

# GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

**Meeting called to order by** President – Nahum Valiente  
**Date | time:** 10/13/2022 3:37 PM **Total Voting Members: 15 Quorum: 8**

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## 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 type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Susan Chen                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CFO – Kevin Quezada                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Evan Dingle                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAO – Ananya Viswanathan                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Mohammed Ruwaid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stu. Activities Coord. /UConn – Gayle Riquier (non-voting) |   |

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## Senator Attendance

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- Lucy van der Merwe
- Rebekah Bacon
- Emma Downey
- Bijan Behzadi
- Jozef Lopez
- Schebania Philemon
- Madina Mamedli

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## Approval of Minutes

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- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 10/6/2022  
**Moved by:** Ananya Viswanathan      **Seconded by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey  
**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 – Nahum Valiente

[StamfordSGA-President@UConn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA-President@UConn.edu)

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## Constitution Committee

- We will be beginning our first meeting within next week, time will be announced through all means
- The first meeting will be an introductory meeting to discuss the background of the constitution and how the committee will work
- Please feel free to join, great opportunity to make direct change of campus and earn leadership/administrative experience

## COVID Survey

- A survey will be conducted to ask students about their experience with school & COVID

- Results will be presented the GSM and UConn Representatives such as the director
- These surveys are key as evidence and research outside parties can look at

### NACA Conference Survey

- October 28-30
- Opportunity for leaders to see event ideas and opportunities, good way to connect with vendors
- Up to 5 student leaders can go, food, gas, and admission will be paid for by SGA

### SGA's Agenda Moving Forward

- Target, have all initiatives and programming prepared for Spring 2023, by the winter
- It is key we have as much student participation to get this done.

Vice President – Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

- Moving Movie night to next week
- Marketing process
- Importance of Ucontact
- Rock Climbing Recap
- Inspo Giveaway next week 10/19 from 12-2pm
- Halloween, Face Paint (11/3), other future events
- Committee updates
- Potential openings for next semester
- Trello

Chief Financial Officer – Kevin Quezada

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

### **African Student Association, Met Gala: African Glamour**

Description of the event: The Met Gala: African Glamour is our twist on the Met Gala that is thrown the first Monday in May. Everyone will be encouraged to come in their culture's best, putting a twist on what glamour means to them.

Tentative Date: Tentative

**Motion to:** table African Student Association- Met Gala: African Glamour (req. 0060) to next GSM. For purchases not to exceed \$6,400.00 in the following categories Catering/Refreshments, Services/Contracts.

**Moved by: Kevin Quezada**

**Seconded by: Schebania Philemon**

**Voting results: Unanimous**

**Motion: Passes**

### **African Student Association, Afrobeats & Paint F22**

Description of the event: Afrobeats and Paint is our twist on the concept of sip and paint. Students and ASA members can indulge in relaxation by painting anything relevant to the culture. May that be a flag, clothing, or their favorite home-cooked meals. We just want to see other cultures through the lens of each painter.

Expective Date: November 8, 2022

**Motion to:** approve African Student Association- Afrobeats & Paint F22 (req. 0061). For purchases not to exceed \$570.00 in the following categories Catering/Refreshments, Supplies/Equipment (purchase).

**Moved by: Kevin Quezada**

**Seconded by: Jozef Lopez**

**Voting results: Unanimous**

**Motion: Passes**

### **African Student Association, Royal Faux: The Wedding Party f22**

Description of the event: The faux wedding Party is in Collaboration with Uconn Storrs. It is meant to be a faux lens into the eyes of the culture that surrounds African weddings. They are a huge deal and aren't just “you may kiss the bride”. Ceremonies and traditions that proceed the I do’s are what set the African wedding apart. We want to bring a taste of that to Connecticut as it will be Connecticut's first faux wedding party.

Expective Date: November 4, 2022

**Motion to:** approve African Student Association- Royal Faux: The Wedding Party f22 (req. 0062). For purchases not to exceed \$550.00 in the following categories Supplies/Equipment (purchase).

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

### **African Student Association, Afro Karaoke**

Description of the event: ASA would like to host a karaoke night, the Afrobeats edition. Meaning the night's songs will exclusively feature Afrobeat's favorite hits, new and old. It is a great way for students to hear new music from a genre they have maybe never been exposed to.

Expective Date: November 10, 2022

**Motion to:** approve African Student Association- Afro Karaoke (req. 0069). For purchases not to exceed \$900.00 in the following categories Services/Contracts.

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Jozef Lopez

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

### **First Generation Student Club, Fall Breakfast Bunch**

Description of the event: This event is planned to host breakfast items and invite students to discuss prominent experiences of first-generation students with each other.

Expective Date: November 8, 2022

**Motion to:** approve First-Generation Students- Fall Breakfast Bunch (req. 0059). For purchases not to exceed \$500.00 in the following categories Catering/Refreshments, Supplies/Equipment (purchase).

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Madina Mamedli

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

### **First Generation Student Club, First-Generation Student Alumni Guest Speaker**

Description of the event: At this event, we will have a UConn Stamford Class of 2021 first-generation student alumni come in as guest speakers. She will be speaking about her experiences as a first-gen student, giving students tips and advice on how to deal with specific first-gen challenges, and answering any questions students may have.

Expective Date: October 27, 2022

**Motion to:** approve First-Generation Students- First-Generation Student Alumni Guest Speaker (req. 0067). For purchases not to exceed \$250.00 in the following categories Services/Contracts.

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Kojo Aurelien

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

### **College Republican Club, Pie the President**

Description of the event: Pie the President gives students the opportunity to throw a pie either at President Trump or Biden to fulfilled happiness and a sense of humor to bring positivity to the undergrad community.

Expective Date: October 26, 2022

**Motion to:** table College Republicans- Pie the President (req. 0066) to next GSM. For purchases not to exceed \$875.00 in the following categories Supplies/Equipment (purchase), Staffing (Student Activities, Security, IT, Facilities).

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

## Finance Committee Meetings Mondays at 1 in room 202B.

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Chief Administrative Officer – Ananya Viswanathan

[StamfordSGA@UConn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA@UConn.edu)

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### Meeting Form

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

### Senator Appointment

- Nicea Nerette
- Adrien Vincent
- Andrea Valladares
- Trinnaye Berrie

**Motion to:** approve the individuals above as senators

**Motion moved by:** Ananya Viswanathan

**Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez

**Voting results:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Passes

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Advisor- Gayle Riquier

[Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu](mailto:Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu)

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- None

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### Announcements

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- Contact SGA officers to ask questions:
  - Nahum: [StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA-President@uconn.edu)
  - Vaughan: [StamfordSGA-VP@uconn.edu](mailto:StamfordSGA-VP@uconn.edu)
  - Kevin: [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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**10/20/2022 3:30 PM – Rm 234**

**Motion to adjourn was made at 4:00PM**

**Motion moved by:** Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

**Seconded by:** Kojo Aurelien

**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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