

# GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

**Meeting called to order by** President – Nahum Valiente  
**Date | time:** 11/17/2022 3:37 PM **Total Voting Members: 21 Quorum: 11**

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

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## Senator Attendance

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- Rebekah Bacon
- Bijan Behzadi
- Trinnaye Berrie
- Lucy van der Merwe
- Emma Downey
- Jozef Lopez
- Schebania Philemon
- Katelyn Santiago
- Andrea Valladares
- Adrien Vincent
- Nicea Nerette
- Laurie Bernard
- Karima Hamada

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## Approval of Minutes

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- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 11/10/2022  
**Moved by:** Ananya Viswanathan      **Seconded by:** Schebania Philemon  
**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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## Special Election

- Election Timeline

- Nominations will close today
- Special Elections will now take place from January 24-25, 2023
  - Due to Finals Week and Programming overload on our end, it is NOT at our earliest convenience to do the election this semester, we want to give all potential candidates a fair chance.
- Nominees
  - Alexis Pollock
  - Kevin Quezada
  - Emily Cervantes

### **VP Appointment**

- It is not, in the best interest of our organization to have a vacancy during winter break
- The appointed VP will only serve until the special elections, their job is to finish the job started by our old VP primarily.
- The selection of the VP appointee was discussed by the Executive Board, our advisor, and some of our current Program Directors
- Reason for the appointment, the person selected based on their work with SGA, their coordination and connections with the current Program Director, and their appointment will not cause drastic changes to our organization nor will it cause disruptions that would hold our organization back from programming.
- Governing document that clears our decision
  - In the event that an Officer relinquishes or is relieved of their position the Senate has the authority to appoint an interim Officer to fill the position until a special election can be held. (Article V, Section 5.02, (a))
  - If an Officer position becomes vacant, it must be filled within a reasonable period of time, which will be defined by the Senate unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws. (Article VIII, Section 8.01, (d))

### **Thanksgiving Day Parade**

- All students who want to participate please fill out a waiver, I will be emailing it to you
- Free T-Shirt and Breakfast will be provided!
- Time: This Sunday, 10am to 1pm (we can all meet at the UConn Stamford Parking lot and walk over the Stamford Downtown Hospitality tent to collect out badges from Dr. Jennifer Orkoff.
- The Parade starts at 12pm, ends at 1pm.

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Vice President –

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- Black Panther: Wakanda Forever w/ ASA- 11/14
  - Sold out!
  - A few more to come before the semester ends, but we will go back to a bi-weekly schedule next semester.
- Thanksgiving Dinner - 11/17
  - 5pm - 8PM
  - Room 1.09 (Auditorium)
  - Buffet style
- World Cup Watch Party - 11/29
  - 2pm - until game ends (Estimate is 4:30pm)
  - Rich Concourse
  - Food from Shah's Halal will be provided
- Sugar Scrub - 11/30
  - 12pm - 3pm
  - Make your own sugar scrub
  - Food from Garden Catering will be provided

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Chief Financial Officer – Kevin Quezada

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

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### **First-Generation Students, End-of-Semester Celebration**

Description of the event: We would like to host a celebration for our first-gen club members by the end of the semester. For the event's first half, we would like to serve catering and start a destressing activity to reflect on everyone's accomplishments. For the second half of the event, we would like to play Jackbox, which includes a series of party games in which everyone can participate.

Expected Date: December 8, 2022

**Motion to:** approve First-Generation Students- End of Semester Celebration (req. 0090). For purchases not to exceed **\$450.00** in the following categories Catering/Refreshments, Supplies/Equipment (purchase).

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Lucy van der Merwe

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

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Chief Administrative Officer – Ananya Viswanathan

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

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### **Senator Appointments**

- None

### **Officer Appointment**

**Motion to:** appoint Alexis Pollock as Vice President, her appointment beginning today, November 17th, 2022, ending on the first General Senate Meeting after the Spring Special Election.

Motion moved by: Ananya Viswanathan

Seconded by: Kojo Aurelien

Voting results: 81% approved, 6% opposed

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)
- Alexis Pollock: [alexis.pollock@uconn.edu](mailto:alexis.pollock@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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**12/1/2022 3:30 PM – Rm 234**

**Motion to adjourn was made at 3:52PM**

Motion moved by: Ananya Viswanathan

Seconded by: Emma Downey

Voting results: 78% approved, 6% opposed

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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Kiyoshi Perretz  
Rebekah Bacon  
Eddie Rivera  
Jozef Lopez  
Andrea Valladares  
Susan Chen  
Adrien Vincent