

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Nahum Valiente

Date | time: 9/8/2022 3:31 PM **Total Voting Members: 8 Quorum: 5**

Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President – Nahum Valiente | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Kojo Aurelien |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President – Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Susan Chen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CFO – Kevin Quezada | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Evan Dingle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO – Ananya Viswanathan | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Mohammed Ruwaid |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stu. Activities Coord. /UConn – Gayle Riquier (non-voting) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Rosana Soares |

Senator Attendance

- N/A

President – Nahum Valiente

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Welcome to GSM!

Welcome you to our first GSM (General Senate Meeting) of the semester. This meeting (like any other meeting) is structured after the senate meetings held in our political system. These meetings are cut into four parts, the president (me), the Vice President, CFO, and CAO.

The role of the general senate is to allow voices from all over the campus to vote on anything that is brought to the Senate floor by our organization or clubs or other departments on campus. Examples of this will include funding proposals, internal affairs/reviews, initiatives, or even the formation of special committees around a particular problem or issue as seen fit by the members of this senate. This is where students can be involved in the social aspects of SGA.

Role of the President:

- To call regular and special meetings of the Senate and the Association
- To supervise all elections pertaining to the Association
- To initiate and maintain communication and active discussion with other campuses of the University of Connecticut
- To serve as the Association’s primary media contact
- To vote only in the case of a tie, or when their vote will result in a tie vote
- To make reasonable efforts to ensure that Officers carry out their designated duties properly, promptly, and fully
- To be one of two students authorized to sign checks for the Association
- To chair regular meetings with the Officers, held at a mutually convenient time
- To serve as a voting member of the Finance Committee
- To work with the Chief Financial Officer in preparing for and presenting at the annual budget hearing to the Student Fee Advisory Committee

Hope to see you again soon!

- Hello! We have a lot to discuss. First things first, I want to introduce our new programming directors. They each head their own committees. Really quick, we have the Off Campus Committee, this event is in charge of off campus events like RPM, etc. Celebrations Committee; holiday events (non religious).
- Committees Information:
 - Special Committee; World cup, This committee is tasked with events that are large scale events that are traditionally held each semester. The focus for this committee would be to identify activities to have during our DeStress Week for each semester, and an additional large scale event/show.
 - Novelty Events Committee, 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. EX: grab and go’s, pancake art, ice cream socials, etc
 - Student Advocacy: 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 provide programming that benefits the issues that students face on campus. EX: Lunch with the Provost, Title IX Hearing, Student Survey, act.

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1	Director	Dates:	Location:	Name of event	Budget for the event	Remaining from master budget	Purchase breakdown		Committee	Total
2		Sep 12th - 15th							Off Campus Committee	\$20,000
3	Evan	Sep 19th - 22th		RPM	4000				Celebrations Committee	\$8,000
4	Mohammed	Sep 22nd		Pancake	3000				Special Committee	\$15,000
5	Rosana	Oct 3rd - 6th		Pottery					Novelty Committee	\$12,000
6	Evan	Oct 10th - 13th		Rock Climbing						
7	Rosana	Oct 17th - 20th		Crystals						
8	Susan	Oct 24th - 27th		Halloween						
9	Mohammed	Nov 1st - 3rd								
10	Mohammed	Nov 7th - 10th								
11	Susan	Nov 14th - 17th		Thanksgiving						
12	Rosana	Nov 28th - Dec 2		World Cup						
13	Mohammed	Dec 5th - 8th		Destress Week						
14	Rosana	Dec 12th - 15th		Finals Breakfast						
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- Welcome Week Events: here was the turnout of our programming during the first week of school
 - Kick Off Event - 92
 - Novelty Day - 138
 - Kit Supply Giveaway - 196
 - Movie Night – 70
- Total for the week: 496

Roles and Responsibilities:

- To function in place of the President and assume the duties of the President in their absence
- To oversee all Programming Committees and their Directors, and to attend at least one meeting per month per committee
- To appoint Directors of Programming Committees with approval of the Senate, by the process stated in the Bylaws
- To hold regular meetings with all Directors at a mutually convenient time
- To initiate and maintain communication and active discussion with other campuses of the University of Connecticut

- To ensure that all Programming Committees are adequately staffed
- To make reasonable efforts to ensure that Programming Committees carry out their designated duties properly, promptly, and fully
- To chair the Senate Review Committee

Good Evening everybody! For those who don't know, My name is Kevin Quezada and I will be the Chief Financial Officer for the next academic year at SGA. This position that I took up is a role that is in charge of the budget proposals that all the RSO submits for funding for their club/events. The job of the senate is for all sworn-in senators to vote on the budget proposals that have been approved for review at the senate. We all will vote for the proposal and it can pass or not pass. Clubs that are Tier II RSO are allowed to submit a budget proposal via Kualii.



For anyone interested in being a part of the Finance committee, we are having our meetings on Monday at 1 pm in room 202. The function of the finance committee is to be able to review all The budget proposals that RSO submits and our job at the finance committee is to be able to approve or not approve the budget to be reviewed at the senate. The way we approve is we have to follow a list of criteria to be able to allow it to move forward.

This is an excerpt from the SGA Constitution about the finance committee.

Finance Committee

(a) Composition

- (i) The Finance Committee will be chaired by the Chief Financial Officer.

- (ii) Members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Chief Financial Officer, and must include the President, at least two Senators, and at least two Committee Members.
- (b) The Finance Committee shall have the following duties and powers:
- (i) Receive and review all requests for allocations and funding made by Registered Student Organizations and by the Association at pre-semester meetings
 - (ii) Review and prepare an annual budget for the Association
 - (iii) Develop and review funding guidelines for the Association
 - 1) These guidelines shall be in effect and binding upon a simple majority vote following their presentation to the Senate.
 - (iv) Review and revise these guidelines as necessary
 - (v) Oversee funding and ensure that funding and accounting procedures are followed
 - (vi) Ensure that the Association's budget is balanced at all times
 - 1) If the budget is unbalanced, the Finance Committee shall have the authority to place a moratorium on further spending until the budget is balanced.
- (c) Guests may sit in on meetings for discussion upon invitation from Finance Committee, but do not have any decision-making authority

Chief Administrative Officer – Ananya Viswanathan

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Roles and Responsibilities

- To preside over the General Senate Meeting in place of the President and Vice President in their absence
- To appoint members of the Association to the Senate with simple majority approval of the Senate when permitted by the Constitution and the Bylaws
- To keep, distribute, and make publicly available to the Association minutes of all official Senate and committee meetings
- To post, in a public place, all major documents pertinent to the functioning of SGA These include, but are not limited to, the Constitution and the Bylaws.
- To handle correspondence concerning the Association
- To make reasonable efforts to ensure that Senators carry out their designated duties properly, promptly, and fully
- To publish and distribute minutes of General Senate Meetings within 48 hours of adjournment
- To provide supplies for the organization

Meeting Form

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

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes for all meetings will be posted on the SGA website: <https://sga.stamford.uconn.edu/meeting-minutes/> 48 hours within the meeting. Senators should review the minutes for accuracy before the next General Senate Meeting
- Meeting agendas will be published a day before the GSM meeting so that students can see what is on the agenda for each meeting

Advisor- Gayle Riquier

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- None

Announcements

➤ Contact SGA officers to ask questions:

- Nahum: StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu
- Vaughan: StamfordSGA-VP@uconn.edu
- Kevin: StamfordSGA-CFO@uconn.edu
- Ananya: StamfordSGA@uconn.edu

Next Meeting/Adjournment

9/15/2022 3:30 PM – Rm 234

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:06PM

Motion moved by: Vaughan

Seconded by: Kevin Quezada

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Approval:

– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

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