

# GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

**Meeting called to order by** President – Sabrina Uva  
**Date | time:**4/21/2022 5:05 PM **Total Voting Members: 15 Quorum: 8**

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## Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

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- President – Sabrina Uva
- Vice President – Nahum Valiente
- CFO – Jennifer Criollo
- CAO – Ananya Viswanathan
- Stu. Activities Coord. /UConn – Gayle Riquier (non-voting)

- Program Director- Susan Chen
- Program Director- Vaughan Piccirillio Sealey
- Program Director- Miraal Maqsood
- Program Director- Diamond Bakare
- Program Director- Evan Dingle
- Program Director- Chelsea Valdez

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## Senator Attendance

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- Adam Barker
- Gabriel Gonzalez
- Jozef Lopez
- Nicea Nerette
- Kevin Quezada
- Kendra Velasquez

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## Approval of Minutes

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- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 4/14/2022  
**Moved by:** Ananya Viswanathan      **Seconded by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**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.

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President – Sabrina Uva

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## General Senate Meeting Update

- Today (Thursday Apr 21, 2022) is the last General Senate meeting of the semester.
- In this meeting, we will review the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

## Food Series

Food access contributes to students' overall well-being and their ability to engage in our campus community. To reduce the stigma surrounding food insecurity, the Food Series was created to ensure access to food for undergraduate

students in our UConn Stamford community without having to disclose need. Approximately \$25,000 of funds were allocated for grab and for meals to distribute from April 4 - May 2, 2022. During this timeframe, over 1,000 meals are expected to be served to students. To promote multicultural awareness, foods from different cultures ranging from Latin, Italian, Asian, and Ethiopian Cuisine was provided to students during SGA Multicultural Week. The food series also included a partnership with the Muslim Students Association to provide meals after sunset for students that are fasting for Ramadan. The meals provided were primarily made up of small businesses which have faced economic hardship over the course of the coronavirus pandemic. The food series overall benefits our students and helps boost our local community.

Restaurant	Date	Meal Time
Garden Catering	April 4	Lunch
Garden Catering	April 7	Lunch
Best in Gourmet	April 14	Lunch
Lucy's	April 18	Dinner
Aquario	April 19	Lunch
Sorrento	April 20	Lunch
Bull Pan	April 20	Dinner
Chutni Biryani	April 21	Dinner
Teff	April 21	Lunch
Sorrento	April 25	Lunch
Cafe oo la la	April 26	Breakfast
Shahs Halal	April 26	Dinner
TBD	April 27	Lunch
TBD	April 27	Dinner
Cafe Bon	April 28	Breakfast
Cafe oo la la	May 2nd	Breakfast

To continue the effort to reduce implications of food insecurity, please visit the UConn Stamford Food Pantry, reach out to the Mental Health Resource Center and UConn Stamford Student Services for more information on resources. The Stamford Student Government Association's next steps to promote students' success and provide meals in the upcoming semester is through engagement in programming activities. Not only will this allow students to receive a meal, they will also have the opportunity to meaningfully engage with their peers and community at Student Government Association events.

### **Menstrual Equity**

Ensuring students have access to basic necessities such as menstrual products is a top priority. During this semester, I have worked with state representatives as part of a coalition against period poverty and to increase access to menstrual products in public universities including UConn Stamford. Through working with the facilities department, we were able to successfully implement menstrual product baskets in all women and gender neutral bathrooms. These baskets are restocked daily and include both tampons and pads. Now until the remainder of the semester, I will be distributing grab and go menstrual products at select SGA events. For future implications of menstrual equity, a reflection on the usage of products should be assessed along with options for no-coin dispensers of both pads and tampons in the bathrooms.

## **State of the City**

SGA representatives were invited to attend Mayor Simmons State of the City address next week on April 28. This is an opportunity for our students to be represented at this speech which could bring forth policy that could affect students who go to this campus.

## **Title IX Committee**

- 1) Review Title IX policies
- 2) Provide access to bystander intervention training that focuses on prevention strategies.
- 3) Make policy recommendations to the Undergraduate Student Government to facilitate change at the university level.

## **USG Student Working Group Recommendations**

1. HuskyCT Resources Toolbox
  - Digitized Roadmaps, Flowcharts, and Brochures
  - Simplifying language and terminology
  - Direct links to any and all relevant information
2. Campus Climate Survey
  - Offers insight into the opinions and sentiments of students
  - Anonymity
3. Audit of Reporting Systems at the University of Connecticut
  - Proposal includes bringing in a third-party organization to investigate the effectiveness of various reporting structures that are currently in place.
4. Seamless Access to Immediate Physical/Medical Care and Examinations
  - Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)
  - Drug Tests
5. Survivor Advocates
  - UCPD
6. Advocate for more progressive Title IX policies in Higher Education at a state level

## **Stamford SGA Recommendations to USG Student Working Group**

- Add specific offices or services specific to the regional campuses for ease of access to students. (Since most of the services go through Storrs).
- Whether it is getting the mental health staff here up in training or adding another office, it should be specific to Stamford students.

## **Bystander Intervention Training**

Dean of Students Office can provide training including information about sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, bias related issues, and suicidality.

- Trainings are designed based on the focus needs of the group.
- An interactive model with scenarios and videos created by the Pack Leaders is used.
- Each situation is presented and there is the opportunity for the student audience to discuss options for responding to it.
- Trainings include information on methods of intervening and how to utilize other bystanders.

For more information or if you are interested in getting trained, reach out to Jenn Longa [jenn.longa@uconn.edu](mailto:jenn.longa@uconn.edu).

## **Task Force on Combating Sexual Violence and Supporting our Students**

- Connection to resources
  - Medical exams
  - Support
  - Conduct/criminal
- Education training
  - P2P-Peer to Peer
  - Require training
  - first responders
- Assessment/accountability
  - Require university check in
  - 3 year review of policy
  - Community Renewal Team

The Task Force is invited and encouraged to recommend revisions and additions to the processed described in the charge.

- A final report will be provided by the Chairs to the President by May 15.
- It is important to note that many aspects of the Title IX process, including jurisdiction and the hearing process are mandated by the U.S. Department of Education.

<https://president.uconn.edu/communications/combating-sexual-violence-supporting-our-students/>

**Thank you**

Vice President – Nahum Valiente

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**Movie Nights in the Future**

- AMC has taken over BowTie
- Substitute has been found so we can continue having movie nights for next year
- Bonus Tickets will still be honored

**Multicultural Week: Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey**

- **Thank you to all who helped!**
- **Expand event next year**

**Rock Climbing: Evan Dingle**

- **When:** TODAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 4PM-9PM
- **Where:** BETA Climbing
- First 100 students to attend will receive free admission

**Paint and Sip: Diamond Bakare**

- **When:** Monday April 25th, 1 PM- 3PM
- **Location:** Auditorium (Room 1.09)
- **This will be a guided paint session with food and refreshments**
- Any questions please direct to: [diamond.bakare@uconn.edu](mailto:diamond.bakare@uconn.edu)

**Six Flags New Jersey Trip**

- Students who bought a ticket, please sign emergency contact form, due **TODAY**
- Any questions please direct to either [nahum.valiente@uconn.edu](mailto:nahum.valiente@uconn.edu) or [gayle.riquier@uconn.edu](mailto:gayle.riquier@uconn.edu)

### SMASH Room

- **When:** Thursday April 28th, 1PM- 3PM
- **Location:** Whitey Heist Park (Near the main entrance of the building, outdoors)
- Students will be able to draw on plates and smash them to relieve stress from upcoming

### Finals Breakfast

- **When:** Monday May 2nd, 11AM - 1PM
- **Where:** Rich Concourse
- There will be a live Omelet Bar, chefs will be present to create omelets for students to help students have a great start to Finals.

### Program Directors 2022-2023

Mohammed Ruwaid

Novelty Committee

Evan Dingle

Off-Campus Committee

Susan Chen

Celebrations Committee

Kojo Aurelien

Student advocacy Committee

Rosana Soares

Special Events Committee

### Thank you all!

- Thanks all for a great semester
- Looking forward to the work ahead of us next year

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Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Criollo

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### Funding Proposals:

#### ➤ **Campus Events Committee**

**Description of the proposal:** This committee is tasked with planning events that occur off-campus. The Charge of this committee is to identify exciting activities for students to sample from our surrounding community. Ideas may include, but not limited to: RPM Raceway, Movie Nights, Ice Skating or a large-scale trip to Six Flags or Sporting Events.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$20,000 for Campus Events Committee (Minimum of 3) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, transportation, and admission fees as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo

**Seconded by:** Kevin Quezada

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Welcome Week**

**Description of the proposal:** This event takes place during the first week of the semester, all committees are tasked with creating an event for Welcome Week, this serves as an introductory for the year and promoting SGA and creating a fun and comfortable ambiance.

**Tentative Date:** April 15, 2022

**Expected Attendance:** All UConn undergraduate students

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$12,000 for Welcome Week to include purchases of supplies, contracts, and refreshments as needed for successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo

**Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Celebration Events Committee**

**Description of the proposal:** This committee is tasked with creating events on campus dedicated to the various holidays throughout the semester. The committee will be charged with identifying these holidays/celebrations and developing activities or events to recognize and celebrate occasions that require representation. Ideas may include Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, Black History Month, etc.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$8,000 for Celebration Events Committee (Minimum of 2) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, support staff, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo

**Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Special Events Committee**

**Description of the proposal:** This committee is tasked with events that are large-scale events that are traditionally held each semester. The charge for this committee would be to identify activities to have during our Welcome Week (kick-off) and DE Stress Week (wrap up) for each semester, and an additional large-scale event/show. Ideas may include, but not limited to Game Shows, Comedian, Hypnotist shows, Smash Rage Room, Grab/GO bags, etc. Large off-campus campus are also considered as a "Special Event"

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$15,000 for Special Events Committee (Minimum of 3) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, support staff, transportation, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo

**Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Novelty Events Committee**

**Description of the proposal:** This committee is tasked with planning small-scale events that require less funding but the same level of preparation and anticipation. The charge for this committee is to create programming on campus that are minimal and single-day events that create community building on the Stamford Campus Ideas may include, but not limited to: Pop up events, grab-and-go events, snacks and games events, etc.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$12,000 for Novelty Events Committee (Minimum of 3) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, support staff, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo

**Seconded by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Passes

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**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$25,000 for Campus Events Committee (Minimum of 4) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, transportation, and admission fees as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Welcome Week**

**Description of the proposal:** This event takes place during the first week of the semester, all committees are tasked with creating an event for Welcome Week, this serves as an introductory for the year and promoting SGA and creating a fun and comfortable ambiance.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$10,000 for Welcome Week to include purchases of supplies, contracts, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Celebration Events Committee**

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**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$8,000 for Celebration Events Committee (Minimum of 2) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, support staff, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Kevin Quezada  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Special Events Committee**

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**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$15,000 for Special Events Committee (Minimum of 3) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, support staff, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez  
**Motion:** Passes

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minimal and single-day events that create community building on the Stamford Campus. Ideas may include: Pop up events, grab-and-go events, snacks and games events, etc.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$16,000 for Novelty Events Committee (Minimum of 4) to include purchases of supplies, contracts, support staff, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Student Leader Banquet**

**Description of the proposal:** This banquet is to celebrate all student leaders at the end of the semesters, this includes SGA members, RSO Leaders, and faculty and staff that help made our events possible.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$5,000 for Student Leader Banquet to include purchases of supplies, contracts, refreshments, and decorations as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Movie Night**

**Description of the proposal:** Movie tickets will be used for movie nights at our local theater, they do not expire.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$10,000 for Movie Night (Bi-weekly) to include purchases of supplies and contracts as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Office Supplies**

**Description of the proposal:** Supplies.

**Motion to:** Motion to approve SGA \$500 for Office Supplies to include purchases of supplies as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Graduation Regalia**

**Description of the proposal:** Traditionally for officers or individuals of who took on leadership roles.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$1,200 for Graduation Regalia to include purchases of supplies as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Marketing Initiative**

**Description of the proposal:** Includes, but not limited to SGA's marketing tools such as Linktree, Canva, and text services system.



**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$4,000 for the Marketing Initiative to include purchases of services and supplies as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **Student Advocacy**

**Description of the proposal:** This committee is tasked with highlighting issues surrounding the student population through means such as events, forums, tabling, social media campaigns, etc. The charge for this committee is to conduct student outreach and produce programming that benefits the issues that students face on campus.

**Motion to:** Approve SGA \$5,000 for Student Advocacy to include purchases of supplies, contracts, and refreshments as needed for a successful implementation of the programs.

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Nahum Valiente  
**Motion:** Passes

➤ **SGA Finals Breakfast**

**Description of the proposal:** To increase finals breakfast budget from \$3,000 to \$4,080 to give students a better finals breakfast experience. Finals breakfast will include the serve of omelets in which food service will be needed.

**Motion to:** Approve up to \$4,080 for services for SGA's finals breakfast

**Moved by:** Jennifer Criollo  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey  
**Motion:** Passes

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Chief Administrative Officer – Ananya Viswanathan

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**Motion to:** resign all non-voting and voting senators, excluding the elected officers and program directors appointed for Fall 2022

**Moved by:** Ananya Viswanathan  
**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Seconded by:** Kevin Quezada  
**Motion:** Passes

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Advisor- Gayle Riquier

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- Thank you all for a great semester!

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## Announcements

➤ Contact SGA officers to ask questions:

- Sabrina: [StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu)
- Nahum: [StamfordSGA-VP@uconn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA-VP@uconn.edu)
- Jennifer: [StamfordSGA-CFO@uconn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA-CFO@uconn.edu)
- Ananya: [StamfordSGA@uconn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA@uconn.edu)

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Next Meeting/Adjournment

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**4/21/2022 5:00 PM – Rm 317A**

**Motion to adjourn was made at 5:42PM**

**Motion moved by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey      **Seconded by:** Kevin Quezada

**Voting results:** Unanimous      **Motion:** Passes

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Approval:

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– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

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Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

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