

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

Student Government Association/UConn Stamford

Meeting called to order by President – Nahum Valiente
Date | time: 2/2/2023 3:38 PM **Total Voting Members: 10 Quorum: 6**

Officer/Director/Advisor Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President – Nahum Valiente | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Kojo Aurelien |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President – Vacant | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Program Director- Mohammed Ruwaid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stu. Activities Coord. /UConn – Gayle Riquier (non-voting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director - Madina Mamedli |

Senator Attendance

- Trinnaye Berrie
 Adrien Vincent

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to:** Approve the meeting minutes from 1/24/2022
Moved by: Ananya Viswanathan **Seconded by:** Kojo Aurelien
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

StamfordSGA-President@UConn.edu

Special Election for VP

- Emily Cerevantes is the winner!
- She will be serving until the last GSM of the semester

Spring 2023 Joint Election

- All positions will be open for our EBoard
- Requirement to run
- To be eligible to run for an Officer position, an individual must:
 - Be a member of the Association at the time of nomination and during their term in office
 - Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 (current semester and cumulative) at the time of nomination and at all times during their time in office
 - Meet the following involvement/leadership criteria:

- For the positions of President, Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer the individual must have been a member of the Senate or serve as a Stamford Tier-II RSO leader (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) for at least two semesters. a) If the individual is currently in the process of completing their second term in one of the aforementioned offices, they are eligible to run for either of the three positions.
- For the position of Chief Administrative Officer the individual must be a member of the Senate or serve as a Stamford Tier-II RSO leader (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) for at least one semester.
 - If the individual is currently in the process of completing their first term in one of the aforementioned offices, they are eligible to run for the position.
- Timeline: Nominations will be open until Noon Friday, 2/10/23
- Nominations must be accepted or declined by Noon Monday 2/13/23
- A committee to certify the elections will formed in the next GSM
- Draft of an updated Constitution will be presented next week, please contact me if you would like to be involved

President

- Kojo Aurelien
- Karima Hamada
- Mohammed Ruwaid

Vice President

- Mohammed Ruwaid
- Rebekah Bacon

Chief Financial Officer

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Chief Administrative Officer

- Kiyoshi Perretz

Corey Paris Visit

- Answered questions on bills affecting UConn Students
 - Loan Forgiveness Bill
 - State Budget

State Budget

- Rumors that there will be significant cuts to the funding of UConn
- Possible rally to take place with all UConn Campuses in response to this, rally could be in Hartford at the Capital
- Buses will be provided for students if this does occurs

Graduation Stoles

- If you are a graduating student or transferring to Storrs, please reach out if you would like a Stole to officially recognize your work in SGA

- Open to Officers, Senators, and Directors.

RHA Election

- Residential Students, please vote for your RHA President!

Vice President – Vacant

StamfordSGA-VP@UConn.edu

Upcoming Events:

Bowling Night

- **When:** Thursday, February 9th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- **Where:** RPM
- Free admission to the Bowling Alley will be provided!
- RVSP on UConn contact: SGA!

Winter Warmup

- **When:** Thursday, February 9th, 12:30PM
- **Where:** Rich Concourse
- **What:** Warm up for the semester by having Hot coco and baked desert from DiMare's.

Valentine's Day

- **When:** Tuesday, February 14th
- **Where:** Auditorium
- **What:** There will be many arts and crafts activities to do such as Message in a Bottle, Bead Art! Cookies and a photobooth will be there too.

Ski Trip Collaboration with Student Activities

- **Description:** Hit the slopes on Friday, Feb 24th at Thunder Ridge. Plenty of room on our coach bus to bring your own equipment, or feel free to add on rentals or beginner lessons. Check-in begins 2:45 PM | Bus Departs UConn Stamford Parking Lot at 3:15 PM **Sales close 2/17/23**
- **Link to ticket sales:**
https://secure.touchnet.com/C21646_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=3572

Committee Meetings to be announced Monday 2/6/23

Chief Financial Officer – Kevin Quezada

StamfordSGA-CFO@UConn.edu

Gay Space, Get to Know the Club!

Tentative Date: Feb 20, 2023

Description of Proposal: We hope to have an Open House/ Get to Know the Club event, introducing students to our club and creating awareness of its existence, as this is our first semester ever. We want to have a pin making activity where students can make their own LGBTQ pride pins. We would also like to provide pizza.

Motion to approve Gay Space - Stamford Campus- Gay Space Presents: Get to Know the Club! - F23 (req. 0127). For purchases not to exceed \$1,000.00 in the following categories Catering/Refreshments, Supplies/Equipment (purchase).

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Kojo Aurelien

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Gay Space, Clothing for All

Tentative Date: Feb 27, 2023

Description of Proposal: The Clothing for All event is an event designed to offer a variety of garments including professional attire, everyday wear, and gender-affirming clothing to students who are financially constrained.

Motion to approve Gay Space - Stamford Campus- Clothing for All (req. 0132). For purchases not to exceed \$550.00 in the following categories Prizes (for winners).

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Kojo Aurelien

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

First Gen Club, First-Gen Guest Speaker: Dr. Lori Gresham

Tentative Date: Feb 20, 2023

Description of Proposal: The first-gen club would like to host a series of guest speakers this semester. Our first guest speaker, Dr. Lori Gresham, is a UConn Stamford professor and will visit in late February. She was a first-generation college student and has volunteered to discuss her experience with our club.

Motion to approve First-Generation Students- First-Gen Guest Speaker: Dr. Lori Gresham - S23 (req. 0130). For purchases not to exceed \$100.00 in the following categories Catering/Refreshments.

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Trinnaye Berrie

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

First Gen Club, First-Gen Guest Speaker: Prof. Nicole Nelson

Tentative Date: Mar 27, 2023

Description of Proposal: The first-gen club would like to host a series of guest speakers this semester. This guest speaker, Nicole Nelson, is a UConn Stamford professor and will visit in late March. She was a first-generation college student and has volunteered to discuss her experience with our club.

Motion to approve First-Generation Students- First-Gen Guest Speaker: Prof. Nicole Nelson - S23 (req. 0131). For purchases not to exceed \$100.00 in the following categories Catering/Refreshments.

Moved by: Kevin Quezada

Seconded by: Nicea Nerette

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Finance Committee Meetings Mondays at 1 in room 202B.

Chief Administrative Officer – Ananya Viswanathan

StamfordSGA@UConn.edu

Meeting Form

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

Senator Appointment

- Jayde Lopez
- Nicea Nerette

Motion to: approve the individuals above as senators

Motion moved by: Ananya Viswanathan

Seconded by: Kojo Aurelien

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Officer Appointment

- Emily Cervantes

Motion to: approve the individual above as Vice President

Motion moved by: Ananya Viswanathan

Seconded by: Kojo Aurelien

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Advisor- Gayle Riquier

Gayle.Riquier@UConn.edu

- 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

2/2/2022 4:02 PM – Rm 234

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:00PM

Motion moved by: Ananya Viswanathan

Seconded by: Nicea Nerette

Voting results: Unanimous

Motion: Passes

Approval:

– Chief Administrative Officer/SGA

Gayle Riquier – Student Activities Coordinator/UConn

Date

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Laurie Bernard
Schebania Philemon
Susan Chen
Nathanelle Elvirad