

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Nahum Valiente
Date | time: 10/27/2022 3:35 PM **Total Voting Members: 19 Quorum: 10**

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 Piccirillo-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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stu. Activities Coord. /UConn – Gayle Riquier (non-voting) | |

Senator Attendance

- Rebekah Bacon
- Bijan Behzadi
- Trinnaye Berrie
- Lucy van der Merwe
- Emma Downey
- Bijan Behzadi
- Jozef Lopez
- Schebania Philemon
- Madina Mamedli
- Andrea Valladares
- Adrien Vincent

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 10/20/2022 with the corrected date
Moved by: Ananya Viswanathan **Seconded by:** Jozef Lopez
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 – Nahum Valiente

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Husky Book Bundle

- What is the Husky Book Bundle?
 - The Husky Book Bundle program is a course material model that ensures undergraduate students have all their materials across all courses prior to the first day of class and reduces the cost of materials. Instead of

purchasing materials a la carte, all full-time undergraduate students will receive their required course materials for a rental fee of \$285 per semester, added to their University Fee Bill.

- The bookstore will provide each student with a convenient package for physical books and digital materials will be delivered directly to HuskyCT.
- What is included in the program?
 - The program provides all required textbooks, lab manuals, access codes and digital course materials to eligible students in the delivery format (physical or digital) selected by faculty.
- How does BNC ensure that students are getting their required course materials?
 - Approximately one month before classes start, students will receive an email instructing them to select their fulfillment preference (in-store pickup or shipped directly). An email notification will be sent when the student's order is ready for pickup or when it ships, and digital materials will be delivered for course(s) within the HuskyCT.
- Will students be able to keep their course materials once they have completed the course?
 - Yes, the program provides students the option to purchase textbooks at a reduced rate during the rental return period.
- What happens if a student drops/add course
 - When a student adds/drops a course, instructions are provided for returning their course materials, and to provide delivery options for any new courses that have been added.
- If I adopt Open Education Resources or don't require a textbook, do my students still have to pay the fee?
 - Full-time undergraduate students will pay \$285 per semester for all courses. Students can opt-out for any semester if they choose not to participate.
- Issues brought to our attention
 - USG Academic Affairs Director mentioned that there is a possibility that Regional Students will not have an opt-out option, based on the wording of the draft announcement.
 - The Opt-out option is not being promoted well.
 - Relies heavily on Instructors handing material over, but many instructors are not even aware of the program
 - Program To launch in Spring, feels rushed
 - SGA, USG, and potentially other regional campuses will work together to promote the opt out option.

One-on-One Meeting with Director

- We are looking into hiring a director of academic affairs regarding classes for your major
- The interview process is open to the public and will take place from November 28th-December 1st
- If interested in being a part of this process, check your email for more information in the coming weeks

Vice President – Vaughan Piccirillio-Sealey

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- Halloween Event:
 - Attendance was a little under 200
 - Our text message service was helpful in getting attendance for the event. Our goal is to have as many students join the service to improve attendance at events.
- World Cup event: we are currently in the submission process
- Openings for next semester: 1 programming director position
 - The programming director will be appointed this semester, so they will shadow with current directors and learn the role before the next semester

African Student Association, Met Gala

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

Expective Date: Tentative

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

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Jozef Lopez

Voting results:

Motion: Passes

Muslim Student Association, Henna and Paint Night

Description of the event: Henna and Paint Night is an event where we will have a henna artist do designs for undergraduate students and optional painting on the side. This event will be open to all undergraduate students at Stamford. While the students wait for their turn for henna, they will be allowed to paint a canvas with the supplies provided (canvas, paint, and brushes). We will have food and drinks available. This event will be a socializing night for all students to meet people and have fun with their friends.

Tentative Date: November 17, 2022

Motion to: Muslim Student Assoc- Henna and Paint Night (req. 0076). For purchases not to exceed \$1,810.00 in the following categories Catering/Refreshments, Supplies/Equipment (purchase), Services/Contracts.

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Vaughan Piccirillo-Sealey

Voting results:

Motion: Passes

Finance Committee Meetings Mondays at 1 in room 202B.

Meeting Form

- If anyone is interested in becoming a senator, please complete the [member form](#). The form can also be found on the SGA website (<https://sga.stamford.uconn.edu/>) under “Get Involved” → “Join SGA.”

Senator Appointments

- None

- 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

11/3/2022 3:30 PM – Rm 234

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:31PM

Motion moved by: Vaughan Piccirillo-Sealey

Seconded by: Kojo Aurelien

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Approval:

– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

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Kevin Quezada
Ananya Viswanathan
Kojo Aurelien
Mohammed Ruwaid
Jozef Lopez
Katelyn Santiago
Andrea Valladares
Nicea Nerette
Rebekah Bacon
Emma Downey
Karima Hamada
Laurie Bernard
Madina Mamedli
Kiyoshi Perretz
Trinnaye Berrie
Sami Goutr
Haochen Yang
Lucy van der Merwe