

I. Call to Order – 7.09pm

II. Recognition of Senators

III. Telecasting

- a. Michelle San Pedro explained that this meeting was being recorded for people to view online. She requested that online participants log-in with their Net ID to identify themselves. She explained that new standing microphones are being used to record attendees' contributions.

IV. Special Guest/Speaker – Kevin Braghirol, candidate for Board of Trustees graduate representative from Farmington campus.

- a. Kevin Braghirol spoke about the challenges and opportunities facing UConn at the moment in regard to the cuts to its operating budget. He talked about issues such as the new campus Master Plan and emphasized that UConn needs to be able to fund not just new buildings, but the people who are to work in the buildings. He talked about how he would help publicise scholarships and funding opportunities available to graduate students. He discussed the importance of supporting the Coop Bookstore and the challenges it faces as well as the problem of parking. He asked Tony Patelunas about the plans for X Lot.
- b. Tony Patelunas explained that the 20 Year Master Plan has targeted the X Lot to build a new science building.

V. Approval of Minutes:

- a. GSS meeting minutes, 27th January 2016 – approved by Senate
- b. GSS Executive meeting minutes, 10th February 2016 – approved by the Executive

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

- a. GSS 15/16 -11: Library Letter resolution.
 - i. Michelle San Pedro read out the letter of support for the library (see attached). She explained how it highlights how the library has been historically underfunded relative to peer institutions and that graduates require the library to carry out our function as students, research assistants and teaching assistants.

She

explained that if the Library Letter resolution is approved by the GSS, it will be presented to Provost Choi.

- ii. Senator Albino asked if GSS has suggested where the necessary funding should come from to support the library given the context of cuts to the university's overall operating budget.
 - iii. Tony Patelunas replied that currently the GSS Executive do not have a recommendation regarding sources of funding. He stated that he would like to hear thoughts from graduates regarding this issue, and which university services the graduate community believes are less necessary.
 - iv. There were no objections to the motion, passed.
- b. English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) – Special Allocation request
- i. GSS 15/16-12: That GSS allocates \$75 to fund refreshments to the EGSA for a Roundtable discussion on Academic Conferences on 1st March in the Stern Lounge, CLAS building (see attached).
 - ii. Senator Jaynes and Senator Godfrey, as representatives of EGSA said that they were unaware of this allocations request which had been submitted by Meghan Burns who was not in attendance.
 - iii. Greg Treich presented this event on behalf of EGSA.
 - iv. Senator Britton asked about the rules regarding giving two weeks notification of the event, which was due to take place in 13 days' time.
 - v. Phillip Price explained that the Bylaws state that a student organization must submit their request for a Special Allocation to the GSS Executive Committee at least two weeks before the event is due to be held. In this case, the request was submitted in time to meet this requirement. He explained that it is up to the Senate's discretion to decide if there is sufficient time left for the event to be advertised and made open to the graduate body.
 - vi. There were no objections to the request, passed.
- c. Turkish Student Association (TSA) – Special Allocation request.
- i. GSS 15/16-13: That GSS allocates \$2,281 to the TSA for a dinner, to screen 3 movies, and hold an end of semester picnic.

- ii. Candost Akkaya presented the request and explained the main cost was for special caterers who can provide Turkish food that UConn catering cannot. He explained that the films they plan to show are by famous Turkish directors. He explained that the event will appeal to the wider graduate community and help boost diversity on campus. He said they expect c.50 attendees for the dinner, and c.20-25 people for the films.
 - iii. Senator Sneed asked why the films will cost \$75 each?
 - iv. Candost replied that it is to cover refreshments.
 - v. Tony Patelunas asked about the cost of room rental. He stated that the Turkish Student Association (TSA) must be recognized by the university as a Registered Student Organisation in order to have the room fee waived. Tony also stated that the films must be screened for an educational purpose otherwise the TSA would need to buy the rights to show them for entertainment purposes.
 - vi. Candost replied that the films they intend to screen are clearly of educational value.
 - vii. Senator Albino asked what was the remaining budget for Special Allocations for this year.
 - 1. Greg Treich replied that GSS had a starting budget of \$12,000 for Special Allocations for this year (2015-16), and we currently have over \$6,000 left until the end of semester.
 - viii. There were no objections to the request, passed.
- d. GSS Community Service Award Committee elections
- i. Tom Briggs explained the role of the GSS Service Award Committee as outlined in GSS Bylaw XIII (see attached). He stated that nominations for this committee were announced at the previous GSS Meeting (27th January 2016) but no nominations had been received so far. He asked for nominations to this committee. He explained that the committee would meet in the first week of April to discuss and decide the winner for the award. The following people accepted nominations.
 - 1. Nicholas Monto

2. Carmen Britton

3. Laura Godfrey

4. Danielle Heichel

ii. There were no objections and all nominees were elected to the committee.

e. University Parking Advisory Committee elections.

i. Michelle San Pedro explained that our current graduate representative on the University Parking Advisory Committee has had to resign due to personal reasons and that GSS is seeking a new representative for this committee. He explained that he contacted Ehsan Moharreri who presented on the issue of parking at the previous GSS Meeting (27th January) who self-nominated to sit on this committee.

ii. Michelle asked if anyone else wished to sit on this committee. There were no other nominations.

iii. There were no objections to Ehsan Moharreri being appointed the new graduate representative.

VIII. Executive Committee Reports

a. President – Tony Patelunas

i. Connecticut Young Professionals (CTYP) event. Tony informed the Senate about the first CTYP event to be held in conjunction with GSS. He stated that CTYP had chosen not to hold the first social event at Dog Lane as it would be too expensive. Instead, it will be held at Dave and Buster's restaurant in Manchester which had offered a free buffet for the event, a drinks special and 5 x \$20 gift cards.

ii. Graduate Faculty Council report. Tony reported on the discussed changes to the graduate catalogue. The Council support changing the rules so that a graduate student's major advisor appoints outside readers rather than the head of the department. However, this change is still to be codified. He also explained the discussions about proposed modifications to the appeals procedure and the effect of funding cuts. He informed the Senate that graduate commencement will take place at Jorgenson which is a more appropriate venue than Gampel Stadium. He

stated that each graduate attending their commencement will be awarded 6 tickets and that GSS is working on ways to ensure that tickets can be available if a graduate requires more tickets. He also reported that if a graduate does not complete mandatory training then there will be a hold placed on their account until they complete it.

1. Gayatri Phadke asked him to clarify which training he was referring to. Tony also explained that the Association of Graduate Advocates are working towards clarifying the areas of overlap between Community Standards and the Office of Diversity and Equity when a graduate student has an allegation made against them.
- iii. Graduate Student Handbook update. Tony explained that in the previous GSS Meeting he had stated he will investigate which Graduate Student Handbook applies to particular graduate students. He clarified that in the case of graduate students, the graduate student handbook which applies is the current one. Therefore any changes take immediate effect on the entire graduate body. Tony stated that he would prefer for the Graduate Student Handbook that applies to particular graduate students to be the one that was in effect when that graduate entered their program. He explained that this is currently the case regarding the undergraduate student handbook. He argued that this change would allow a graduate to have consistency throughout their program and not feel subject to arbitrary changes.
- iv. Issues Forum clock. Tony explained that currently GSS Meetings have two clocks regulating the timing of the meeting. The first clock is the Meeting Clock which runs for 2 hours, and after it has expired the Senate needs to vote to extend the meeting at half an hour intervals. The second clock is the Issues Forum clock which runs for 20 minutes from the start of the Issues Forum, and after it has expired the Senate needs to vote to extend the Issues Forum at ten minute intervals. Tony explained that the additional Issues Forum clock disrupts discussions and prevents the smooth flow of meetings. He therefore suggested the Issues Forum clock is removed. He explained that this requires a change to

the GSS Constitution (see attached amendment to Article VI). He invited comment about this proposed amendment in the Issues Forum.

- b. Vice President – Michelle San Pedro
 - i. Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) Committee report. Michelle explained the changes to the new plan, and the problems it has. She explained that the rate is \$1,000 higher than plans at peer institutions and that the university has no incentive to improve this plan for students. (See attached documents for more information). She stated that she has an upcoming meeting and would like to hear feedback from graduates about this plan.
 - 1. Gayatri Phadke asked if UConn could team-up with other universities who have better health plans, such as Wesleyan or UMass, in order to improve this health plan. She also asked what two health insurance companies UConn is using and why, because they sound like fairly small companies. She asked why UConn is not using, for example, Anthem or United Healthcare.
 - ii. Senate Student Welfare Committee report. Michelle reported that the university is conducting a survey on academic misconduct to discover information on issues such as how professors report plagiarism. She asked graduates to take part in the survey and communicate their experiences of encountering academic misconduct, and the procedures graduates have gone through, either as a teaching assistant or a student, and whether instances were reported or blocked, etc.
- c. Treasurer – Greg Treich
 - i. Student Activities and Services Fee Advisory Committee (SASFAC). Greg explained that he was unable to attend this meeting but Tony Patelunas and, last year's GSS Treasurer, Michael Ambroselli, were able to stand in as representatives on his behalf. He explained that SASFAC investigates how Tier III organisations spend their budgets to ensure good value for students. He reported that SASFAC approved of GSS's activities, and they were pleased that GSS did not ask for an increase in the graduate fee that funds GSS.

- ii. Finance Committee update. Greg reported that the Finance Committee had finished meeting and sorted next year's budgets for Tier II Graduate Student Organisations (GSO's). He explained that the Finance Committee will be holding hearings where GSO representatives can try to argue to defend their original budget submission or to explain how they would like to reallocate planned expenditures within the budget they have received.
- d. Communications Director – Thomas Briggs
 - i. Attendance. Tom explained that representative of GSO's who are not Senators need to sign the attendance sheet.
 - ii. GSS Logo. Tom explained that GSS wishes to produce a logo for its banner which can use the name "Graduate Student Senate" or "GSS" as these are not registered trademarks. However, he explained that UConn Branding does not permit university organisations to produce "Secondary Logos" which use the organisation's name. He explained that UConn Branding's advice to student organisations about secondary logos only states that they must not amalgamate registered UConn trademarks into their own logos. He explained that there are Cultural Centres, Tier II student organisations, and Tier III student organisations (USG) who all have Secondary Logos. Tom asked the Senate on advice how to proceed as he wishes to create a banner with a GSS logo and does not think UConn Branding is being fair with its policy. Tom argued that he was against only being able to use the "UConn: Graduate Student Senate" wordmark for all promotional material, and that the university should not stifle the artistic expression and creativity of individual student organisations. Tom gave the Graduate Students of Colour Association's banner as an example of what he felt to be a legitimate use of logos. (See attached presentation). Tom asked for opinion and guidance from the Senate on this issue.
 - 1. Senator Albino asked if there was a process regarding appealing the restrictions on using secondary logos.
 - 2. Tony Patelunas said he was unaware of any official appeals process, and assumes that it falls under the Vice President for Communications and

Branding Office. He said that it does not seem reasonable that we cannot produce our own logo, and that he can discuss the issue with the Tysen Kendig, the Vice President for Communications, to discover their actual policy on this issue.

3. Senator Albino stated that GSS could represent the right of all organisations to create a Secondary Logo if UConn take a strong stand against GSS on this issue.
4. Senator Sneed said that GSS does not want to be responsible for enforcing UConn Branding's policy on other organisations

iii. University Senate Meeting report. Tom announced the dates that the Chief Diversity Officer candidates will be giving their public presentations and encouraged graduate students to attend and provide feedback. Tom announced that the Human Rights Institute will be receiving \$4million from the Open Society Foundation, and that donation will be matched by \$2million from UConn. Tom announced that the University of Connecticut Professional Employee Association union came to a bargaining agreement with UConn for the next 5 years. Tom also presented a pie chart from a presentation given by Scott Jordan, Chief Financial Officer for UConn, at the 2nd November 2015 meeting of the Senate, explaining that 60% of UConn's operating budget is spent on personnel and of that 60%, only 5% is spent on Graduate Assistants. (See attached presentation).

- e. Activities Director – Morad Behandish
- i. Activities budget. Morad gave an explanation of the tentative Activities Budget for next year's GSS (2016-17). He explained how of an orginal Activities Budget of \$37,665, GSS had agreed to add \$8,000. Of the total amount he has \$4,000 left which will go towards that Activities Budget for next year.
 - ii. Grad Prom. Morad announced that Grad Prom was going to be held this Friday at Rome Ballroom. He stated that Ross Dardahni was going to be creating a balloon entrance for the event. Morad asked for volunteers to join him and Eric Simning

on the GSS Activities Committee who would help set up and clear away for the event. The following people nominated themselves for the committee:

1. Carmen Britton
2. Michael Ambroselli
3. Danielle Heichel
4. David Baldwin

There were no objections and all nominees were elected to the committee.

iii. Visa workshops. Morad explained that he will be putting on a visa workshop, scheduled for early March, which should be useful especially as there have been changes to international visas for STEM students. He stated that the Graduate Employee Union – United Automobile Workers (GEU-UAW) will also be holding a visa workshops but it is scheduled more toward the end of March.

f. Parliamentarian – Phillip Price

- i. President and Treasurer pay
 1. The President's and Treasurer's pay remains the same.
- ii. Vote UConn. Phillip explained that the online elections for the Senators At-Large and the graduate representative for the Board of Trustees will be held between March 2nd and March 4th and will be available online at <http://vote.uconn.edu/>
- iii. Procedures Committee review of voting processes. Phillip explained that this committee will be considering ways of ensuring that the GSS Constitution and Bylaws can accommodate online participation and voting.

IX. External Committee Reports

- a. Provost's Library Advisory Committee (PLAC). Michael Ambroselli reported on “the greatest committee of all” and that the committee have been discussing ways to improve library services. He reported that they had been looking at less-needed resources which could be cut from the library. However, the Provost had reallocated money to allow the library to avoid making those cuts for the next two years but the review will continue nonetheless in order to identify structural issues such as rising subscription costs, etc. He also spoke about the library's plans to revamp the interior building of the library.

- i. Gayatri Phadke asked if they had considered ways of reallocating money from buildings to the operating budget.
 - ii. Michael replied that the university is unable to easily reallocate different pots of money between one another. He stated that the PLAC explained how the nice lunch it provided for its members could not be reallocated toward the library budget.
 - iii. Tony Patelunas explained that money for building projects comes from the State selling bonds which are specifically linked to providing capital for those building projects.
- b. Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) Policy Council. Ross Dandini reported that the first meeting he attended mostly discussed priority access to the Student Union building and how this was not granted to the Greek Life organisations. He reported that at the second meeting they discussed their goals for the Student Union. The main issue brought up was to provide more water fountains for drinking bottles and also tissue dispensers for the public toilets. Ross asked people to provide him with feedback if there are any issues they want him to bring up to the SUBOG Policy Council.

X. Issues Forum

- a. Eric Simning spoke about the amendments to the GSS Procedures and changes regarding online voting.
- b. Phillip added that online voting is prohibited by Robert's Rules and GSS would have to amend its Bylaws to allow this.
- c. Senator Bergmann spoke to encourage graduate students to attend and testify at the Appropriations Committee Public Hearings currently being held by the university regarding the budget cuts.
- d. Senator Parent suggested ways that GSS Meetings could be held more efficiently. He agreed that it was probably beneficial to get rid of the Issues Forum clock, and that changes in procedures could improve practices. However, he explained many problems could be addressed in the Unfinished Business and New Business section at the start of the meeting rather than postponing them to be discussed in the Issues Forum, and emphasized that the rules are supposed to be flexible to accommodate the wishes of the Senate.



GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

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University of Connecticut

GSS Meeting Minutes
17th February 2016

- e. Phillip Price explained that the Senate has to operate within a set of procedures laid out by the GSS Constitution, GSS Bylaws, and GSS Financial Policies and Procedures, as well as guidance given by Robert's Rules, and that these do place limitations upon the Senate to act. Phillip suggested that Senator Parent could discuss the specific details further with him after the meeting.
- f. Tom Briggs suggested Senator Parent could join the GSS Procedures committee.

XI. Adjournment – 8.49pm

University of Connecticut

One Card Office

Attendance

Date: 17th February 2016

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Total Attendees = 34

GSS 15/16-11: Graduate Assistants and Students Oppose Cuts to the Library and UITS

Dr. Mun Choi
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Gulley Hall, first floor
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06494-2237

February 17, 2016

Dear Provost Choi,

We, the Graduate Employees and Graduate Students of UConn, are writing in protest of the deep cuts to the University library and the University Information Technology Services (UITS). We are deeply concerned that this shortfall of \$1.8 million over two fiscal years greatly diminishes the resources graduate students, graduate employees, and instructors can access as physical and digital formats of books, videos, and journals.

Many of us already signed the letter circulated in the fall that outlined how these cuts will affect research at UConn. While we agree with these statements, we are in a precarious position that the letter in the fall did not fully address.

As graduate students, we are expected to learn how to conduct professional research in our fields. First and foremost, we need ongoing digital and print access to books and journals through our own collection or interlibrary loan to conduct research in order to fulfill our degree and class requirements. We are also expected to gain familiarity with all the resources available to us and these cuts undermine our ability to learn these skills. Subject Librarians are instrumental in providing that instruction by offering teaching and research support in organizing course reserve material, coordinating the transfer of documents via interlibrary loan, and various workshops on funding databases and citation management. As Research Assistants, these cuts undermine our ability to work efficiently on grant-funded research projects spearheaded by our PIs.

As Teaching Assistants and instructors of record, we rely heavily on the library's staff and resources to teach our classes. Most of the introductory writing and writing intensive courses, both of which are required courses for undergraduates, are taught by graduate employees. In writing-intensive classes, subject librarians are instrumental in assisting undergraduate students with fundamental research skills and helping them to determine appropriate research topics.

As our work and studies are increasingly performed in the cybersphere, the UITS provides important services to graduate students, teachers, and researchers. To complete our work in a timely manner and to have access to the latest software and hardware, we rely on the UITS professionals to create and maintain the digital infrastructure that is necessary for a world-class research institution.

As both students and employees, we rely on most of the library staff to help us in our dual role. Reducing numbers of library staff affects this collaborative learning community. Ultimately, it diminishes the critical support needed to enhance our research, teaching, and learning experiences.

Sincerely,

The Graduate Student Senate
The GEU-UAW Executive Board



GSS 15/16-12: Special Allocation Request Form

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GSS Executive

Committee Meeting: _____ / _____ / _____

GSS Meeting: _____ / _____ / _____

Proposition #: _____

Organization: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Is your organization a fully registered and active Tier II organization with the Student Activities Office? Yes
No

Name of Proposed Event: _____

Date(s) of Proposed Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

Please describe the event **and** provide an estimate of the anticipated number of total and graduate student attendees:

How do you plan on advertising your event to the graduate student body? (select all that apply)

Graduate student listserv

Facebook

Other email/distribution lists

Please describe: _____

Flyers around campus

Announcements

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Please list any contributors to the event (note their financial contributions on the back under the "Revenues" section):

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BYLAW XIII: The GSS Graduate Community Service Award

1) Name

- A.** The name of the award shall be "The GSS Graduate Community Service Award."

2) Purpose

- A.** The GSS shall institute the annual awarding of the GSS Graduate Community Service Award to honor a graduate student who, through his or her exemplary service, has made a significant contribution to intellectual, cultural, and professional capital of the graduate student community at the University of Connecticut.

3) Eligibility

- A.** Eligible award candidates must:

- i. Be enrolled in a graduate-degree granting program at the University.
- ii. Be in good academic standing.
- iii. Have completed at least one full year of study at the University at the time of awarding.

- B.** Individuals ineligible to receive the award shall include:

- i. Current executive officers of the GSS.
- ii. Current Service Award Committee members.
- iii. The Graduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.
- iv. Past award recipients.

- C.** Preference for the award shall be given to:

- i. Nominees whose service to the graduate student community was primarily uncompensated and/or voluntary in nature.

4) Service Award Committee

- A.** Each year, the GSS shall form the Service Award Committee (hereafter, “the award committee”) to certify nominations and award the nominee who has demonstrated the most significant contribution to the graduate student community over the course of his or her graduate career at the University among those nominated.
- B. Membership**
- i. The award committee shall consist of five voting members.
 - ii. The Communications Director shall serve as the chair of the award committee.
 - iii. All committee members, including the chair, must represent different constituencies.
 - iv. All other GSS officers shall not be members of the award committee.
 - v. All other graduate students may be members of the award committee.
 - vi. All committee members shall be appointed by the Senate.
 - vii. Nominations for award committee membership shall be open at the beginning of the first spring semester meeting of the GSS.

5) Nominations

- A.** Nominations for the GSS Service Award shall open March 1st and close March 31st. The Communications Director shall announce this fact via the graduate student listserv, the faculty/staff daily digest, and the GSS website.
- B.** Nominations may be submitted by graduate students, faculty, or staff of the University.
- C.** Nominations shall be submitted to the Communications Director.
- D.** The award committee shall determine the method and procedure for accepting nominations.
- E.** Self-nominations shall not be considered by the award committee.

6) Voting

- A.** The award committee shall meet to select the recipient of the GSS Service Award within one week after nominations close.
- B.** The award committee shall select the recipient of the GSS Service Award from among those nominated by a majority vote of the committee.
- C.** The award committee may, in the absence of a meritorious nominee, elect to suspend granting of the award for that year by a majority vote.

7) Presentation of Award

- A.** The Vice President shall notify the awardee and invite him or her to the next meeting of the senate.
- B.** At the next meeting of the Senate, the awardee shall receive a certificate of award and \$500 as a token of the Senate's appreciation for his or her service.
- C.** The awardee shall be given the opportunity to address the Senate

Committee Report Form

Student Health Insurance Plan Committee
January 28, 2016

Chair: Joseph Sweet
Procurement Services
Joseph.sweet@uconn.edu

Representative: Michelle San Pedro
GSS Vice President
michelle.sanpedro@uconn.edu

Website: <http://shs.uconn.edu/insurance-information/> *Committee Type:* GSS
External

Overview

Were the details of the meeting confidential? No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? Yes

- The current health insurance plan for non-GAs/TAs is not available for 2016-2017
- Gold medallion coverage will continue. Premiums will increase by about \$400 per year (anticipated \$3200 per year from \$2800)
- Pharmacy benefits will shift from Catamaran to Cigna effective August 15, 2016
- Nationwide Insurance will be replaced by National Guardian Life
- Planning team mindful of international student needs. Will select for plans with deductibles lower than \$500
- Compared to old plan, the co-pay of new plan will apply towards deductible
- Target date of April 15, 2016

Detailed Report

CURRENT PLAN. According to Lockton consultants, the current plan is ineligible for renewal because it does not meet the Affordable Care Act metal tier requirements. This is not a Cigna plan; Consolidated Health Plans underwrites the claims. The annual rate for students is high because the payment of claims is greater relative to other insurers (90% versus 80%). UConn students pay an annual rate of \$2947, while students at peer institutions pay approximately \$1000 less. This difference in cost depends on whether enrollment in the plan is mandatory and administration fees. Planners reminded students that the student health insurance plan for non-GAs/TAs is a national plan, whereas the Access Health plans are limited to the state of Connecticut.

PROPOSED NEW PLANS. Consultants suggested two gold and two platinum level plans. The gold plans would increase the annual premium by \$400, and either increase the deductible or reduce the co-insurance. On the other hand, the platinum plans would decrease the deductible in-and out-of network and out-of-pocket maximum, but increase the annual premium by \$678. CHP proposed an Anthem gold plan that they found on the CT health insurance marketplace (see

attached). The consultants will determine the premium based on this plan. Planners want to continue the model in which students will seek care at student health services.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. Approximately 188 international students and dependents are enrolled in the student health insurance plan. The university is legally mandated to require J-1 visa students obtains insurance that meets minimum requirements. It is easier to validate insurance provided by UConn than through the health insurance exchange.

Action Items for Senate

- GSS proposed additional student representation (undergraduates) so that this committee better serves student needs
- During open enrollment (November 1-January 31), graduate students should compare health insurance options

Attachments*

Do you have any attachments? Yes. Should they be displayed during your report? No.

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY**



Administrator/Carrier Network Pharmacy Benefit Manager	CHP/Nationwide Cigna Catamaran Current Plan Effective 8/15/2015	CHP/NGL Cigna Catamaran Proposed Effective 8/15/2016 Gold Plan 1 Annual Rate	CHP/NGL Cigna Catamaran Proposed Effective 8/15/2016 Gold Plan 2 Annual Rate	CHP/NGL Cigna Cigna PBM Proposed Effective 8/15/2016 Gold Plan - Alternative 1 Annual Rate	CHP/NGL Cigna Cigna PBM Proposed Effective 8/15/2016 Gold Plan - Alternative 2 Annual Rate
Plan	Annual Rate				
Student	\$2,852	\$3,257	\$3,233	\$3,205	\$3,220
Dependent	\$2,852	\$3,257	\$3,233	\$3,205	\$3,220
Two+ Dependents	\$5,704	\$6,514	\$6,466	\$6,410	\$6,440
Three+ Dependents	\$8,556	\$9,771	\$9,699	\$9,615	\$9,660
Student % Change		14.20%	13.36%	12.38%	12.90%
A.M. Best Rating	A+	A-	A-	A-	A-
Plan Design Summary	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network
Deductible	<i>Per person per policy year</i>		<i>Per person per policy year</i>		<i>Per person per policy year</i>
Individual	\$400	\$800	\$550	\$1,100	\$400
Family					\$800
Coinsurance In-Net	90%	70%	90%	70%	85%
Out of Pocket Maximum					65%
Individual	\$6,600		\$6,600		\$6,600
Family	\$13,200		\$13,200		\$13,200
Copays					
Primary Care Physician	\$40 copay	70% R&C	\$40 copay	70% R&C	\$20 copay; no ded
Specialist Physician	\$40 copay	70% R&C	\$40 copay	70% R&C	\$40 copay; no ded
Emergency Room	\$150 copay	\$150 copay	\$150 copay	\$150 copay	\$150 copay, no ded
In-Patient Hospital					\$500 copay
Prescription Drugs					70% R&C
Retail	30 Day Supply		30 Day Supply		30 Day Supply
Generic	\$5 copay		\$5 copay		\$5 copay
Preferred Brand	\$40 copay		\$40 copay		\$40 copay
Non-Preferred Brand	\$60 copay		\$60 copay		\$60 copay
Notes					
Rates do not include:	AV = 82.90%	AV = 81.81%	AV = 81.18%	AV = 81.44%	AV = 81.70%
•\$25 Admin (Student)				MH/SA: \$20 copay	MH/SA: \$20 copay
•\$70 Broker Fee (Tiers 1&2)				Physical Therapy: \$20 copay	Physical Therapy: \$20 copay
•\$140 Broker Fee (Tier 3)				Chiropractic: \$40 copay	Chiropractic: \$40 copay
•\$210 Broker Fee (Tier 4)					

**Anthem
Individual Market
Gold PPO Standard Pathway X
Schedule of Benefits**

Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum	In-Network (IN-NET) Member Pays	Out-of-Network (OON) Member Pays
<p>Deductible: The individual deductible applies if you have coverage only for yourself and not for any dependents. The family deductible applies if you have coverage for yourself and one or more eligible dependents. If you have family coverage, each covered family member needs to satisfy his or her individual deductible, not the entire family deductible, prior to receiving benefits that are subject to the deductible.</p>		

Plan Deductible		
Individual	\$1,000 per Member	\$3,000 per Member
Family	\$2,000 per family	\$6,000 per family
Separate Prescription Drug Deductible		
Individual	\$25 per Member	\$350 per Member
Family	\$50 per family	\$700 per family
Out-of-Pocket Maximum		
Individual	\$3,000 per Member	\$6,000 per Member
Family (Includes Deductibles, Copayments and Coinsurance)	\$6,000 per family	\$12,000 per family
Benefits	In-Network (IN-NET) Member Pays	Out-of-Network (OON) Member Pays
Provider Office Visits		
Adult Preventive Visit	No Cost	30% Coinsurance per visit

Infant/Pediatric Preventive Visit	No Cost	30% Coinsurance per visit
Primary Care Provider Office Services (includes services for illness, injury, follow-up care and consultations)	\$20 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Specialist Office Visits	\$40 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Office Visit	\$20 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Outpatient Diagnostic Services		
Advanced Radiology (CT/PET Scan, MRI)	\$65 Copayment per service Up to a combined annual maximum of \$375 for MRI and CAT scans; \$400 for PET scans.	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Laboratory Services	\$25 Copayment per service	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Non-Advanced Radiology (X-ray, Diagnostic)	\$40 Copayment per service	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Mammography Ultrasound	\$20 Copayment per service	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met

Prescription Drugs

Retail (30-day supply per prescription)		
Tier One Prescription Drugs	\$5 Copayment per prescription	30% Coinsurance per prescription after OON prescription drug Deductible is met
Tier Two Prescription Drugs	\$25 Copayment per prescription	30% Coinsurance per prescription after OON prescription drug Deductible is met
Tier Three Prescription Drugs	\$50 Copayment per prescription	30% Coinsurance per prescription after OON prescription drug plan Deductible is met
Tier Four Prescription Drugs	20% Coinsurance per prescription after the INET prescription drug Deductible is met up to a maximum of \$100 per prescription	30% Coinsurance per prescription after OON prescription drug Deductible is met
Mail Order (90 day supply per prescription)		
Tier One Prescription Drugs	\$10 Copayment per prescription	Not Covered
Tier Two Prescription Drugs	\$62.50 Copayment per prescription	Not Covered
Tier Three Prescription Drugs	\$125 Copayment per prescription	Not Covered
Tier Four Prescription Drugs	20% Coinsurance per prescription after INET prescription drug Deductible is met	Not Covered
Outpatient Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services		
Speech Therapy (40 visits per Calendar Year limit combined for physical, speech, and occupational therapy)	\$20 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met

Physical and Occupational Therapy (40 visits per Calendar Year limit combined for physical, speech, and occupational therapy)	\$20 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Other Services		
Chiropractic Services (up to 20 visits per Calendar Year)	\$40 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Diabetic Equipment and Supplies	30% Coinsurance per equipment or supply	30% Coinsurance per equipment or supply after OON plan Deductible is met
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	30% Coinsurance per DME item	30% Coinsurance per DME item after OON plan Deductible is met
Home Health Care Services (up to 100 visits per Calendar Year)	No Cost	25% Coinsurance per visit after \$50 Home Health Care annual Deductible
Outpatient Services (in a hospital or ambulatory facility)	\$500 Copayment per visit after INET plan Deductible is met	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Inpatient Hospital Services		
Inpatient Hospital Services (including mental health, substance abuse, maternity, hospice and skilled nursing facility) (skilled nursing facility stay is limited to 90 days per Calendar Year)	\$500 Copayment per day up to \$1,000 per Admission after INET plan Deductible is met	30% Coinsurance per stay after OON plan Deductible is met
Emergency and Urgent Care		
Ambulance Services	No Cost	No Cost
Emergency Room	\$100 Copayment per visit	\$100 Copayment per visit
Urgent Care Centers	\$50 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Pediatric Dental Care (for children under age 19)		

Diagnostic & Preventive	No Cost	50% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Basic Services	20% Coinsurance per visit	50% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Major Services	40% Coinsurance per visit	50% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Orthodontia Services (Medically Necessary only)	50% Coinsurance per visit	50% Coinsurance per visit after OON plan Deductible is met
Pediatric Vision Care (for children under age 19)		
Prescription Eye Glasses (one pair of frames and lenses per year)	Lenses: \$0 Collection Frame: \$0 Non collection frame: Members choosing to upgrade from a collection frame to a non-collection frame will be given a credit substantially equal to the cost of the collection frame and will be entitled to any discount negotiated by the carrier with the retailer.	Not Covered
Routine Eye Exam (one exam per Calendar Year)	\$40 Copayment per visit	30% Coinsurance per visit after the OON plan Deductible is met

Important Notices about Your Benefits and Cost-Shares

Non-Emergency Ambulance Services Benefits for non-Emergency ambulance services will be limited to \$50,000 per occurrence if an Out-of-Network Provider is used.

Specialty drugs are limited to a 30 day supply.

Unrelated Donor Searches when approved by Anthem, your coverage includes benefits for unrelated donor searches for bone marrow/stem cell transplants performed by an authorized and licensed registry for a Covered Transplant Procedure up to \$30,000.

Covered Dental Services are subject to the same Calendar Year Deductible (except as noted) and Out-of-Pocket Limit as medical and amounts can be found on the first page of this Schedule of Benefits. Please see the Dental Services – Dental Care for Pediatric Members in the Covered Services section of this document for a detailed description of services.

**University Senate Student Welfare Committee
February 10, 2016**

Chair: Karen Bresciano *Representative:* Michelle San Pedro
Assistant Dean of Students GSS Vice President
Karen.bresciano@uconn.edu michelle.sanpedro@uconn.edu

Website: <http://senate.uconn.edu/student-welfare-committee/> *Committee Type:* External

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? Yes

- New Student Health Services building to open summer 2021
- Academic Misconduct electronic surveys for Instructors of Record, TAs, graduate students

Detailed Report

NEW CONSTRUCTION - A new student health services building will be constructed on Hillside Road (currently a parking lot in front of the field house). It will integrate wellness/prevention, and medical programs and mental counseling services. The university will downsize pharmacy and x-ray services because they are available through other companies within a five mile radius. The master planner is also trying to construct a smaller building. The new SHS building will be constructed through "auxiliary funds," not student tuition. The search for Executive Director of SHS started this spring semester.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT - The Scholastic Standards committee stated that instructors are inconsistent with reporting plagiarism and other forms of academic misconduct. In terms of penalty and reporting, TAs defer to the decision of the instructor on record. Instructors may report instances to the undergraduate director of their department, but complaints may not be advanced to the next level. The Office of Community Standards tracks repeated student offenses. An instructor who gives an undergraduate a verbal warning may not realize that the student committed the same problem in the past. An electronic survey will collect information on awareness of the policy, previous reporting actions, in what ways instructors and students sought advice on managing cases of academic misconduct.

Action Items for Senate

- Please take academic misconduct survey as an instructor and/or student



GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
University of Connecticut

Committee Report Form

No Attachments. Do not show report during GSS meeting.

Graduate Student Senate Constitution

Effective May 12, 2014

ARTICLE VI: Procedures

1) Conduct of Business

D. Senate meetings shall be limited to two hours from call to order. Once two hours have elapsed, any Senator may move to extend the meeting at 30-minute intervals. Such motions shall be approved **by** a majority of the Senate.

F. Issues Forum

iii. The Issues Forum shall ~~be limited to 20 minutes. When time has expired, any Senator may move to extend the Issues Forum by an additional ten minutes. Such motions shall be approved by a majority of the Senate.~~ **always be the last item on the agenda before Adjournment.**

Strikethrough=remove text

Bold=addition to Constitution

Communications Director's report

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- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ GSS Logo
- ▶ University Senate report, 1st February 2016
- ▶ University Senate CFO report, 2nd December 2015

GSS Logo

► UConn Branding policy on Secondary Logos

"Secondary logos are marks that are separate from the official UConn wordmark established and enforced by the University brand standards.

Secondary logos are only considered for consortiums, retail establishments, departmental initiatives, or Centers that are not exclusively part of the University, such as the Korey Stringer Institute.

For UConn entities that do not fit fully into these specific categories, the UConn wordmark must be used as the primary identifying mark.

Complementary artwork is permissible. Complementary artwork cannot include the name of the UConn entity, to avoid appearing like a logo."

<http://brand.uconn.edu/standards/wordmark-and-logos/custom-wordmarks-2/secondary-logos/>

<http://policy.uconn.edu/2015/01/29/university-logo-and-wordmark/>

Complementary Artwork



Secondary Logo



Use of University Name, Word Marks, and Logos By Registered Student Organizations

The University of Connecticut has registered the following trademarks with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office:

- UConn
- Connecticut
- University of Connecticut
- Huskies
- UConn Huskies
- Connecticut Huskies
- The Husky Dog Logo
- The University seal
- The Oak Leaf logo
- Students Today, Huskies Forever

Therefore, only UConn and entities that have registered with the University of Connecticut may use these marks in association with their organization or activities. Registered student organizations may obtain permission as defined below. Unregistered student organizations may not use these marks at all.

<http://brand.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1060/2015/01/Student-Organization-Use-of-University-Wordmarks-and-Logos.pdf>

Cultural Centres

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- ▶ Secondary logos are only considered for consortiums, retail establishments, departmental initiatives, or Centers that are not exclusively part of the University, such as the Korey Stringer Institute.
- ▶ Tier II GSO's



Tier III Student Organisations



Provost Choi's report

- ▶ Chief Diversity Officer search public presentations (Dodd Konover Auditorium, Storrs)
 - ▶ Thursday, 18th February, 2.00-3.30pm
 - ▶ Monday, 22nd February, 1.30-3.30pm
 - ▶ Monday, 29th February, 1.45-3.15pm
- ▶ \$4m donation to Human Rights Institute from Open Society Foundation (George Soros, and Gary and Phyllis Gladstein). The donation requires UConn to also contribute \$2m.

Provost Choi's report, contd.

- ▶ Board of Trustees approved a 5 year contract with University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPEA) which represents all non-teaching professional staff at all UConn locations (except UConn Health) and is the largest full-time bargaining unit with nearly 1,900 members (admissions officers, residence hall directors, physicians, nurses, accountants, academic advisors, food service managers and culinary professionals, financial aid counselors, librarians, IT staff, etc.).

Salary: The proposed agreement would begin July 1, 2016, and end June 30, 2021. It includes across-the-board wage increases for those employees whose performance is satisfactory of 2% in FY 17 and 1% each year thereafter (FY 18, 19, 20 and 21).

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>FY 17</i>	<i>FY 18</i>	<i>FY 19</i>	<i>FY 20</i>	<i>FY 21</i>
General Wage Increase	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Provost Choi's report, contd.

Workweek: The current 35-hour workweek for UCPEA employees will increase to 40 hours per week over the life of the contract.

The current workweek will increase by one and a quarter hours per week annually beginning July 1, 2017 (year 2 of 5-year agreement), the workweek is 40 hours on July 1, 2020. To compensate for the increased work hours, employee base pay will be increased by 2.5% for each of the four years that the workweek increases.

Vice Provost Sally Reis report

- ▶ Undergraduate numbers have increased by 10,000 since 1995

University Senate Meeting

University Budget Update
Scott Jordan - Exec. Vice President of Administration and CFO

November 2, 2015

<http://senate.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1323/2015/11/2015-1102-Senate-Meeting-MinutesDRAFT.pdf>

FY16 Operating Budget

FY16 Operating Budget and Spending Plan for Storrs and Regional Campuses

Revenues:

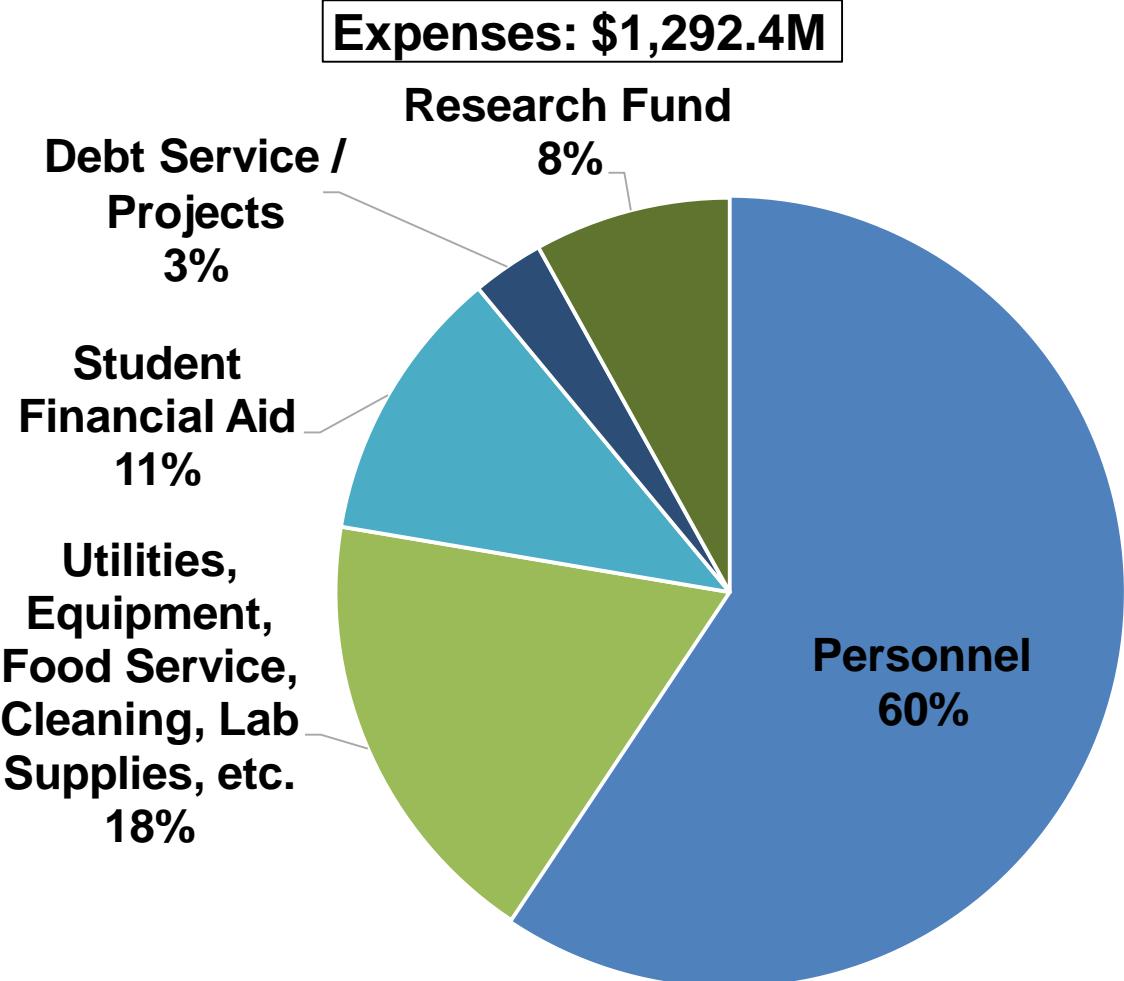
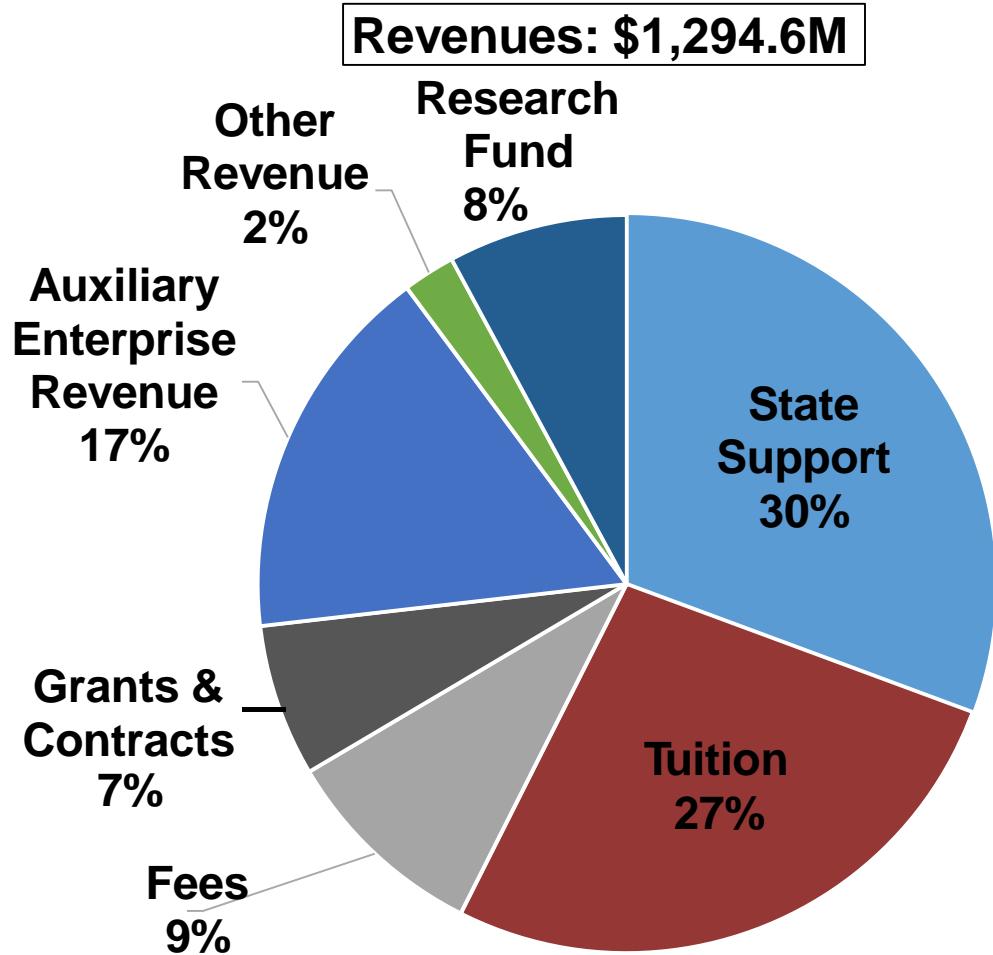
State Support	\$396.7
Tuition	346.8
Fees	117.4
Grants & Contracts	86.5
Sales & Service Education	18.4
Auxiliary Enterprise Revenue	215.7
Other Revenue	11.3
Total Operating Funds	\$1,192.8
Research Fund	101.8
Total Revenues	\$1,294.6

Expenditures:

Personal Services	\$507.8
Fringe Benefits	259.3
Other Expenses	208.2
Energy	24.5
Equipment	3.9
Student Financial Aid	146.5
Debt Service/Projects	38.0
Total Operating Funds	\$1,188.2
Research Fund	104.2
Total Expenditures	\$1,292.4

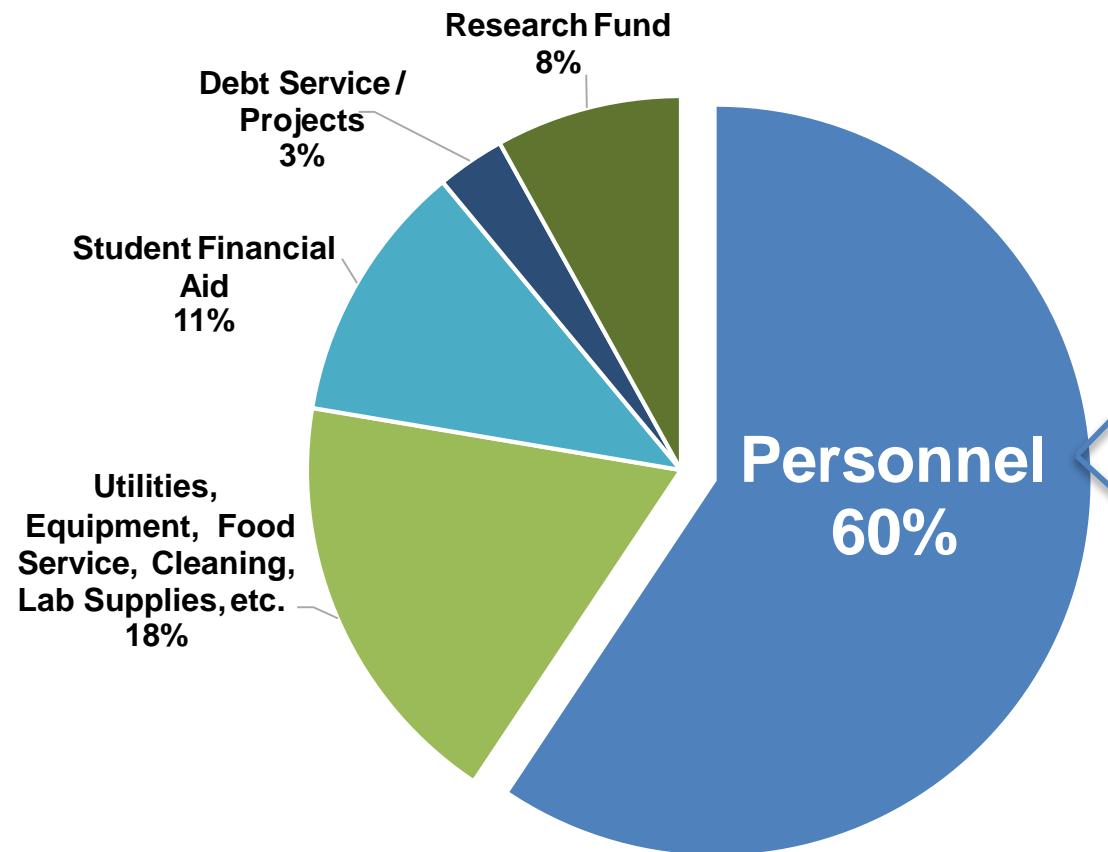
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$2.2
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FY16 Operating Budget by Category



Personnel Breakdown

Expenses: \$1,292.4M



Personnel Breakdown

Faculty	41%
Professional Staff	33%
Police/Fire/Facilities/etc.	13%
Graduate Assistants	5%
Leadership	2%
Other (student labor, temps, etc.)	6%

Thus ends my report



GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

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University of Connecticut

Committee Report Form

University Senate Meeting February 1st, 2016

Chair: Chris Clark
History

Representative: Thomas Briggs
GSS Communications Director
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Anthony Patelunas
GSS President
Anthony.patelunas@uconn.edu

Website: <http://senate.uconn.edu/>

Committee Type: Senate

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? Yes.

Detailed Report

1. Report of the President (Presented by Provost Choi)

- CDO search update. Bring finalist to campus mid-spring. Townhall style meeting – ask for active participation
- \$4m to Human Rights initiative, and matched component \$6-8m.
- BoT approve 5year contract with University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPEA) which represents all non-teaching professional staff at all UConn locations (except UConn Health) and is the largest full-time bargaining unit with nearly 1,900 members (admissions officers, residence hall directors, physicians, nurses, accountants, academic advisors, food service managers and culinary professionals, financial aid counselors, librarians, IT staff, etc.).
Pay increase 2016: 2%, 2017: 1%, 2018: 1%, 2019: 1% 2020: 1%
2020: 40 hour work week, 2.5% extra pay each of 4 years.

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

2. Report of the Senate Executive Committee (Presented by Professor Gary English).
 - University Office of Emergency Management – to present.
3. Report of the Scholastics Standards Committee
 - A. ACTION on a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate II.B.10, Adding or Dropping Courses
 - B. ACTION on a motion to amend the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the University Senate II.A, Admissions
 - Amendment to ensure sufficient language credits for admissions.
4. Annual Report on Undergraduate Education and Instruction (Presented by Vice Provost Sally Reis)
 - ~35k undergrad applicants (2015)
10k (1995)
 - 727 beds in new STEM halls of residence
 - 11,000 enrolments for summer and winter programs
11k Early College Experience
5. Annual Report of the Provost on Regional Campuses (Presented by Vice Provost Sally Reis)
 - Making data on regional campuses more available
6. New Business

Action Items for Senate

Attend townhall meeting for CDO search

Attachments*

Minutes available on senate website

Committee Report Form

Provost's Library Advisory Committee
02/11/2016

Chair: *Maureen Croteau*
UConn Affiliation
Email Address

Representative: Michael Ambroselli
Physics
ambroselli@phys.uconn.edu

Website: URL Address

Committee Type: University

Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? Yes

- Collections Review
- Graduate common area in library

Detailed Report

COLLECTIONS REVIEW

The provost has shifted funds around such as to avoid, for the short term (next couple of years), the previously anticipated significant reductions in collections. The collections review already in progress will continue. The goal now will be to get a better understanding of resource utilization and explore possible avenues of restructuring without the pressure of mandatory cuts.

Collaboration with faculty will continue and resources found un(der)utilized may be scrutinized more closely for possible discontinuation. With respect to the longer term, the library continues to explore solutions to structural problems such as ballooning costs for package subscriptions etc.

GRADUATE COMMON AREA

The library (Babbidge) has ambitious plans to re-design the entire building (all floors + some exterior). As the plan is currently unfunded and funds are expected to become available gradually, this will happen in stages over the next several years. The plan includes an expansion of the graduate student common area (currently located on Level 3) around 2017. In the mean time, the library is interested in improving the current space and would welcome any ideas and suggestions from the graduate population.

Action Items for Senate

- send ideas about improving the current graduate common area in the library to ambroselli@phys.uconn.edu
-