

University of Connecticut

### Senate Meeting Minutes September 14, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:16pm.
- II. Recognition of Senators
- III. Approval of minutes
  - a. Executive meeting minutes, September 7, 2016. Minutes were approved by voice vote.
  - b. Approval of minutes from the last GSS meeting in April *Minutes were approved by voice vote.*

#### IV. Unfinished Business

a. Bylaw amendment proposal — Donyiel Hoy proposing to table the Telecommunications amendment to procedures committee for further evaluation. Tony Patalunas helped write the current proposed change and agrees to tabling to the procedures committee. He reports the procedures committee was low in attendance last year and therefore the telecommunications amendment needs more work. Approved to table by a voice vote.

#### V. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President, Chriss Sneed
  - i. Chriss Sneed discussed their meeting with Present Herbst, the University Senate and transportation issues.
  - ii. Chriss Sneed also discussed impending elections and appointments, including the need for senators at large and representatives for internal and external committees (list of descriptions given during report attached).
    - Monique golden suggested having each committee write a statement about the roll of grad student reps so that everything is clear and no one is wasting time.

#### b. Vice President, Matt Parent

i. University Senate (Full) Report – Matthew Parent reported Provost Choi updated the senate on the president's address regarding open source textbooks; the goal is for all intro courses to use open source texts by 2017. Parent also reported that there will be 3 million dollars put towards technological updates. The University Senate also discussed new faculty hires—the university hired 70 people, though 59 retired. The new CDO also discussed issues of diversity at the university. Finally, the senate discussed trying to create some flexibility for undergraduate minors and scholastic standing by-laws. The latter is incorrect based on the way we practice; electronic systems have altered the way the University handles many things. The senate wants to change by-laws for consistency with practice

#### c. Parliamentarian, Donyeil Hoy

- i. Attendance policy In general, the policy asks that senators send a representative in their place when they cannot make it. Notify Donyeil when sending an alternate prior to the meeting when possible. Donyiel will email groups who are not in compliance based on attendance.
- By-law Amendments Activities Director Position needs to be added to E-Board.

#### d. Treasurer, Deepthi Varghese



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i. Various Budget and Welcome Event - Deepthi discussed various budget issues, starting with spending for summer. We went over budget for refreshments and supplies for the welcome BBQ. The budget was based on spending for the previous year, when the event was done differently. The overage resulted in minor budget allocation changes. (Allotted budget for the event was \$5700 for refreshments and the amount spent was \$8400. 20% switch in our budget

ii. **Special Allocation** - The executive board denied a special allocations request because the requestor was not a GSO, and the event was primarily for undergraduates.

#### e. Communications Director, Jordan Rees

allows us to switch \$8260).

i. What GSS can do for you – Jordan Rees briefly discussed What GSS can do for students, from advocating for the needs of graduate students to providing funding to tier II GSOs.

#### VI. New Business

- a. Activities director nomination
  - i. Jordan Rees self-nominated
  - ii. Ross Dardani nominated Bahar Deljoo
- b. Special Allocations Request Grad Writing Eleanor Reeds requested a special allocation for the Grad Writing Retreats (allocation request attached). Eleanor presented information about the event, which is meant to be a space to come write and get work done (gradwriting.uconn.edu). The allocation was approved by a voice vote.
- c. Executive committee bylaw The proposed amendment to add the Activities Director Position was approved by voice vote.

#### VII. Other Business

#### a. New Ideas for Fall Events

- Research methods workshops Jordan Rees and Chriss Sneed would like to put on research methods workshops that would provide methods tools and trainings to quantitative and qualitative researchers.
- ii. Chriss Sneed suggested partnering with the graduate school for networking events.

#### b. Input/Feedback Series

i. Please email the executive committee with any feedback or suggestions.

#### VIII. Issues Forum

- a. **Constituency Registration Forms**. All senators should turn in a constituency registration form. There were forms available to fill out at the meeting tonight.
- b. **Working Group Time**. Monique Golden suggested we allocate time at senate meetings to use as a working meeting, where we have break out groups to work on issues facing graduate students.



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- c. **Transportation Working Group**. Two straw polls were conducted regarding a transportation working group
  - i. Those in attendance were overwhelmingly in support of a transportation working group
  - ii. A straw poll regarding whether the size of the room (Oak Hall 101) was too large, too small, or appropriate. The results were mixed.
- d. **UCONN Foundation Board Seat**. Tony Patalunas is running for the graduate student seat on the board of the UCONN Foundation.
- e. **Short-term Loans**. Victoria Blodgett would like to remind people of short term loans available through GSS, particularly since there are many GAs who have not been paid yet.
- f. **Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey**. Victoria Blodgett also announced that a Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey is being sent to a random sample of graduate students. There is a possibility of participants entering a drawing for an iPad.
- g. **Graduate Student Orientation**. Victoria Blodgett also announced that graduate student orientation had record attendance this years and thanked those who participated.
- h. **Soapbox Emailing System**. Monique Golden presented an issue with the new email system, soapbox. Specifically, she asks why there wasn't input from graduate students and states the system is restrictive in terms of access, especially since you must send in announcements with 48 hours notice.
  - i. Victoria Blodgett responded, stating the graduate school was responding to complaints about flooded email. There is a 48-hour delay because the digests are manually put together and she needs time to compile all announcements. Victoria suggests other ways of contacting students including the GSS listserv.
    - The executive committee noted the possibility of a more comprehensive GSS listserv (google groups too) for future discussion at an executive meeting.
- i. WRTD Storrs-Willimantic bus service Tom Briggs. Tom is currently working through a partnership with UCONN on bus services through WRTD, as service is inadequate. The problem is getting worse year by year. Passengers are being left behind, there is not enough space and too many students are having to stand. Additionally, WRTD hasn't been professional and proficient. The buses are breaking down and not being properly maintained. There is no contingency plan for a driver emergency or mechanical problems—the bus just doesn't come and small shuttle is sent, which often cannot contain all waiting passengers. The WRTD needs a third bus on this route. There are multiple entities with responsibility for transportation uconn, WRTD, and CT state transportation.
  - At UCONN The official contacts for reporting problems are Scott Jordan, Tanya Husick



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- ii. William Went, present at this meeting, states he is the sitting representative on the advisory committee. He requests more communication from graduate students so he can present more effective communication to the committee.
- iii. Ruth Yuste suggests students get bus passes.
- iv. Tom Briggs also asks that people contact the key decision makers in the transportation problem:
  - Connecticut State Transport, Michael Guerrera -Michael.Guerrera@CT.gov
  - WRTD Executive Board Chairman and Mansfield Town Manager, Matthew Hart - <u>Hartmw@mansfieldct.org</u>
  - 3. Windham Town Manager: **Neal Beets** <a href="mailto:nbeets@windhamct.com">nbeets@windhamct.com</a>
  - 4. UConn Transportation Planner, **Tanya Husick** tanya.husick@uconn.edu
- j. **Parking**. Marielle from English stated that parking lots that were once GA/TA are now area 2, and parking has become a very pressing problem.
  - i. Amy from English concurs this is a problems and reported the union is working on this as well, organizing graduate employees.
- IX. Adjournment 9:01p.m.



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#### Senate Votes Occurring at the 9/14/16 Meeting:

- 1. Executive meeting minutes from 09-07-16 approved by voice vote.
- 2. Senate meeting Minutes from 4-20-2016 approved by voice vote.
- 3. Tabling the Telecommunications by-law amendment to the procedures committee was approved by a voice vote
- 4. A special allocation to the Grad Writing event was approved by a voice vote
- 5. Officially adding the Activities Director position to the Executive Committee (to correct an oversight) was approved by a voice vote.



Attendance September 14, 2016

Name	Constituency/ Organization	Senator/Rep (Y/N)
Paul Singleton II	GSCA	Υ
Monique Golden	GSCA	N
Kevin Zevallos	Sociology	Υ
Rishav Aryal	TARANG	Υ
Ruth Yuste-		
Alonso	LANGSA	Υ
Rebecca Jordan	LANGSA	Υ
Tuo Gao	CBE	N
Chengwu Zhang	CBE	N
Chenyu Wang	CBE	N
Jenelle Salisbury	PGSA	Υ
Baharch Deljoo	MSE	N
Fariba		
Ghaderinezhad	ICOU	N
Panteha		N.I.
Joloveinia		N
Maryam Pardakhti	CHEG/SAGE	N
Lorraine Apuzzo	MCB	Y
Rose Dziedzic	MCB	N
Tony Patelunas	MCB	Y
Zachary Kline	Sociology	N
Mayra Reyes	SASP	Y (Rep)
Sercan Canbolat	POLS	Y
	Senator-at-	
Thomas Briggs	Large	Υ
Eleanor Reeds	Writing Center	N
Amy Fehr	English	Υ
	Medieval	
Jacob Couturiaux	Studies	Υ
Mariel Smith	English	Υ
Luke McNaboe	NRE	N
Laura Snider	Linguistics	Υ
Danielle Heichel	SPE	Y (Rep)
Melanie Klimjack	GAA	Υ

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  - b. Telecommunications amendment
- V. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. President Chriss Sneed
    - i. President's meeting with Present Herbst
    - ii. University Senate SEC
    - iii. Transportation
    - iv. Elections/Appointments:
      - 1. Senators at Large
      - 2. Committee Representatives needed! (see attached sheet)
  - b. Vice President Matt Parent
    - i. University Senate (Full) Report
  - c. Parliamentarian Donyeil Hoy
    - i. Attendance policy
    - ii. Bylaw Amendments (proposals)
      - 1. Activities Director Position Added to E-Board
      - 2. Constituency Registration Forms
  - d. Treasurer Deepthi Varghese
    - i. Spending for summer
    - ii. Budget allocation changes
    - iii. Special Allocation Request (denied)
  - e. Communications Director
    - i. What GSS can do for you

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# **Graduate Student Senate**

# **External Committees**

For GSS External Committee members: the standardized Committee Report Form can be found <a href="https://exammittee.com/here\_idocx">here\_idocx\_i

### **Board of Trustees**

The functions of the Board of Trustees are legislative and not executive. The Board appoints the President; determines the general policy of the University, including the establishment of new schools and colleges; makes laws for its government; manages its investments; and directs the expenditure of funds. The functions of the Board of Trustees are legislative and not executive. The Board appoints the President; determines the general policy of the University, including the establishment of new schools and colleges; makes laws for its government; manages its investments; and directs the expenditure of funds.

**GSS Representative:** Jeremy Jelliffe

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Website: http://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/ & &

## Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) Policy Council

The Student Union Policy Council is a board that consists of student representatives from student organizations that are housed within the Student Union or represents large groups of students. This council consists of 18 voting members and 3 non-voting members. The Policy Council represents the voice of the student body in how to create a stronger Student Union that is beneficial to all the students on campus.

**GSS Representative:** Ross Dardani

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Website: <a href="http://studentunion.uconn.edu/student-union-policy-council/">http://studentunion.uconn.edu/student-union-policy-council/</a> <a href="mailto:council/">C</a>

### **University Senate**

The University Senate is a legislative body responsible for establishing minimum rules and general regulations pertaining to all undergraduate schools and colleges. The Senate also is responsible for establishing general educational policy in areas not reserved to the Board of Trustees, to the administration, or to the several faculties.

**GSS Representatives:** Anthony Patelunas (GSS President); Thomas Briggs (GSS Communications Director)

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Website: <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/">http://senate.uconn.edu/</a> <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/">t</a>

### University Senate Executive Committee

The Executive Committee organizes and coordinates the business of the University Senate and its committees.

**GSS Representative**: Anthony Patelunas (GSS President)

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Website: <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/blank/">http://senate.uconn.edu/blank/</a> <a href="mailto:Conn.edu/blank/">C</a>

### University Senate Graduate Faculty Council

The Graduate Faculty Council is the legislative body of the Graduate School. It establishes academic policy for graduate education at the University, except for those areas reserved to the Board of Trustees, to the University Senate, or to the Faculties of the other colleges and schools. The 60 members, representing specific content areas derived from constituent Fields of Study, are elected to serve three-year terms. The membership includes two voting student members chosen by the Graduate Student Senate

GSS Representatives: Anthony Patelunas (GSS President); Phillip Price (GSS Parliamentarian)

Contact: anthony.patelunas@uconn.edu; phillip.price@uconn.edu

Website: <a href="http://grad.uconn.edu/faculty-staff/graduate-faculty-council/">http://grad.uconn.edu/faculty-staff/graduate-faculty-council/</a> <a href="mailto:council/">C</a>

## **University Senate Budget Committee**

This committee reviews the planning, negotiation, and allocation of the University operating, capital, and other budgets, the process of making budgetary and financial decisions and the determination of priorities among academic and other programs having financial implications. This committee may recommend any desirable expressions of Senate opinion on these matters, and it makes an annual report at the April meeting of the Senate. The committee includes two undergraduate students and one graduate student.

**GSS Representative:** Greg Treich (GSS Treasurer)

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Website: <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/university-budget-committee/">http://senate.uconn.edu/university-budget-committee/</a> <a href="mailto:committee/">C</a>

### Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee

The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee is charged annually by the Provost and the Executive Vice President for Administration with providing recommendations and advice regarding a fee structure that supports excellence, with procedures that are comprehensive and uniform without sacrificing efficiency and flexibility.

**GSS Representative:** Greg Treich (GSS Treasurer)

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Joint Elections Committee

GSS Representative: Phillip Price Treich (GSS Parliamentarian)

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### University Senate Student Welfare Committee

This committee reviews the conditions that contribute to the academic success, personal development and well-being of students, including available forms of financial aid. It may seek the opinion of the Senate on such matters and make recommendations. The committee includes one graduate student and two undergraduate students.

GSS Representative: Michelle San Pedro

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Website: <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/student-welfare-committee/">http://senate.uconn.edu/student-welfare-committee/</a> <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/student-welfare-committee/">http

## University Senate Diversity Committee

This committee reviews University policies, practices, and conditions relevant to supporting and promoting diversity among students, faculty, and staff. This committee may recommend any desirable expressions of Senate opinion on these matters, and it makes an annual report at the April meeting of the Senate. The committee includes two undergraduate students, one graduate student, and a representative from each of the other Senate Standing Committees.

**GSS Representative:** Chriss Sneed

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Website: <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/diversity-committee/">http://senate.uconn.edu/diversity-committee/</a> <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/diversity-committee/">http:/

### University Senate Faculty Standards Committee

This committee continuously reviews University policies and practices relating to tenure, academic freedom, work loads, rank and promotion, remuneration, retirement, and other matters affecting the faculty and proposes any desirable expression of Senate opinion on these matters, including proposals to the Trustees for modifications in their rules and regulations on these matters. The committee includes two undergraduate students and one graduate student.

**GSS Representative:** Shariq Mohammed

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Website: <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/faculty-standards-committee/">http://senate.uconn.edu/faculty-standards-committee/</a> <a href="mailto:committee/">C</a>

### University Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

This committee prepares legislation within the jurisdiction of the Senate concerning those scholastic matters affecting the University as a whole, and not assigned to the Curricula and Courses Committee, including special academic programs, the marking system, scholarship standards, and the like. It makes an annual report at the February meeting for the Senate. This committee includes two undergraduate students and one graduate student.

**GSS Representative:** Kacie Davis

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Website: <a href="http://senate.uconn.edu/scholastic-standards-committee/">http://senate.uconn.edu/scholastic-standards-committee/</a> <a href="mailto:committee/">C</a>

## University Senate Growth and Development Committee

This committee keeps under review the general changes, actual and prospective, of the University over time and may recommend any desirable expressions of Senate opinion on these matters. The committee may also provide on behalf of the Senate an evaluation and review of specific issues and activities related to institutional advancement. The committee includes two undergraduate students and one graduate student.

**GSS Representative:** Alec Calvo

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Website: http://senate.uconn.edu/growth-development-committee/

## Provost's Library Advisory Committee

The Provost's Library Advisory Committee (PLAC) provides advice to the Vice Provost for University Libraries and to the Provost on such library policy matters as the PLAC Chair, Vice Provost for University Libraries, or the Provost elect to bring to the Committee. Appropriate issues for the PLAC include all forms of scholarly information acquisition by the University and all forms of information delivery to its faculty and students. Appointed by the Provost's Office, membership includes representation from each of the school and colleges, from disciplines within CLAS, and from at least

one of the Regional Campuses. Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Senate are also invited to appoint a representative to the Committee. Appointments are for a two year term and members may be reappointed at the end of a term

**GSS Representative:** Michael Ambroselli

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Website: <a href="http://lib.uconn.edu/about/plac/">http://lib.uconn.edu/about/plac/</a> <a href="mailto:conn.edu/about/plac/">C</a>

### University Parking Advisory Committee

The Parking Advisory Committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing parking rules, regulations, and policies. The committee also makes recommendations to the campus administration. All constituent groups on campus are represented on this committee.

**GSS Representative:** Ehsan Moharreri

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### University Student Recreation Advisory Committee

Prior to the new Student Recreation Centre being constructed, a committee of students advises the Department of Recreation Services regarding the services, spaces and amenities the committee feels would best meet the needs of students. Further, once the building is open and operating, a standing board – or some other body – will be formed to assist in governing the use of space in the facility. A specific charter for these groups will need to be written should the board approve the project.

GSS Representatives: Phillip Price; Parker Sorenson; Nick Monto

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## **UConn Community Resources Team**

The CRT includes UConn employees, students and off-campus partners who work to address issues of sexual violence, intimate partner violence and stalking on campus. CRT's collaborative work ensures that UConn provides a coordinated, compassionate, trauma-informed response to victims and survivors.

**GSS Representative:** Alexis Parrill

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SFS.pd C Cf

## UConn Environmental Policy Advisory Council

The EPAC meets once per semester, or as needed, and may appoint committees and task forces in order to: Develop and revise UConn's environmental policy statement; identify environmental risks and recommend goals, policies and procedures to address risks and improve environmental performance; identify opportunities and sponsor initiatives designed to advance and achieve environmental sustainability; develop strategies for building environmental awareness and engaging students, staff and faculty in environmental initiatives; advise the University about conservation and development plans and activities; formulate strategies for dealing with stakeholder groups on environmental issues; monitor the University's environmental performance and sponsor periodic environmental reports; help organize and promote outreach events and partnerships that showcase the University's environmental leadership; nominate and select recipients of the University's environmental leadership awards.

**GSS Representative:** Taylor Barr

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### **AAUP Marth Mentorship Award Committee**

The UConn AAUP established the Edward C. Marth Mentorship Award to recognize the leadership and dedication of Edward Marth, former Executive Director of the UConn AAUP Chapter, and to encourage and reward outstanding mentoring of graduate students by UConn Graduate Faculty members. Recipients will have had direct and significant impact and involvement with graduate students, outstanding commitment and effectiveness as a mentor of graduate students, and have demonstrated unusual effort to provide consistent mentoring of graduate students during the course of their careers at UConn. Recipients of the Edward C. Marth Mentorship Award are UConn Graduate Faculty members who have extraordinary records of excellence and effectiveness in activities such as facilitating smooth transitions for both entering and exiting graduate students; showing sensitivity to students' academic, personal, and professional goals and needs; being accessible to students; playing an active role in coaching graduate students through the graduate school experience and connecting them to appropriate intellectual and professional networks; and, guiding graduate students toward intellectual and professional independence.

**GSS Representative:** Ruth Z. Yuste Alonso

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## **Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Committee**

The committees charge is to recommend annually selected individuals to the Board of Trustees for designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, and to assure that those nominees meet the standards of stature and contribution that clearly merit this distinction.

**GSS Representative:** Niko Traksdorf

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Website: http://provost.uconn.edu/board-of-trustees-distinguished-professor/ C C

## UConn Smoking Policy Task Force

This group historically reviewed campus smoking policies, implementation, and consequences for non-compliance. It was reconvened in 2016 to review and address new policy concerns.

**GSS Representative:** Timothy Bussey

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## **Graduate Student Senate**

# **GSS Committees**

# **GSS Standing Committees**

The GSS has five standing Committees: Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Policies and Procedure Committee, Student Life Committee and the Activities Committee. Each of these standing committees meets by-weekly to address issues from the Graduate Student body and ensuring the GSS's smooth operation.

### **GSS Executive Committee**

### **Responsibilities:**

The Executive Committee is responsible for:

- Recommending a budget to the Senate;
- Preparing an agenda for Senate meetings;
- Appointing individuals to standing committees and posts outside of the Graduate Student Senate, subject to the approval of the Senate;
- facilitating communication among Senators and between Senators and their constituencies.

The Executive Committee has the authority to request reports from other Senate committees and appointees to outside committees or posts on their activities. The Executive Committee may appropriate expenditures as necessary between Senate meetings, subject to a three-fifths majority vote, consistent with the Finance Policies and Procedures. It may also voice its opinion on motions before the Senate and exercise jurisdictional authority over all disputes that cannot be settled at a lower level, including disputes between committees.

### The Executive Committee Members are:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	Email
President	Anthony Patelunas	Molecular and Cell Biology	anthony.patelunas@uconn.edu

Vice President	Michelle San Pedro	Political Science	michelle.sanpedro@uconn.edu
Communications Director	Thomas Briggs	Political Science	thomas.briggs@uconn.edu
Treasurer	Gregory Treich	Polymer Science	gregory.treich@ uconn.edu
Parliamentarian	Phillip Price	Physics	phillip.price@uconn.edu
Activities Director	Morad Behandish	Mechanical Engineering	m.behandish@engr.uconn.edu

### **GSS Activities Committee**

The Activities Committee is responsible for scheduling and carrying out Senate-approved events applicable to the enrichment of the UConn Graduate Student Body. The Activities Committee is also responsible for planning, scheduling, organizing and advertising of GSS-sponsored events under Senate-imposed fiscal constraints.

2015-6 members: Morad Behandish (Chair); Eric Simning

### **GSS Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee is responsible for making primary recommendation to the Senate for approval of a budget of Senate funding. The Committee has the authority to amend all funding requests, subject to Senate guidelines and approval.

2015-6 members: Gregory Treich (Chair); Ameya Akkalkotkar; David Baldwin; Suvash Dhakal; Ross Dardani

#### **GSS Policies and Procedures Committee**

The Policies and Procedures Committee oversees and monitors the entire GSS election process, the validity of GSS membership and the credentials of Graduate Student Organizations. The Procedures Committee is responsible for reporting any possible violations to the Senate. The Policies and Procedures Committee is also responsible for delivering recommendations on disputes concerning the interpretation of the GSS Constitution and its by-laws. It is also responsible for recommending changes to the Constitution and by-laws.

2015-6 members: Phillip Price (Chair); Pariksheet Nanda

### **GSS Student Life Committee**

The Student Life Committee is responsible for identifying and addressing any student life issue, brought to the attention of the Senate and delegated to the Student Life Committee by the Executive Committee. The Student Life Committee is also responsible for creating and organizing projects that

will be directed towards or will improve graduate student life.

2015-6 members: Michelle San Pedro (Chair); Thomas Briggs; Nancy Wong

### **GSS Public Relations Committee**

The Public Relations Committee is tasked with the promotion of the GSS.

2015-6 members: Thomas Briggs (Chair); Meera Surendran Nair; Ross Dardani

### **GSS Graduate Community Service Award Committee**

The Graduate Service Award Committee is tasked with choosing the winner of the GSS Graduate Community Service Award.

2015-6 members: Thomas Briggs (Chair); Laura Godfrey; Danielle Heichel, Nicholas Monto; Chriss Sneed



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# BYLAW II: Executive Committee

#### **Previous:**

1) Membership. The Executive Committee of the GSS shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Communications Director, Treasurer, Parliamentarian. and the Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative.

### **Proposed:**

1) Membership. The Executive Committee of the GSS shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Communications Director, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Activities Director, and the Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative.

#### Reason:

The original neglected to mention the Activities Director as an officer in the Executive Committee.



# Special Allocation Request Form

### **University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate**

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