

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Sabrina Uva

Date | time:4/7/2022 5:06 PM **Total Voting Members: 15 Quorum: 8**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Evan Dingle |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Chelsea Valdez |

Senator Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 3/31/2022
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| 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

Special CFO Election Results

- Thank you to the Election Oversight Committee for working to certify this election and to all candidates that ran.
- We had a total of 120 votes in this election.
- The winner of this election is Kevin Alexis Quezada.
 - Congratulations!

Meeting with Caroline Simmons

Sabrina Uva and Nahum Valiente have a meeting with Stamford's Mayor, Caroline Simmons tomorrow April 8th, 2022. If you have any last-minute questions for her, please submit to Sabrina, StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu as soon as possible.

State of the City

Current SGA officers and future elected SGA officers have been invited to attend Mayor Simmons State of the City address. 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 Updates

1. Kim Caprio sent information on Reporting Resources (See below) that could also be found in Erica Granoff's suite.
2. Review the TitleIX website <https://titleix.uconn.edu/>
 - Overall look and navigation
 - Is there too much content on certain pages?
 - Do you like the accordions, tabs, and dropdown menus?
 - What types of content do you expect to find when accessing the site?
 - Did you find what you were expecting?
 - If no, what was missing?
 - What suggestions do you have for improving the site?
 - Is there anything about the OIE reporting form that is unclear?
 - Easy to use? Are there questions you think should/should not be included?

If You Have Experienced Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, or Stalking

Immediate steps

- **Go to a safe place.** A friend's room, or any open offices on campus.
- **Call someone you trust.** A friend, family member, or victim advocate are good resources. You do not have to go through this alone.
- **Preserve evidence.** After sexual assault, do not shower until you have considered whether to have a no-cost sexual assault forensic exam within 120 hours of the assault. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to have a sexual assault forensic exam. Save the clothes you were wearing (unwashed) in a paper or cloth bag. After sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and/or stalking, take photos of any damage or injury and keep communication records (e.g. texts, emails, letters).

Within 24 hours

- **Seek out support.** You may want to turn to an advocate or counselor for support and advice. They will talk with you about your options for additional support services and reporting.
- **After unwanted physical contact, get medical attention.** A medical provider can check for and treat physical injury, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancy. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive medical care.

At any time

- **Consider making a formal report.** You are encouraged to report what happened to both the police and the University. You can decide how much you would like to participate in any investigation process.
- **UConn can help.** Campus-based resources, like the Office of Student Services, can help you with changes to your housing, classes, work, and more. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive help and supportive measures from UConn.

UConn's Commitment to a Safe and Supportive Community

UConn is committed to creating and maintaining a campus environment free from all forms of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking. All reports are taken with the utmost seriousness. Retaliation against any person who makes a report is strictly prohibited.

The Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence (the Policy), contains detailed information about reporting, accessing campus and community resources, investigations, and more.

Supportive Measures

The resources listed in this brochure can help with a range of supportive measures, including but not limited to: medical and counseling services; academic support; leaves of absence; modifications to working/living situations and class schedules; assistance with transportation, financial aid, visa, and immigration issues; enacting mutual University no-contact letters; and referrals to legal and advocacy services.

Employee Reporting

Under the Policy, employees who witness or receive a report of sexual assault, intimate partner violence or stalking must report the incident to the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE). Exceptions include confidential and exempt employees as defined in the Policy, such as those in medical and counseling services in Student Health and Wellness.

Under the federal Clery Act, many employees also have a duty under federal law to report crimes to the UConn Police Department. Their report to police will include the date, time, place, and nature of the incident.

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Office of Institutional Equity and the Title IX Coordinator
WOOD HALL, FIRST FLOOR
241 GLENBROOK ROAD, UNIT 4175
STORRS, CT 06269
860.486.2345

UConn complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. Contact Office of Institutional Equity: (860) 486-2943, equity@uconn.edu, <http://www.equity.uconn.edu>

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**Sexual Assault
Intimate Partner Violence
Stalking**

Regional Campus
Reporting and Resources

What is Sexual Assault*?
Sexual assault consists of sexual contact and/or sexual intercourse that occurs without consent. Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of gender.

What is Consent*?
Consent is an understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent must be informed, freely and actively given. It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement. Consent to one form of sexual activity [like kissing] does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity [like sex]. The lack of a negative response is not consent. An individual who is incapacitated by alcohol and/or other drugs, both voluntarily or involuntarily consumed, may not give consent. Past consent of sexual activity does not imply ongoing future consent.

What is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)*?
IPV includes any act of violence or threatened act of violence that occurs between individuals who are involved or have been involved in a sexual, dating, spousal, domestic, or other intimate relationship. IPV may include Sexual assault, Stalking, and/or physical assault. IPV may involve a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, or may involve one-time conduct. This behavior can be verbal, emotional, and/or physical.

What is Stalking*?
Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific individual that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others, or for the individual to suffer substantial emotional distress. Stalking includes unwanted, repeated, or cumulative behaviors that serve no purpose other than to threaten, or cause fear for another individual.

* Please note that these definitions are contained within UConn's policies and are not the same standard applied in a law enforcement proceeding.

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Reporting and Investigations

You are strongly encouraged to make a report to both the police and to the University for assistance and investigation. Students and employees who violate University policies and conduct codes may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or termination. You have the right to report without further participation in any investigation.

UConn Police Department

24 hours a day, 7 days a week
860.486.4800 | public.safety.uconn.edu

- Responsible for all criminal investigations for on-campus crimes
- An officer from the Special Victims Unit is assigned as the primary contact throughout the investigation
- For off-campus crimes, state or local police are responsible for investigations

Storrs, 860.486.4800
126 North Eagleville Road, Storrs

Avery Point, 860.486.4800
Stone Cottage on the West Circle

Hartford, 860.486.4800
Hartford Times Building, Basement Floor

School of Law, 860.486.4800
Library Building, Room 346

Stamford, 860.486.4800
Stamford Campus, Room 142

Waterbury, 860.486.4800
UConn Campus Building, Ground Floor
East Main Street, Waterbury

Connecticut State Police, 860.685.8190

Office of Community Standards
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday
Wilbur Cross Building, Room 301
233 Glenbrook Road, Storrs
860.486.8402 | community.uconn.edu

- Investigates when the accused individual is or may be a UConn student
- Enacts University no-contact letters

Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and the Title IX Coordinator
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday
Wood Hall, First Floor
241 Glenbrook Road, Storrs
860.486.2943 | titleix.uconn.edu

- Investigates when the accused individual is a UConn employee
- UConn's Title IX Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all reports are addressed

Confidential Resources (On-Campus)

NOT required to report to OIE
Avery Point Mental Health Resource Center
Walk-in hours and by appointment
Branford House, Room 315
860.405.9044

Hartford Mental Health Resource Center
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Hartford Times Building, Room 113
959.200.3869

School of Law Counseling Services
By appointment, Monday-Thursday
William F. Starr Hall, Room 109, Hartford
860.916.5243

Stamford Mental Health Resource Center
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
University Place, Stamford
203.251.9597

Waterbury Mental Health Resource Center
Walk-in hours and by appointment
99 East Main Street, Room 236, Waterbury
203.236.9817

Confidential employees are entitled under state law to have privileged communications.

More information related to employee reporting responsibilities can be found in the *Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Related Interpersonal Violence*.

Confidential Resources (Off-Campus)

NOT required to report to OIE
All services are free and confidential.

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Statewide Hotline: 1.888.999.5545 (24/7)
Spanish Hotline: 1.888.568.8332 (24/7)

- Crisis and short-term counseling
- Hospital, police, and court accompaniment
- Information and referral services, including legal assistance
- Support for victim-survivors of sexual violence

Avery Point and Storrs-Mansfield Areas
Local Hotline: 860.456.2789
Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut

Hartford Area
Local Hotline: 860.547.1022
YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services

Stamford Area
Local Hotline: 203.329.2929
Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling & Education

Waterbury Area
Local Hotline: 203.753.3613
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Statewide Hotline: 1.888.774.2900 (24/7)
Spanish Hotline: 1.844.831.9200 (24/7)

- Support for victim-survivors of domestic or dating violence and stalking
- 24-hour crisis counseling

While an impacted individual's conversation with a University employee in non-confidential offices will be kept private (will not be shared unnecessarily with others), only conversations with either a confidential or exempt resource will not be reported to OIE (unless the impacted individual requests that the information be shared).

Non-Confidential Resources (On-Campus)

Required to report to OIE

Office of Student Services

- Explains the available resources and University investigation processes
- Assists with implementation of supportive measures, including academic and other concerns, modifications to class schedules, rescheduling exams, and more

You do not need to make a formal complaint or press charges to receive help and supportive measures from the Office of Student Services

Avery Point
Director of Student Services
Branford House, Room 306
1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton
860.405.9024

Hartford
Associate Director of Student Services
Hartford Times Building, Room 127B
10 Prospect Street, Hartford
959.200.3836

School of Law
Assistant Dean of Students
Thomas J. Meskill Law Library, Room 221A
39 Elizabeth Street, Hartford
860.570.5244

Stamford
Director of Student Services
Stamford Campus, Room 201
1 University Place, Stamford
203.251.8484

Waterbury
Associate Director of Student Services
Waterbury Campus, Room 228F
99 East Main Street, Waterbury
203.236.9871

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Vice President – Nahum Valiente

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

Multicultural Week: Vaughan Piccirillo-Sealey

- **Date:** Week of April 18th
 - 4/18 - Monday - Religious Appreciation day (Huskies in Christ & MSA)
 - 4/19 - Tuesday - Latin American Countries (Latiné)
 - 4/20 - Wednesday - European Day (Italy and Poland, Sabrina)
 - 4/21 - Thursday - African Day (ASA)
- **Where:** Concourse
- Any questions please direct to: vaughan.piccirillo-sealey@uconn.edu

Rock Climbing: Evan Dingle

- **When:** Thursday, April 21st, Time TBD (Likely in the late afternoon)
- **Where:** BETA Climbing
- First 100 students to attend will receive free admission
- Any questions please direct to: Evan.dingle@uconn.edu

Sip and Paint: 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

Student Leader Banquet

- **When:** Thursday April 28th, 6PM-9PM (after our last GSM meeting)

- **Location:** Auditorium (Room 1.09)
- **Invitation:** They have gone out, if you received one please make sure to RVSP
- Any questions please direct to either: sabrina.uva@uconn.edu or nahum.valiente@uconn.edu

Six Flags New Jersey Trip

- **Tickets are sold OUT**
- Students who bought a ticket, please be on the lookout for an email for waivers and other information
- Contact nahum.valiente@uconn.edu or gayle.riquier@uconn.edu for more information.

Program Director Applications

- Application now open, closes on April 20th at noon
- Application will likely open early next week, be on the lookout for it through social media or email, contact nahum.valiente@uconn.edu for more information.

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

Chief Financial Officer – Jennifer Criollo

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

Funding Proposals:

- None

****We are currently in the process of constructing the budget for the school year of 2022-2023. More information will be to come****

Chief Administrative Officer – Ananya Viswanathan

StamfordSGA@UConn.edu

Senator Appointments

- 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

- o Ananya: StamfordSGA@uconn.edu

Next Meeting/Adjournment

3/10/2022 5:00 PM – Rm 317A

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:21PM

Motion moved by: Nahum Valiente **Seconded by:** Kevin Quezada

Voting results: Unanimous **Motion:** Passes

Next meeting will occur on 4/14/2022.

Approval:

– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

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