

- I. Call to Order 7:04pm.**
- II. Recognition of Senators**
- III. Special Guest/Speaker**
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** 18 February 2015 approved
- V. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Apportionment Breakdown '15-'17 approved
- VI. New Business**
  - a. Special Allocation Request – Association of Graduate Economics Students
    - i. Representative was not in attendance. A debate was held about whether or not to pause the motion. There were concerns and questions about the request, about the attendance, availability to prepare, etc. Senator Patelunas motioned to only approve the first of four events (\$200). This motioned was passed.
  - b. Executive Board Nominations
    - i. President: Tony Patelunas, MC Bio, Vanessa Lovelace, Political Science
    - ii. Vice President: Tony Patelunas, MC Bio, Tim Bussey, Political Science
    - iii. Treasurer
    - iv. Communications Director: Tom Briggs, Political Science
    - v. Activities Director: Nancy Wong, Educational Leadership
    - vi. Parliamentarian: Ross Dardani, Political Science
- VII. Executive Committee Reports**
  - a. President – Jason Charrette
    - i. Update- [wrtcd@snet.net](mailto:wrtcd@snet.net): Jason suggested about the possibility of hosting a writing letter campaign to WRTD about the transportation issues. Senator Yuste-Alonso and Briggs brought up discussion about whether or not this is useful. They mentioned that they have been working on this for a while and that they believe this email is the wrong email to contact. After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that it may be best to contact our state representatives since we haven't been getting anywhere. Michael Gilbert ([Michael.gilbert@uconn.edu](mailto:Michael.gilbert@uconn.edu)), Michael Kirk (860-486-2337, [Michael.kirk@uconn.edu](mailto:Michael.kirk@uconn.edu)), CT Majority Leader ([bob.duff@cga.ct.gov](mailto:bob.duff@cga.ct.gov)), Speaker of the House ([Brendan.sharkey@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Brendan.sharkey@cga.ct.gov)),

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- b. Vice President – Talea Cornelius
  - i. Tax Information Session Recap – went well, notes have been distributed
  - ii. We have a meeting to discuss WRTD with John Armstrong, Janet Freniere, and Victoria Blodgett on Friday. They are also planning a public hearing on campus re: WRTD, date tbd
- c. Treasurer – Michael Ambroselli
  - i. Scheduled Budget Hearings – Make sure your financial points of contact fill out the doodle poll to select a spot. These hearings will be held the week after spring break. The finance committee has already met to go over budgets.
- d. Secretary – Danielle Wong
  - i. Attendance
  - ii. Committee Report Forms
  - iii. GSS Service Award – The application is out, please make sure to notify your constituencies and administrative assistants if possible.
- e. Activities Director – Nicole Flaig
  - i. Upcoming Activities
    - 1. Game Night – with pizza, board games, will be first come first serve since there is a max number of people who can attend
    - 2. Mohegan Sun Night
  - ii. Graduate Prom Recap
- f. Parliamentarian – Pat Butler
  - i. President and Treasurer Pay

**VIII. External Committee Reports**

- a. Student Rec Center Committee, Phillip Price: We met with the executive director. The fees they are levying will be based on credit hours. The fee is going to be less than the undergraduate student fee. It should be about \$700 less. Depending on the master plan they are thinking about shutting down the current location and building there or constructing it in Y-lot

- b. Student Welfare Committee, Nancy Wong: The will be holding a meeting on Tuesday from 1-2:30. She unfortunately will be out of town and if someone would like to attend please contact her

**IX. Issues Forum**

- a. Association of Graduate Economics Students Allocation Request – Xiupeng Wang
  - i. Motion to fund the remaining three days. There is enough time for them to advertise it on the daily digest. They run it every week and so far it has been doing well. It is open to all graduate students and have a conference room. It is being taught by senior students a visiting professor from Yale. Because of this we cannot pay grads or faculty. The motion was amended to add money to the refreshments and passed.
  - ii. *GSS 14/15:9 – That the GSS allocate \$400 to the Association of Graduate Economics Students for their workshops on R*
- b. Medical Clawbacks - Leland Aldridge
  - i. A clawback is the medical loss ratio, the amount paid out in claims/amount paid in in premiums. It has to be at least 85%. Last year it was 60% far under the legally mandated amount. A return to students should exist but we have not received any of it. At the bargaining talks with the union they mentioned that they did not know anything about this. For our particular plan it was grossly overvalued. Leland is asking for GSS to form some committee to investigate this. Senator Patelunas and Director Wong both suggested that this may fall under the purview of the student life committee. Leland is going to contact Vice President Cornelius for more information.

**X. Adjournment at 8:36pm**

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**GOMCB Special Allocation Request**

<i>Organization</i>	Association of Graduate Economics Students
<i>Event</i>	Econometric and R Programming
<i>Proposed Date</i>	3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16
<i>Contact Person(s)</i>	Xiupeng Wang / Andrew Ju
<i>Date Submitted</i>	03/05/15
<i>Exec. Approval</i>	
<i>Presented to Senate</i>	03/11/15

**Proposed Budget**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Outside Revenues</b>	<b>Exec. Recommendation</b>
621 Refreshments	Refreshments	\$400.00		\$400.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

**Student Rec Center Committee**

**2/19/2015**

*Chair:* Cyndi Costanzo                      *Representative:* Phillip Price  
Uconn Recreation Executive Director                      Graduate Student  
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*Website:* N/A                      *Committee Type:* GSS  
Internal/Standing

**Overview of Report**

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Were the details of the meeting confidential?                      No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students?

- Rec Center fees will be based on credit hours, so graduate students will pay less than undergraduates.

**Detailed Report**

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The first committee meeting for the Student Rec Center Committee was primarily an introduction session where members introduced themselves and Ms. Costanze laid out her plans for how she saw the committee operating. The only hard data gathered was that fees would be based on credit hours, so graduate students will pay less than undergraduates. Beyond that the committee is waiting upon approval of the Master Plan to start seriously discussing how to construct the new Rec Center.