corey Stokes, ACES Academic Advisor, UConn Stamford
23. Meredith Rusoff, History
24. Serkan Gorkemli, English, UConn Stamford
25. Charles Yarish, Dept of Ecol. & Evol. Biology, UCONN Stamford
26. Sercan Canbolat, Political Science, UConn Stamford
27. Brianna Walston, Affinity Coordinator, UConn Stamford
28. Ruth Braunstein, Department of Sociology
29. Emily Sears, Center for Students with Disabilities, UConn Stamford
30. Mick Powell, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, UConn Stamford
31. Lauren Todd, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, UConn Stamford
32. Sabrina Uva, Student Government Association, UConn Stamford
33. Junior A Lara, Huskies for Charity, UConn Stamford
34. Katherine Pancak, School of Business, UConn Stamford
35. Abigail Ricketts, First-Generation Students, UConn Stamford
36. Veronica Paez-Deggeller, First-Generation Students, UConn Stamford

If you are interested in signing on to the wellness coordinator statement, use this [link](#) to add your name, title, and campus.

Food Insecurity

Husky Market Card distribution has been going on for two weeks. Approximately 5 emails have been sent to students with detailed information on where/how to sign up to receive their card. In the communication sent to recipients, it has been offered that should the available times not fit into their schedule arrangements can be made by emailing Gayle directly. Several students have been non-responsible with claiming their cards. We need to decide what to do with the unclaimed cards.

We have asked folks in USG and TSOS for some guidance on what the options are available/recommended. Since there is no plan to re-create the program, and no Stamford "waitlist" for the Fall 2021 Husky Market, we believe we should utilize the cards with the spirit for which the money was originally allocated - to alleviate food insecurity concerns for students. This said, it is our recommendation that we use the unclaimed cards to purchase groceries for the Stamford Campus Food Pantry.

Motion to: approve the utilization of unclaimed Husky Market Cards to purchase groceries for distribution through the Stamford Campus Food Pantry.

Moved by: Nahum Valiente

Seconded by: Jennifer Criollo

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Menstrual Equity

Sabrina Uva testified at the Public Health Committee for HB 5272 An Act Concerning Menstrual Products which is a step towards creating more access to period supplies in public schools and universities including UConn.

Link to the YouTube Livestream: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVar8mwBZBydf7-nD_beT3Q/live

Link to bill: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/TOB/H/PDF/2022HB-05272-R00-HB.PDF>

Testimony

FAQ :

Title IX Committee Update

Meeting with Letissa 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

- Visit the following website for information on Title IX <https://titleix.uconn.edu/title-ix-at-uconn/>
- Contact: kimberly.caprio@uconn.edu, letissa.reid@uconn.edu

Sexual Assault Legislation

- Sabrina Uva was a sponsor of A Resolution on the Reconstruction of Sexual Assault Education at UConn.

Student Government calls on the University's Title IX Office and the UConn administration to reform and restructure the mandated sexual assault education to include:

1. Mandated sexual violence prevention education every year that discusses:
 - a. What are the impacts of sexual violence on victims through more comprehensive modules
 - b. How intersectional identities impact experiences of gender-based violence differently
 - c. Accessible resources for survivors; safe spaces available for students impacted by sexual assault,
 - d. stalking, harassment, or any other form of sexual violence
 - e. Resources for community members and friends on how to properly support survivors
 - f. How to engage someone you know to be a perpetrator of sexual assault and manage that relationship
 - g. What to do if a person thinks they may be a perpetrator of sexual violence
2. A yearly in-person education requirement that may be fulfilled through:
 - a. Student's First Year Experience courses that encourages discourse among students that is significantly more comprehensive than what is currently required, including:
 - i. How to reduce societal pressures to engage in sexual activity
 - ii. How to dispel perceptions that forced sexual activity is socially acceptable
 - b. Subsequent in-person workshops and other events offered throughout the year.

This legislation passed unanimously through the USG Senate yesterday.

President's Task Force on Combating Sexual Violence and Supporting our Students

The President's Task Force on Combating Sexual Violence and Supporting our Students is charged with evaluating how the University of Connecticut educates, prevents and responds to sexual violence. This includes how students are educated on the topics of sexual violence, the standard of consent, healthy relationships, incapacitation, and bystander programs. In addition, this committee is charged with the intentional review of all relevant procedures designed to support students who are participating in the process of reporting sexual violence including how policy, process, Title IX obligations, and support are shared with students.

- Here is the website for the task force that can be found off of the Office of the President's Communications page. <https://president.uconn.edu/communications/combating-sexual-violence-supporting-our-students/>
- This website will be updated after each meeting with links to the presentations that are given to the task force. The first meeting's presentations can be found there at this moment in time.

Movie Nights

- Movie: The Batman: 100/100
- Look into increasing amount of tickets in the future for popular movies

RPM Raceway: Today 3/10 – Miraal

- **Time:** 5PM-9PM
- **Capacity:** 100 people first come first serve
- **Includes:** 2 Races and a \$5 Gift card to arcade

Multicultural Event: Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

- Form is closed
- Many nations will be represented, will be working on the event during spring break

Student Leader Banquet

- **When:** April 20th (Wednesday) TENTATIVE
- **Time:** TBD
- **Location:** Auditorium (Room 1.09)
- **Form:** Will go out soon

Future programming for 2022-2023

- Change formatting of Committees
- Applications for Program Directors will go out soon
- Directors shall be appointed by the Vice President, by the means stated in Article VI of the Bylaws.

To be appointed as a Director, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 (current semester and cumulative) at the time of nomination and at all times during their term of appointment
- (b) Have served as a Senator or Committee Member for at least one semester

Responsibilities of each Director are:

- (a) Lead their respective committees in the event-planning process
- (b) Delegate tasks to their Committee Members in an efficient manner
- (c) Complete necessary financial documentation pertaining to their respective events

Upcoming Events

- Poetry Slam - Diamond x ACCC
- Six Flags - Nahum
- De-stress week – Nahum, Susan and Diamond
- Sip and Paint – Diamond

Funding Proposals:

➤ **Politics Club**, Voter Registration Drive

Description of the event: Students will have the opportunity to register to vote, check on their voter registration to ensure all their information is right, and be aware of their polling location. Students will learn about candidates running this year in the upcoming Midterm Elections. Water bottles and candy will be provided.

Tentative Date: March 29, 2022

Expected Attendance: All UConn undergraduate students

Motion to: approve up to \$880 for **Snacks/Refreshments** for Politics Club Registration

Moved by: Jennifer Criollo

Seconded by: Kevin Quezada

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

➤ **Huskies for Charity**, Dress for Success

Description of the event: Students have the opportunity to attend a professional clothing drive, and grab free clothing. This helps support students' professional brand by providing them clothing for internships, jobs, interviews, etc.

Tentative Date: March 21-22, 2022

Expected Attendance: All UConn undergraduate students

Motion to: approve up to \$190 for **Snacks/Refreshments & Supplies/Equipment** for Huskies for Charity, Dress for Success event

Moved by: Jennifer Criollo

Seconded by: Jozef Lopez

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

➤ **Huskies for Charity**, First Generation Panelist Event

Description of the event: The panelist event will give students the ability to hear from first generation UConn students, alumni, and faculty. They will learn about their experience and receive advice, as well as network. There will be snacks and beverages provided.

Tentative Date: April 13, 2022

Expected Attendance: All UConn undergraduate students

Motion to: approve up to \$215 for **Snacks/Refreshments** for Huskies for Charity, First Generation Panelist Event

Moved by: Jennifer Criollo

Seconded by: Kevin Quezada

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

➤ **Huskies for Charity**, Alzheimers Awareness

Description of the event: Students will learn more about Alzheimer's disease through interactive activities. They will create their own sensory toys and pieces of a fidget blanket that individuals with Alzheimer's use to relieve their stress. They will also learn from a guest speaker that will be hosting an information session on the difference between Alzheimer's and Dementia, as well as effective communication with individuals with Alzheimer's.

Tentative Date: April 7, 2022

Expected Attendance: All UConn undergraduate students

Motion to: approve up to \$505 for **Supplies/Equipment & Giveaway items** for Huskies for Charity, Alzheimers Awareness event

Moved by: Jennifer Criollo

Seconded by: Jozef Lopez

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Senator Appointments

- Gabriel Gonzalez

- Motion to: Approve the individual above as senator
Moved by: Ananya Viswanathan **Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez
Voting results: Unanimous **Motion:** Passes

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

3/10/2022 5:00 PM – Rm 317A

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:40PM

Motion moved by: Nahum Valiente **Seconded by:** Jennifer Criollo
Voting results: Unanimous **Motion:** Passes

Next meeting will occur on 3/24/2022.

Approval:

– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

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Jennifer	Criollo
Ananya	Viswanathan
Adam	Barker
Kevin	Quezada
Jozef	Lopez
Kendra	Velasquez
Diamond	Bakare
Gabriel	Gonzalez
Chelsea	Valdez
Gayle	Riquier
Laura	Bunyan