



# GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

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- I. **Call to Order at 7:06 pm.**
- II. **Recognition of Senators**
- III. **Special Guest: Carolina Stopkoski, CT Rides**
  - a. CT Rides is a free commuter program offered by the CT DOT
  - b. Works with employers to develop and promote commuter transportation programs
  - c. CTrides.com has commuter tools and information to help commuters make travel choices
  - d. Their customer service can help with bus and train schedules
  - e. They have a rewards system that gives people rewards for your trips with CT rides
  - f. Programs offered include carpool and vanpool ridematching events, preferred parking programs, commuter tax benefits, and telecommute programs.
  - g. Contact information: 1-877-CTrides (287-4337), or email at [info@ctrides.com](mailto:info@ctrides.com), or visit [ctrides.com](http://ctrides.com)
  - h. In order to organize carpools, you can use a secure site, [www.nuride.com](http://www.nuride.com), to input information and preferences.
  - i. Reward programs vary by location, but are usually rewards for local businesses.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes: 5 December 2012**
  - a. Approved.
- V. **Executive Committee Reports**
  - a. President – Chantelle Messier
    - i. Executive Committee
    - ii. Committee Appointments
      1. University Senate Growth and Development Committee
        - a. Wednesday, February 13 @ 11 am - 12:30 pm and Tuesday, March 5 @ 11 am - 12:30 pm
      2. WRTD (Windham Regional Transit District)
        - a. Monthly meetings
      3. Parking Appeals Committee
        - a. Weekly or biweekly
      4. University Senate Diversity Committee
        - a. Wednesdays @ 10-11:30 am
    - iii. Professional Development Symposium: February 28
      1. Registration begins at 11 am with panels going to 5 pm. A schedule and more information can be found online: [gss.uconn.edu/events.html](http://gss.uconn.edu/events.html). The keynote will be from 6-8 pm. Please be sure to register online.



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2. We will hold a reception afterwards at The Benton. The reception has a separate registration.
3. Looking for volunteers to staff the registration tables and help facilitate the symposium.
- iv. Graduate Student Lounge Renovation
  1. Student Affairs has now approved a budget and are moving forward on the project.
- v. Meeting with Dean Holsinger and Assoc. Dean Chafouleas
  1. Graduate Program Handbooks
    - a. The Graduate School is collecting handbooks from all the graduate departments that do have one to assess how many programs *do* have one and to gather examples. They will have a link to these on their website.
    - b. The next step would be to develop criteria for graduate handbooks. Enforcement is still being discussed.
    - c. If you have any questions or input about graduate program handbooks, contact Dr. Holsinger or Dr. Chafouleas.
  2. Graduate Certificates
    - a. The Graduate School is in the middle of a transition: all post-baccalaureate certificates will now go through the Grad School.
    - b. Within the next year the certificate application/receipt process should be more streamlined and available electronically on the Grad School website.
    - c. It is still unclear whether certain fee-based certificates would still be included under your tuition waiver. If anyone has any personal experiences with this issue, please communicate them to Chantelle.
  3. The Graduate School Catalogue will be reviewed, revised, and standardized over the course of this next year.
- b. Vice President – Safet Beriša
  - i. Student Life Committee
    1. Senator Kilroy-Mollmann is away on research, so the committee is looking for someone to fill her seat. Please contact Safet for more information. Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.
      - a. Shawn Washart has volunteered to join.



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2. Plans for the semester include working on a graduate student housing survey.
- c. Treasurer – Ian Yue
  - i. Finance Committee
    1. Finance Committee also has an opening. Must be filled by an at-large senator or a non-senator.
  - ii. Graduate Student Activity Fee Increase
    1. A \$3 increase recommendation has been sent out to the Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee.
    2. For a breakdown of the General University Fee, please see the addendum.
    3. Senator Njuki: Fee increases have to be approved by the Board of Trustees, right?
      - a. Yes, fee increase proposals and budget proposals must first be presented to the Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee. They will then make a recommendation to the University administration, which makes the official recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has never gone against any SASFAC recommendation across all the years SASFAC has been in existence.
  - iii. Memos to Tier II Leaders and New Finance-related Handouts/Forms
    1. Four memos have been sent out to Tier II organizations financial points-of-contact
      - a. Memo #1: Placing orders with internal vendors
      - b. Memo #2: Advertising GSS-funded events
      - c. Memo #3: CFO's responsibility for financial forms
      - d. Memo #4: Cash payments and reimbursements
    2. The "Reimbursement Request Form" has been changed in name to the "Payment Request Form."
    3. GSS Reimbursement and Direct Payment Process have been updated. Please see the addendum for more details.
  - iv. Year-to-Date Financial Report
    1. Please see the addendum for the full report.
    2. Senator Wong: Why do we go over budget in certain events? Does that money get moved around from other allocations?



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- a. Activities Director Kurian: For Ted's Social Night, for example, we had more people show up than expected. We were more concerned about accommodating interested parties rather than closing the doors when we hit the budget limit on our food. We are considering reworking the model for Social Nights to encourage more social networking.
- b. Treasurer Yue: The Executive Committee has the ability to move allocated funds as necessary, so the overall budget remains the same.
- c. Treasurer Yue: There is a danger that if we don't spend down the surplus, the University will take that away. So we are currently working to spend that and distribute it to graduate student organizations appropriately.
- d. Secretary – Erin Eighan
  - i. Public Relations Committee
    - 1. One of our big initiatives for this semester will be creating (in a very short time frame) a campaign for the Graduate Student vote on the Grad Activity Fee increase.
    - 2. We are looking for more members to join the committee, so if you're interested please contact Erin directly at [eeighan@gmail.com](mailto:eeighan@gmail.com).
  - ii. GSS Meeting Schedule for Spring: 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24
  - iii. GSS Meeting Space for Spring: Whetten 200
  - iv. Blog, *The Commons*: [gssuconn.wordpress.com](http://gssuconn.wordpress.com)
    - 1. Once again, we will send out a call for proposals for columns and regular contributions. Please alert your constituency.
    - 2. If you, your constituents, your program, or your program's subsidiaries have any blogs, please let Erin know. She would like to collect a blogroll of UConn grad-affiliated blogs to extend their audience and create a UConn blogging community.
  - v. Contact GSS: [gssuconn@gmail.com](mailto:gssuconn@gmail.com)
  - vi. Attendance
- e. Activities Director – Anish Kurian
  - i. Activities Committee
    - 1. Activities Committee is also looking to fill a seat. All meetings are electronic via email.
  - ii. Nathan Hale Happy Hour: February 8, 4-7 pm



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1. RESCHEDULED Due to Winter Storm Nemo. The new day will be February 15, 4-7 pm (one week later).
2. Free food available while it lasts. Drink specials available until 7 pm. Appetizer specials available as well.
- iii. Grad Prom: March 1, 7-11 pm (Dinner 7-8:30 pm, Dessert 8:15-11 pm)
  1. Looking for volunteers to staff the event.
  2. Dinner service requires a ticket for entrance. Tickets for grad students will be free. Can receive an additional ticket upon request.
- iv. Ted's Social Night
  1. The model for Ted's Social Night is being revised to increase more socialization and decrease spending. Ted's may not be the best space for this event, either, because of its size. We may transition to the Nathan Hale, but conversations are ongoing. If you have any ideas, please email Anish.
- f. Parliamentarian – Leland Aldridge
  - i. Procedures Committee
    1. 2013-2014 Apportionment Report
      - a. For the full report, please see the addendum.
    2. Bylaws Fun Fact: Bylaw VI, Section 4
    3. At-Large Senator Candidacy Registration
      - a. Registration is now open until February 15 @ noon. To register, please visit [elections.uconn.edu](http://elections.uconn.edu).

#### **VI. External Committee Reports**

- a. University Senate Executive Committee – Chantelle Messier
  - i. Office of Research will consider running a symposium on digital media because of increased campus-wide interest.
  - ii. Continued problems with KUALLI. UConn is currently in conversations with the contractors to improve the system.
  - iii. The Tech Park is working to establish a network of interested corporate partners.
  - iv. A concern was raised about obstacles for graduate students doing corporate internships. There may be problems covering expenses like health care, but the Provost is looking into solutions.
  - v. UConn has had another budget recision from the state. The University is standing by its original proclamation that it will not cut funding to educational expenses, but you can be sure that you will see cuts coming to other areas of



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the University. The Finance Office is reviewing strategies in response to the budget cuts.

- vi. UCHC campus move has halted for now because they have not found a space appropriate in downtown Hartford yet.
  - vii. UConn has hired a chief master planner.
  - viii. Projected repairs to Torrey and Gant are under review. Governor Malloy was recently given a tour of these buildings and he is interested in funding new science facilities.
  - ix. Will begin an internal search for a permanent Dean of the Graduate School. The Provost said that there will be graduate student involvement in the search, but it is unclear in what capacity.
  - x. University plans to hire a Fellowship Officer to coordinate and facilitate fellowship searches for graduate students exclusively.
  - xi. Searches will begin for a Library Provost and Chief Information Officer.
- b. Graduate Faculty Council – Leland Aldridge
- i. Please see full report in the Addendum.
  - ii. Senator Charrette: Who is on this committee? Also, our program recommends that we register for GRAD6950 during coursework. Under these rules, it would suggest that we would have to submit a dissertation proposal. Is this true?
    - 1. Parliamentarian Aldridge: First, every program sends a member to represent them. And second, yes, you would be required to submit a dissertation proposal. The rules on the books are that GRAD 6950 should only be taken after exams.
    - 2. President Messier: If you have concerns about these recommendations, now is the time to raise them to the committee. You could either email our representative our Dr. Chafouleas.
  - iii. Senator Tomchek: In the Math department, they assign a specific course when we're doing research—non-dissertation research—because of this rule.
- c. Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee – Ian Yue
- i. Public Hearing Schedule is available online:  
[http://www.dsa.uconn.edu/committees\\_sfac\\_hearings.html](http://www.dsa.uconn.edu/committees_sfac_hearings.html). Please consider reviewing these budgets and attending the hearings.
- d. SUBOG SU Policy Council – Safet Berisa
- i. Please see full report in the Addendum.
- e. Environmental Health and Safety Committee – Eric Njuki



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- i. Please see full report in the Addendum.
- f. IT Governance: Teaching and Learning Committee – Ryan Tomchek
  - i. Please see full report in the Addendum.
- g. Student Trustee Election Committee – Leland Aldridge
  - i. Please see full report in the Addendum.
- h. Student Welfare Committee – Ian Gutierrez
  - i. Please see full report in the Addendum.

#### **VII. Issues Forum**

- a. Other Issues – Open Forum
  - i. Senator Sharpsteen: I would be interested to see a breakdown of how much GSS spends on academic events versus social events. All I seem to hear about is on social events.
    - 1. Parliamentarian Leland: This might be seen as outside either of those two categories, but we are going to be spending a significant amount of money on the Professional Development Seminar. We also spend a good deal of money on GAIN, the main purpose of which is to situate grad students in order to do their best work here.
    - 2. Senator Sharpsteen: One of the requirements for GSS funding is that it have a University-wide attraction. What information can you have that will benefit the larger community and fulfill that requirement? Academic spending seems as if it would be more suited to departmental events based on the nature of academic work.
    - 3. Senator Charrette: This is an important point to bring up, certainly, but there's this underlying question of the purpose of GSS. There is some benefit to socialization.
    - 4. Senator Sharpsteen: If others feel the same way, it's worth thinking about when we do vote on GSS budgetary matters.
    - 5. Parliamentarian Aldridge: In terms of the structure of the Senate, if you want to have impact on financial matters the best way to do that is to join the Finance Committee. I would encourage anyone who feels strongly about something to find a committee to express those concerns.
    - 6. Senator Charrette: What we could consider is joining together with other constituencies to have joint colloquia.



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7. Treasurer Yue: The spending that GSS does comes through the Grad Student Activity Fee. The reason the Finance Committee no longer funds brown bags is because the Board of Trustees—who ultimately approves these budgetary actions—does not find it appropriate that the entire student body should fund what individual departments ought to be funding.
8. Senator Johnson: That's why Senator Charrette's suggestion seems like a worthwhile endeavor.
9. Senator Sharpsteen: We should think about how department-specific the academic portion of our mission/funding requirements are. It may be the culture of our department.
10. President Messier: GSS does act as an advocate for your concerns, and it sounds as if these are concerns that should be addressed. So we could work with you to advocate for funding for the Philosophy Department or whatever the case may be.
11. Senator Njuki: I think it is a shame that we don't have a standing committee for Professional Development or, perhaps, a Professional Development Director.
12. Parliamentarian Aldridge: As it is, all standing committees are chaired by Executive Committee members. Are you suggesting a Professional Development Director as an Executive Committee member?
13. Senator Njuki: Yes, I think that would be a good idea.
14. Treasurer Yue directs our attention to the Finance Policies and Procedures Section 1.2 and 1.4 on the "purpose of events" and "accessibility" for clarification. One of the reasons why we are requesting a fee increase is so that we might be able to potentially fund "brown bag" activities in the future.

#### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

#### **IX. New Business**

- a. GSS 12/13-15: That the Graduate Student Senate award Senator Talia Shabtay the amount of \$200.00, in accordance with Senate Bylaw VI, Section 4, for her work in designing advertisements for the GSS Movie Night, Speed Dating and Mixer, Grad Prom, and Professional Development Symposium.
  - i. Motioned by Senator Gutierrez. Seconded.
  - ii. **APPROVED.**





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- b. GSS 12/13-16: That the Graduate Student Senate approve the apportionment of seats of the Graduate Student Senate as recommended by the Procedures Committee, effective the first day of the Fall of 2013 academic term.
  - i. Motioned by Senator Sharpsteen. Seconded.
  - ii. Senator Slater: Medieval Studies is an interdisciplinary program and is co-hosted by English and History, Art History and other departments. They are housed in CLAS with the English Department. All of the Medieval Studies students are included in the English Graduate Student Association. It is a separate program under the umbrella of the English Department.
  - iii. Senator Charrette motions to postpone this vote until our next meeting. Seconded.
    - 1. **APPROVED**. GSS 12/13-16 will be postponed until next meeting.
- c. Approval of Committee Appointments
  - i. Ryan Tomchek, STAG
  - ii. Mary Goodrich, PLAC
  - iii. Safet Berisa, Search for the Vice Provost for the University Libraries
  - iv. Yevhen Rutovyskyy, University Senate Growth and Development Committee
  - v. Vote: **APPROVED** by unanimous consent.
- d. At-Large Senator Elections
  - i. Senator Sharpsteen nominates Mike Robillard.
    - 1. Vote: **APPROVED** by unanimous consent.
- e. Finance Committee Elections
  - i. Activities Director Kurian nominates Salman Alzayani.
    - 1. Vote: **APPROVED** by unanimous consent.
  - ii. Senator Johnson would like to propose an amendment to the Finance Committee's make-up to include a sixth member, however he will postpone motioning this until the next meeting after further discussion and review.

X. **Adjournment at 9:35 pm.**



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## Addendum: Attendance

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Ian Yue	<a href="mailto:ian.yue@uconn.edu">ian.yue@uconn.edu</a>	Exec. Committee	Treasurer
Erin Eighan	<a href="mailto:eeighan@gmail.com">eeighan@gmail.com</a>	Exec. Committee	Secretary
Leland Aldridge	<a href="mailto:laldridge@gmail.com">laldridge@gmail.com</a>	Exec. Committee	Parliamentarian
Anish Kurian	<a href="mailto:anish.m.kurian@gmail.com">anish.m.kurian@gmail.com</a>	Exec. Committee	Activities Director
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Ryan Tomchek	<a href="mailto:ryan.tomchek@uconn.edu">ryan.tomchek@uconn.edu</a>	Mathematics	Senator
Austin Johnson	<a href="mailto:austinj@gmail.com">austinj@gmail.com</a>	Education	Senator
Mike Winder	<a href="mailto:mhwinder@gmail.com">mhwinder@gmail.com</a>	Physics	Senator
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Micah Cash	<a href="mailto:micahcash@gmail.com">micahcash@gmail.com</a>	Studio Art	Senator
Troy Messick	<a href="mailto:troy.messick@uconn.edu">troy.messick@uconn.edu</a>	Linguistics	Senator



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Michael Robillard	<a href="mailto:Michael.robillard@uconn.edu">Michael.robillard@uconn.edu</a>	Philosophy	Representative
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Ian Gutierrez	<a href="mailto:ian.gutierrez@uconn.edu">ian.gutierrez@uconn.edu</a>	Psychology	Senator
Michael Hutson	<a href="mailto:Michael.hutson@uconn.edu">Michael.hutson@uconn.edu</a>	EEB	Senator
Kasey Pregler	<a href="mailto:kasey.pregler@uconn.edu">kasey.pregler@uconn.edu</a>	EEB	Senator (Alt.)



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## Addendum: General University Fee Breakdown 6 February 2012

### General University Fee (GUF) Breakdown

<u>University Unit Supported by GUF</u>	<u>% of GUF Funding the Unit</u>
Career Services	4.3%
Division of Athletics	30.3%
Division of Student Activities	14.2%
Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts	3.9%
Off-Campus Student Services	0.9%
Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life	1.4%
One Card Office	0.8%
Student Health Services	30.0%
Student Union	10.1%
UConn Marching Band	0.9%
Wellness and Prevention Services	3.1%

<u>Graduate Student Credit Hour Enrollment (per semester)</u>	<u>GUF Fee Charge</u>
0 - 4	\$219 <sup>*</sup>
5 - 8	\$438 <sup>^</sup>
9 or more	\$657 <sup>~</sup>

\* \$73 per credit hour x 3 credit hours

<sup>^</sup> \$73 per credit hour x 6 credit hours

<sup>~</sup> \$73 per credit hour x 9 credit hours





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### Addendum: Reimbursement and Direct Payment Process

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#### Required Documentation for Reimbursement or Direct Payment by GSS

GSS is able to pay for Tier II graduate organization expenses in two ways:

1. Reimbursement
2. Direct Payment

Regardless of the form of payment you are requesting, you must ALWAYS submit a *GSS Payment Request Form*<sup>1</sup>, along with all the necessary documentation, in order to receive payment for expenses.

Please refer to the below sections to determine the documentation required to receive reimbursement or direct payment for an expense.

#### **REIMBURSEMENT**

If you are requesting reimbursement for a purchase of goods or services, a **proof-of-payment** must be provided. Proof-of-payment includes an itemized receipt that indicates that the payment was made, plus one of the following:

*If the purchase was paid by credit, debit, or benefits card...*

- A photocopy of the card used to make the purchase (with all but the last four digits of the card number and the individual's name redacted)
- or*
- A printed bank/credit card statement that shows the transaction (with the matching date, vendor, and amount) and the purchaser's name. **This is required for all purchases in which a "tip" is written on the receipt.**

*If the purchase was paid by check...*

- A copy of the canceled check used to make the purchase

*If the purchase was paid in cash...*

- Signature of and written statement by the vendor, verifying that the purchase was paid in cash by the payee (if the vendor has an ink stamp, please also include the stamp)
- Printed name and signature of the payee, verifying that the purchase was paid in cash by the payee

If you are requesting reimbursement for millage driven, please provide the following documentation:

- Google Maps or MapQuest map of the distance traveled
- Proof of automobile insurance coverage including the amount (ID card is not sufficient)
- Written statement indicating the purpose of travel (if not already noted elsewhere)

Please note: A rental car or plane ticket purchase falls under a purchase of goods or services.

<sup>1</sup> Available on the "Funding" page on the GSS Website (<http://gss.uconn.edu/funding.html>)



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If you are requesting reimbursement for contractual services (e.g. honorarium, DJ, rental), please provide the following documentation in addition to the proof-of-payment:

*If the contractual service does not involve an invoice (e.g. honorarium)...*

- Completed and signed W-9 Form<sup>1</sup>
- Completed Letter of Agreement<sup>1</sup>, signed by your organization's CFO
- Completed Vendor Application Form

Please note: A signed contract from the vendor can be substituted for the Letter of Agreement.

*If the contractual service involves an invoice (e.g. rental)...*

- Completed and signed W-9 Form<sup>1</sup>
- Completed Vendor Application Form<sup>1</sup>

Please note: Contractual services provided by vendors affiliated with the University (e.g. Nathan Hale Inn, UConn Alumni Association) do not require W-9 or Vendor Application Forms.

If you are requesting reimbursement for purchases of awards and prizes<sup>2</sup>, please provide the following documentation for each award or prize in addition to the proof-of-payment:

- The printed name, PeopleSoft ID number, and phone number/email address of the award/prize recipient
- A signed statement by the award/prize recipient that he or she received the award/prize and is a currently-enrolled University of Connecticut graduate student
- Description of the selection criteria used to determine who would receive the award/prize

#### ***DIRECT PAYMENT***

If you are requesting direct payment for goods or services, please provide the following documentation:

- Bill or invoice from the vendor

If you are requesting reimbursement for contractual services (e.g. honorarium, DJ, rental), please provide the following documentation:

- Completed and signed W-9 Form<sup>1</sup>
- Completed Letter of Agreement<sup>1</sup>, signed by your organization's CFO
- Completed Vendor Application Form

Please note: Contractual services provided by vendors affiliated with the University (e.g. Nathan Hale Inn, UConn Alumni Association) do not require W-9 or Vendor Application Forms.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that "awards and prizes" are different from "raffles". Prizes (specifically, door prizes) are items that are either given away to everyone who attends an event or to certain individuals who are selected randomly. Awards are items given to individuals who win a legitimate "game of skill". Raffles connote that an individual had to purchase a ticket — or otherwise provide some form of payment — to be eligible to receive the item. *There are no circumstances in which GSS funds may be used to reimburse raffles.*



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## Addendum: GSS Year-to-Date Financial Report

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**University of Connecticut  
Graduate Student Senate  
Financial Statement FY 13  
January 31, 2013**

<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
501	Donations	-
502	Dues	-
512	Advertising	-
513	Awards and Prizes	-
515	Contractual Services	-
516	Co-Sponsorships	-
517	Food Sales	-
518	Merchandise Sales	-
519	Participation Fees	-
522	Registration Fees	-
523	Rental	-
524	Travel	-
530	Penalties and Fees	-
531	Miscellaneous	-
532	Prior Year Income	1,042.47
533	Change Fund Returns	-
540	Business Taxes (Tier III/Univ.)	-
546	Interest (Univ.)	-
547	Student Fees (Tier III/Univ.)	45,714.20
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>\$ 46,756.67</b>
<b><u>Expense:</u></b>		
601	Donations	-
602	Dues	-
603	Gifts	720.30
604	Photocopying	364.00
605	Postage	48.87
606	Printing	56.06
607	Promotional Items	-
608	Refreshments -- Organization	1,353.87
609	Subscriptions	-
610	Supplies -- Organization	258.83
611	Telephone	605.38
612	Advertising	-
613	Awards and Prizes	197.02
615	Contractual Services	3,836.50
616	Co-Sponsorships	-
617	Cost of Goods Sold -- Food Sales	-
618	Cost of Goods Sold -- Merchandise Sales	-
619	Participation Fees	-
620	Refreshments -- Events/Programs	26,027.99
621	Supplies -- Events/Programs	477.77
622	Registration Fees	-
623	Rental	1,973.10
624	Travel	595.48
625	Equipment	-
626	Equipment -- Capital	-
627	Insurance	-
628	Repairs and Maintenance	-
629	Utilities	-
630	Penalties and Fees	-
631	Miscellaneous	-
632	Prior Year Expenses	-
633	Change Funds	-
640	Business Taxes (Tier III/Univ.)	-
641	Employee Benefits (Tier III)	-
642	Wages -- Student (Tier III)	6,978.90
643	Wages -- Non-Student (Tier III)	-
644	Wage Taxes -- Student (Tier III)	77.16
645	Wage Taxes -- Non-Student (Tier III)	-
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>\$ 43,571.23</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>		<b>\$ 3,185.44</b>
<b>Beginning Balance as of 7/01/12</b>		<b>30,442.55</b>
<b>Plus Net Profit (Loss)</b>		<b>3,185.44</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$ 33,627.99</b>





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### GSS Year-to-Date Expenses

	AY12-13 Budgeted	AY12-13 YTD Actual	AY11-12 Budgeted	AY11-12 Actual
Tier II Groups (AY12-13)	\$ 35,167.00	\$ 4,453.51	\$ 35,167.00	\$ 20,816.33
GSS Exec Committee				
General Office	6,000.00	2,402.46	5,400.00	5,497.08
Grad Assistant	17,511.00	3,130.03	17,001.00	12,873.76
Exec Stipends	11,000.00	6,093.66	11,000.00	10,898.05
Special Allocations	24,550.00	9,722.35	49,365.00	44,507.28
Activities				
GAIN	13,300.00	11,586.42	13,200.00	10,351.50
Fall Semester (Non-GAIN)	15,050.00	16,427.13	16,328.00	13,055.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 122,578.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,815.56</b>	<b>\$ 147,461.00</b>	<b>\$ 117,999.80</b>

Percent Utilization of GSS Budget:	43.90%	80.02%
Percent Utilization of Annual Revenue:	63.84%	136.38%

**Note:** All Tier II expenses made within the University's fiscal year (July 1-June 30) were counted towards that fiscal year. For all other (non-Tier II) expenses, if the expense was made after the last day of the Spring semester, it was counted towards the fiscal year following the fiscal year that encompasses the aforementioned Spring semester.

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Presented to the Graduate Student Senate on February 6, 2013

### Office Expenses

	AY12-13 Budgeted	AY12-13 YTD Actual	AY11-12 Budgeted	AY11-12 Actual
Office Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 103.95	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 696.71
Postage	100.00	38.97	100.00	27.16
Printing & Copying	100.00	55.86	100.00	556.67
Telephone	1,000.00	603.06	1,000.00	1,208.73
Promotional Items	-	-	500.00	50.00
New Equipment	1,400.00	-	-	-
Food for Meetings	2,000.00	1,600.62	1,600.00	2,957.81
Stipends	11,000.00	6,093.66	11,000.00	10,898.05
Emergency Fund	500.00	-	1,000.00	-
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,496.12</b>	<b>\$ 16,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,395.13</b>

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### Administrative Assistant Wages and Taxes

	AY12-13 Budgeted	AY12-13 YTD Actual	AY11-12 Budgeted	AY11-12 Actual
Summer				
Wages	\$ 4,952.00	\$ 948.30	\$ 4,808.00	\$ 1,632.75
Fringe	198.00	9.81	192.00	46.87
<b>Sub-total</b>	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 958.11	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,679.62
Academic Year				
Wages	\$ 10,475.00	\$ 2,151.80	\$ 10,170.00	\$ 11,194.14
Fringe	1,886.00	20.12	1,831.00	-
<b>Sub-total</b>	\$ 12,361.00	\$ 2,171.92	\$ 12,001.00	\$ 11,194.14
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	\$ 17,511.00	\$ 3,130.03	\$ 17,001.00	\$ 12,873.76

Note:

In AY12-13, the GSS Graduate Assistant position was converted to a Student Labor Administrative Assistant position. This resulted in lower expected wage costs and a tax burden that only accounts for worker's compensation instead of fringe benefits.

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### Executive Committee Stipends

	AY12-13 Budgeted	AY12-13 YTD Actual	AY11-12 Budgeted	AY11-12 Actual
President	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,952.66	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,666.54
Vice President	1,000.00	505.00	1,000.00	758.55
Secretary	1,000.00	505.00	1,000.00	1,011.40
Treasurer	2,400.00	1,414.00	2,400.00	2,427.36
Activities Director	2,000.00	1,212.00	2,000.00	2,022.80
Parliamentarian	1,000.00	505.00	1,000.00	1,011.40
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 6,093.66	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,898.05

Note:

YTD values account for Worker's Compensation, which was not budgeted for.



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### Special Allocations

	AY12-13 Budgeted	AY12-13 YTD Actual	AY11-12 Budgeted	AY11-12 Actual
Spring Activities Budget	\$ 16,500.00	9,123.70	\$ 16,000.00	13,615.43
GSS Prof. Dev. Symposium	\$ 3,050.00	212.50	\$ 2,850.00	1,511.58
Emergency Loan Fund	-	-	\$ 25,000.00	25,000.00
Other	\$ 5,000.00	386.15	\$ 5,515.00	4,380.27
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,722.35</b>	<b>\$ 49,365.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,507.28</b>

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### Graduate Appreciation and Information Night (GAIN)

	AY12-13 Budgeted	AY12-13 YTD Actual	AY11-12 Budgeted	AY11-12 Actual
Rentals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,366.85	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 966.85
Dinner	10,000.00	9,087.45	10,000.00	8,719.55
Kosher & Halal Food	500.00	-	500.00	215.10
Gift Cards	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Mailings & Invitations	100.00	-	100.00	-
Miscellaneous	100.00	832.12	200.00	-
Entertainment	400.00	300.00	500.00	250.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,586.42</b>	<b>\$ 13,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,351.50</b>

### Fall Activities (excluding GAIN)

	AY12-13 Budgeted	AY12-13 YTD Actual	AY11-12 Budgeted	AY11-12 Actual
Summer Social Night	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,782.00	\$ 1,497.00	-
September Coffee Hour	-	-	128.00	158.00
Back to School Social Night	1,500.00	1,494.33	1,497.00	816.00
November Coffee Hour	-	-	128.00	-
Thanksgiving Dinner	10,550.00	11,584.80	12,950.00	11,331.80
Alternative Event Funds / EoS SN	1,500.00	1,566.00	128.00	750.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,427.13</b>	<b>\$ 16,328.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,055.80</b>

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### Apportionment Report for AY13-15

Submitted for the approval of the Graduate Student Senate on February 6, 2013

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#### RELEVANT GSS BYLAWS

Bylaw III, Section 2, Part C.iv

Academic constituencies shall be apportioned at least three-fourths of the total number of seats apportioned, including at-large seats but not including the GSS officers.

Bylaw III, Section 2, Part D

While the Procedures Committee shall have flexibility in apportioning seats in the Senate amongst the academic constituencies, the following guidelines should be used:

- i) Dividing lines between the enrollments required for each level of representation (1, 2, 3, or more seats per constituency) should correspond to natural breaks in the distribution of constituency enrollments.
- ii) Constituencies within roughly the 50th percentile of the distribution of constituency enrollments should receive 1 seat.
- iii) Constituencies within roughly the 50th – 75th percentile of the distribution of constituency enrollments should receive 2 seats.
- iv) Constituencies above roughly the 75th percentile of the distribution of constituency enrollments should receive 3 seats.

Bylaw III, Section 3, Part A

At least one-twentieth of the apportioned seats shall be at-large. All graduate students who do not already represent a constituency in the Senate or serve on the Executive Committee shall be eligible to be at-large Senators.



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The following constituencies have been renamed:

- Allied Health is now Allied Health Sciences.
- Higher Education and Student Affairs is now Educational Leadership.
- Marine Science and Oceanography is now Marine Sciences.
- Natural Resources: Land, Water, and Air is now Natural Resources and the Environment.
- Nutrition Science is now Nutritional Sciences.
- Pathobiology is now Pathobiology and Veterinary Science.
- Plant Science is now Plant Science and Landscape Architecture.

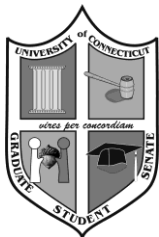
The following constituencies are no longer recognized as per Article III, Section I Part A of the Constitution of the Graduate Student Senate:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Dental Science
- Human Rights
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Women's Studies

The number of academic constituencies has increased from 54 to 58 (107.4%).

The number of apportioned academic Senators has decreased from 103 to 101 (98.1%).

The overall number of apportioned Senators has been reduced from 110 to 108 (98.2%).



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#### PERCENTILE DIVISIONS, AY13-15

- **50th percentile** = 61 students. Any academic program having 61 or fewer students is apportioned one Senator according the above Bylaw.
- **50th through 75th percentile** = 67 to 118 students. Any academic program having between 67 and 118 students is apportioned two Senators according the above Bylaw.
- **75th percentile** = 131 students. Any academic program having 131 or more students is apportioned three Senators according the above Bylaw.

#### DURATION OF THE APPORTIONMENT

While this report is based on data included in the Fall 2012 Graduate School Enrollment Report, the apportioned Senate representation applies to AY13-14 and AY14-15 according to GSS Bylaw III, Section 2, Parts A and B. The apportionment must be redetermined by the first meeting of the Spring semester, 2015.

#### CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION SINCE LAST APPORTIONMENT

The following constituencies have received a reduction in senators apportioned:

- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, from 2 to 1.
- Molecular and Cell Biology, from 4 to 3.
- Music, from 2 to 1.
- Nursing, from 4 to 3.
- Professional Studies, from 3 to 2.
- Psychology, from 4 to 3.

The following constituencies have been separated:

- Art and Art History is now Art History and Studio Art.
- Business is now Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, and Operations and Information Management.
- Chemical, Materials, & Biomolecular Engineering is now Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering and Materials Science & Engineering.
- Communication Sciences is now Communication and Speech, Hearing, & Language Sciences.
- Education is now Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Psychology, and Kinesiology.
- English is now English and Medieval Studies.



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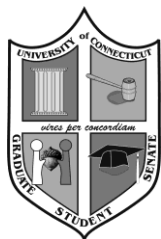
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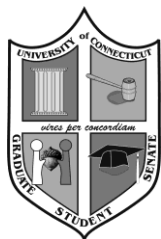
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#### FULL APPORTIONMENT

Academic Constituency	Enrollment	Seats Apportioned
Accounting	200	3
Agricultural and Resource Economics	52	1
Allied Health Sciences	19	1
Animal Science	24	1
Anthropology	46	1
Art History	7	1
Biomedical Engineering	90	2
Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering	52	1
Chemistry	145	3
Civil & Environmental Engineering	109	2
Communication	90	2
Computer Science & Engineering	113	2
Curriculum and Instruction	224	3
Dramatic Arts	48	1
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	61	1
Economics	67	2
Educational Leadership	142	3
Educational Psychology	281	3
Electrical & Computer Engineering	131	3
English	78	2
Finance	476	3
Geography	30	1
Geosciences	18	1
History	46	1
Human Development and Family Studies	56	1
International Studies	23	1
Judaic Studies	2	1
Kinesiology	152	3
Linguistics	36	1
Literatures, Cultures, and Languages	88	2
Management	220	3
Marine Sciences	40	1
Marketing	108	2
Materials Science & Engineering	88	2
Mathematics	146	3
Mechanical Engineering	153	3
Medieval Studies	10	1





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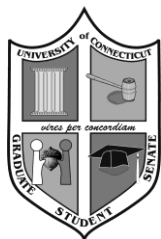
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Academic Constituency	Enrollment	Seats Apportioned
Molecular and Cell Biology	181	3
Music	52	1
Natural Resources and the Environment	29	1
Nursing	157	3
Nutritional Sciences	29	1
Operations & Information Management	118	2
Pathobiology and Veterinary Science	23	1
Pharmaceutical Science	52	1
Philosophy	26	1
Physics	78	2
Physiology and Neurobiology	38	1
Plant Science and Landscape Architecture	28	1
Political Science	75	2
Polymer Science	30	1
Professional Studies	99	2
Psychology	150	3
Public Policy	70	2
Sociology	49	1
Speech, Hearing, & Language Sciences	37	1
Statistics	101	2
Studio Art	10	1
<b>Non-Academic Constituency</b>		<b>Seats Apportioned</b>
Graduate Students of Color Association		1
<b>At-Large Seats:</b>		6
		<b>Total Seats</b>
		108

Verified by the Parliamentarian of the Graduate Student Senate

Leland Aldridge  
February 6, 2013



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### Agriculture and Natural Resources

19	Allied Health Sciences		
	ALDHLTH_MS	Health Promotion	19
24	Animal Science		
	ANSCL_MS	Animal Science	12
	ANSCL_PHD	Animal Science	12
52	Agricultural and Resource Economics		
	AGECON_MS	Agriculture and Resource Economics	22
	AGECON_PHD	Agriculture and Resource Economics	30
29	Natural Resources and the Environment		
	NATRES_MS	Natural Resources: Land, Water and Air	14
	NATRES_PHD	Natural Resources: Land, Water and Air	15
29	Nutritional Sciences		
	NUTRSC_MS	Nutritional Sciences	9
	NUTRSC_PHD	Nutritional Sciences	20
23	Pathobiology and Veterinary Science		
	PTHBIO_MS	Pathobiology	3
	PTHBIO_PHD	Pathobiology	20
28	Plant Science and Landscape Architecture		
	PLNTSC_MS	Plant Science	14
	PLNTSC_PHD	Plant Science	14

### Business

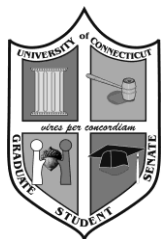
200	Accounting		
	ACCTG_MS	Accounting	150
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration	19
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Accounting)	22
	BUSNAD_PHD	Business Administration (Accounting)	9
476	Finance		
	FINRSKM_MS	Financial Risk Management	84
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration	45
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Finance)	273
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Health Care Mgmt)	46
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Real Estate)	13
	BUSNAD_PHD	Business Administration (Finance)	15
220	Management		
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration	21
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (International Business)	52
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Management)	132
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Venture Consulting)	7
	BUSNAD_PHD	Business Administration (Management)	8
108	Marketing		
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration	10
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Interactive Intelligence)	9
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Marketing)	77
	BUSNAD_PHD	Business Administration (Marketing)	12
118	Operations & Information Management		
	BUSNAPM_MS	Business Analytics and Project Management	80
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration	11
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Information Technology)	16
	BUSNAD_MBA	Business Administration (Operations & Info. Mgmt.)	2
	BUSNAD_PHD	Business Administration (Operations & Info. Mgmt.)	9

### Continuing Studies

99	Professional Studies		
	HMLND_MPS	Homeland Security Leadership	21
	HRMGT_MPS	Human Resource Management	55
	HSRVADMPS	Humanitarian Services Administration	19
	OSHM_MPS	Occupational Safety and Health Management	4

### Education

224	Curriculum and Instruction		
	EDCL_MA	Curriculum and Instruction	187



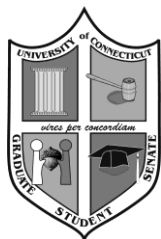
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	EDCL_PHD	Curriculum and Instruction	15
	EDCL_SD	Curriculum and Instruction Sixth Year Diploma	22
142	Educational Leadership		
	ADVOC_MA	Adult Learning	13
	ADVOC_PHD	Adult Learning	14
	ED_ADM_EDD	Educational Leadership	15
	ED_ADM_PHD	Educational Administration	4
	ED_ADM_SD	Educational Administration Sixth Year Diploma	56
	LLEPOL_PHD	Learning, Leadership and Educational Policy	1
	PRHIED_MA	Professional Higher Education Administration	39
281	Educational Psychology		
	IMTECH_MA	Educational Technology	3
	IMTECH_PHD	Educational Technology	7
	IMTECH_SD	Educational Technology Sixth Year Diploma	1
	ED_PSY_MA	Educational Psychology	127
	ED_PSY_PHD	Educational Psychology	87
	ED_PSY_SD	Educational Psychology Sixth Year Diploma	28
	SP_ED_MA	Special Education	15
	SP_ED_PHD	Special Education	11
	SP_ED_SD	Special Education Sixth Year Diploma	2
152	Kinesiology		
	KINES_MA	Kinesiology	1
	KINES_MS	Kinesiology	50
	KINES_PHD	Kinesiology	34
	PHYSTH_DPT	Physical Therapy	67
<b>Engineering</b>			
90	Biomedical Engineering		
	BMENGR_MS	Biomedical Engineering	56
	BMENGR_PHD	Biomedical Engineering	34
52	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering		
	CHEMEG_MS	Chemical Engineering	10
	CHEMEG_PHD	Chemical Engineering	42
109	Civil & Environmental Engineering		
	CIVLEG_MS	Civil Engineering	39
	CIVLEG_PHD	Civil Engineering	29
	ENVENG_MS	Environmental Engineering	17
	ENVENG_PHD	Environmental Engineering	24
113	Computer Science & Engineering		
	CSCIEG_MS	Computer Science and Engineering	32
	CSCIEG_PHD	Computer Science and Engineering	81
131	Electrical & Computer Engineering		
	ELECEG_MS	Electrical Engineering	35
	ELECEG_PHD	Electrical Engineering	96
88	Materials Science & Engineering		
	METMAT_MS	Materials Science and Engineering	19
	METMAT_PHD	Materials Science and Engineering	55
	MTLSCL_PHD	Materials Science	14
153	Mechanical Engineering		
	MECHEG_MS	Mechanical Engineering	51
	MECHEG_PHD	Mechanical Engineering	66
	MENGR_Engineering		36
<b>Fine Arts</b>			
10	Studio Art		
	ART_MFA	Art	10
7	Art History		
	ARTHIST_MA	Art History	7
48	Dramatic Arts		
	DRAMA_MA	Dramatic Arts	10
	DRAMA_MFA	Dramatic Arts	38
52	Music		



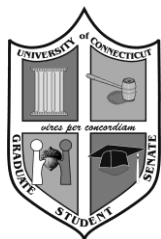
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	MUSIC_DMA	Music	24
	MUSIC_MA	Music	6
	MUSIC_MMUS	Music	12
	MUSIC_PHD	Music	10
<b>Liberal Arts and Sciences</b>			
46	Anthropology		
	ANTHRO_MA	Anthropology	2
	ANTHRO_PHD	Anthropology	44
145	Chemistry		
	CHEM_MS	Chemistry	11
	CHEM_PHD	Chemistry	134
90	Communication		
	COMSCI_MA	Communication	43
	COMSCI_PHD	Communication	47
61	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology		
	BIODIV_MS	Biodiversity and Conservation Biology	3
	ECOLGY_MS	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	9
	ECOLGY_PHD	Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	49
67	Economics		
	ECONOM_MA	Economics	17
	ECONOM_PHD	Economics	50
78	English		
	ENGLSH_MA	English	9
	ENGLSH_PHD	English	69
30	Geography		
	GEOGR_MA	Geography	3
	GEOGR_PHD	Geography	27
18	Geosciences		
	GEOLSCI_MS	Geological Sciences	10
	GEOLSCIPHD	Geological Sciences	8
46	History		
	HISTORY_MA	History	6
	HISTORY_PHD	History	40
56	Human Development and Family Studies		
	FAMSTD_MA	Human Development and Family Studies	21
	FAMSTD_PHD	Human Development and Family Studies	35
23	International Studies		
	INTLSTD_MA	International Studies	23
2	Judaic Studies		
	JUDSTDS_MA	Judaic Studies	2
36	Linguistics		
	LINGUI_PHD	Linguistics	36
88	Literatures, Cultures, and Languages		
	CLCS_MA	Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies	2
	CLCS_PHD	Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies	10
	FRENCH_MA	French	4
	FRENCH_PHD	French	9
	GERMAN_MA	German	5
	GERMAN_PHD	German	5
	ITALN_MA	Italian	3
	ITALN_PHD	Italian	5
	LCL_MA	Literatures, Cultures, and Languages	15
	LCL_PHD	Literatures, Cultures, and Languages	14
	SPANSH_MA	Spanish	4
	SPANSH_PHD	Spanish	12
40	Marine Sciences		
	OCEAN_MS	Oceanography	9
	OCEAN_PHD	Oceanography	31
146	Mathematics		
	APLFMATHMS	Applied Financial Mathematics	30



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		MATH_MS	Mathematics	57
		MATH_PHD	Mathematics	59
10	Medieval Studies			
		MEDVL_MA	Medieval Studies	4
		MEDVL_PHD	Medieval Studies	6
181	Molecular and Cell Biology			
		APL_GEN_MS	Applied Genomics	22
		APLMCR_MS	Microbial Systems Analysis	9
		BIOCHM_MS	Biochemistry	8
		BIOCHM_PHD	Biochemistry	17
		GENET_MS	Genetics	20
		GENET_PHD	Genetics	38
		MCRBIO_MS	Microbiology	5
		MCRBIO_PHD	Microbiology	13
		BPHYS_MS	Structural Biology and Biophysics	1
		BPHYS_PHD	Structural Biology and Biophysics	5
		CELBIO_MS	Cell Biology	16
		CELBIO_PHD	Cell Biology	26
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### University Senate Executive Committee

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**Committee Type:** External

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- List, in brief, the major issues/topics of relevance to graduate students addressed in the meeting
- This should be used as a “Quick Glance” reference for Senators
- The detailed report will be given below

### Detailed Report

#### RESEARCH

Digital Media Symposium scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. Office of VP for Research will consider running a university-wide seminar to meet increasing interest in Digital Media.

Continued problems with Kualii are slowing down faculty’s ability to access their departmental budgets. The VP/CFO’s office is continuing to put pressure on the contractors to fix problems with the service.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tech Park project is now reaching out extensively to industry through “requests for information.” The goal is to make potential industry partners aware of the opportunities of collaborating on research with UConn. Economic Development is working with other units to make it easier to establish partnerships with industry by creating and streamlining processes and policies.



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Concerns were raised about obstacles to graduate students doing internships with corporations. Problems with this are ongoing, as there is no definite procedure in place for covering expenses like health care. The Provost and VP for Economic Development will look for solutions.

### VP/CFO

UConn has had another budget recision. More cuts will have to take place, but academic functions will still be shielded from cuts. The State of CT budget will have a \$1 billion budget deficit in FY '14. This recent cut brings UConn to \$50 million in state budget cuts since 2009. The Finance Office is currently evaluating budget strategies in response to the cuts.

UConn has decided against the building it was originally considering for the new Downtown Hartford campus, as that location would have required too many renovations. The University is still assessing a potential space in Downtown Hartford. Rescinding the decision to move and leaving the Greater Hartford campus in its current location is a possibility, but VP/CFO Gray stated that it is an unlikely move at this point.

Inspections and repairs will soon be underway to deal with water infiltration in South Campus residence halls.

UConn has hired a new Chief Architect and Master Planner, Laura Cruikshank. She will be on campus in mid-February. The focus of her job will be to create a unified vision for campus architecture and traffic.

The question was raised as to whether the projected repairs to the Torrey and Gant buildings would be a good investment. The Provost stated that even with renovations the buildings would be insufficient for modern sciences. He hopes to get Governor Malloy to invest in new sciences buildings, and to eventually convert Torrey and Gant to offices or classrooms.

### ENROLLMENT

Enrollment will give a report in University Senate on Monday on financial aid, retention, and graduation.

Undergraduate applications are high for next year, and applicant quality is very good.

Enrollment is meeting with Campus Safety to plan for better traffic management at this year's Open House program.

### PROVOST



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Internal search for Dean of Graduate School will begin this year. There will be grad student participation on the search committee for this position, as well as presentations and conversations with the grad student community.

University plans to hire a fellowship coordinator through the Graduate School to work with the Office of National Scholarships. This coordinator's job would be to help grad students write proposals for national fellowships.

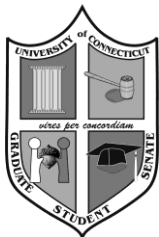
Searches for Library Provost and Chief Information Officer will also begin shortly. Important aims for both positions will be to consider the future of University Libraries and UITS.

### **Action Items for the Senate**

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I would be interested in talking with any senators who might like to serve on a potential Graduate School Dean search committee.





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### Graduate Faculty Council

23 January 2013

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	<b>Committee Type:</b>	External

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Was anything of relevance to graduate students?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

- Consideration of a Leave of Absence Policy for the Graduate School approved recently by the GFC Executive Committee
- Discussion of draft revisions to the Graduate School's minimum requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy

### Detailed Report

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

The GFC Executive committee has approved a new Leave of Absence Policy. This policy allows graduate students with "compelling personal or medical reasons" to take a leave of absence from the Graduate School of up to twelve months. This is separate from taking a zero-credit semester mainly in that the person on leave would not be considered to be a registered student during this time and that any "clock" on their progress to degree would be frozen while they were on leave. The first part of this means that it may be difficult for international students to utilize, as they could not maintain their student visas while on leave. The leave can be extended with reapplication to a total of 24 months. If the student can not return within 24 months, they must reapply with no guarantee of readmission.



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#### MINIMUM PH.D. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A draft of new Ph.D. degree requirements was distributed for comment. This includes: 30 credits after baccalaureate or 15 credits after master's, a Plan of Study submitted after 18 credits have been completed, 15 credits of GRAD6950 or GRAD6960, a General Examination administered by the graduate program, a Dissertation Proposal that "must be submitted to the Graduate School by the time the student has completed the ninth credit of GRAD6950 or GRAD6960," an oral defense of a dissertation, and the dissertation.

The draft also included some time frames, to wit, that the announcement of the oral defense must be announced publically by means of the university events on-line calendar at least two weeks prior to the defense, and that a working copy of the dissertation and tentative approval of it must be submitted at the same time. Further, students must submit their final dissertation and apply for graduation at least two weeks before the conferral date of the degree. If this is missed they will be conferred their degree at the following conferral date.

I asked whether current students would be grandfathered in to be held responsible for the requirements which were in the graduate catalog at the time of their admission and was told that there would be only a one-year grace period after which everybody would be held to the new requirements.

There was some discussion of the 30 credit requirement as some program's full recommended course schedule does not include 30 credits. There was also some discussion of the wording of the timing requirement for the Dissertation Proposal, the agreement was that "must" should be changed to "should."

#### **Action Items for the Senate**

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- The Senate may wish to make some recommendation on the policies and requirements listed above.



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### Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee

23 January 2013

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**Committee Type:**

External

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students?

☒ Yes

☐ No

- This committee report covers the SASFAC meetings held on January 23, 2013 and February 1, 2013 and the SASFAC Open Forum held on February 4, 2013
- All graduate students were given the opportunity to pass on questions and comments to SASFAC at its Open Forum held on Monday, February 4, 2013 in the Student Union, Room 304B.
- Each student activity and service fee-funded unit is required to present its budget at a budget hearing hosted by SASFAC. Graduate students are welcome to attend any of these budget hearings and comment. A schedule of the hearings, along with the complete budget submission packet for each fee-funded University unit, can be found at [http://www.dsa.uconn.edu/committees\\_sfac\\_hearings.html](http://www.dsa.uconn.edu/committees_sfac_hearings.html).
- Graduate Student Senate will be proposing a fee increase of \$3 per student per semester, starting no earlier than Fall 2014. The graduate student body will have the opportunity to vote on the fee increase via referendum between March 7-10, 2013.

### Detailed Report

See the following page.

This committee report covers the SASFAC meetings held on January 23, 2013 and February 1, 2013 and the SASFAC Open Forum held on February 4, 2013



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#### ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING A FEE INCREASE

Waterbury Associated Student Government is requesting a fee increase of \$15 per student per semester. Graduate Student Senate is requesting a fee increase of \$3 per student per semester. Each of the fee increases, if approved by the Board of Trustees, will go into effect no earlier than Fall 2014. Each proposed fee increase will need to be presented as a referendum for the relevant fee-paying student population to vote on. The referendum will be voted on between March 7-10, 2013.

Because the Board of Trustees has not yet met to officially approve the SASFAC recommendations on student fees starting Fall 2013, The Daily Campus has re-submitted its fee increase proposal that was "approved" (i.e. recommended) by SASFAC last year as a protective measure. The Daily Campus will present its fee increase proposal on February 14, 2013 and the Board of Trustees will meet on February 27, 2013. Should the Board of Trustees vote to approve The Daily Campus' fee increase starting Fall 2013, The Daily Campus will rescind its fee increase proposal for this year.

#### WHUS PETITION

At the end of January, a student contacted the SASFAC Chair to express his intention to petition for WHUS to cease receiving funding from student fees, claiming that the service WHUS provides does not benefit the relevant fee-paying student population. This would effectively close down all WHUS operations. To put the petition forward, the student was required to submit 500 signatures from the relevant fee-paying student population in support of the petition. A discussion was held as to whether the student would be allowed to collect signatures via the internet, and SASFAC decided that because there was no procedure currently set up for collecting signatures online, SASFAC would not accept online signatures until such a procedure was created. After speaking with the student leaders of WHUS, the student ultimately decided to withdraw his petition.

#### UConnPIRG PETITION

In FY10, SASFAC recommended that the University of Connecticut reconsider whether two chapters of the UConn Public Interest Research Group (UConnPIRG) – one on the Storrs campus and another on the West Hartford campus – should continue to be eligible to receive Trustee (student fee) funds, given the results of the Storrs-based group's internal audit. The reason for this was because SASFAC had concerns over whether the organization's funds and employees were distinctly managed and supervised by the on-campus student group (and thus the University of Connecticut), a State mandate for the use of Trustee funds. The audit revealed that much of the group's funds were given to the State's PIRG organization and much of the State's funds were passed along to the national PIRG organization. The Board of Trustees agreed with the SASFAC recommendation and rescinded any



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further student fee funding towards UConnPIRG. Both the Storrs and West Hartford groups are petitioning to start receiving Trustee funds again. However, it is not clear to the SASFAC Chair that either group has a newly defined organizational structure that stays in compliance with the State statutes that require Trustee funds to be solely managed at the campus level. SASFAC agreed to consider the petitions using two criteria: (1) Are the State statutes being met? and (2) Does either UConnPIRG group merit receiving funding via student fees?

#### GUARD DOGS PETITION

GUARD (Giving UConn A Responsible Driver) Dogs “is a USG pilot program that provides free, non-judgmental, safe rides home to UConn students”. GUARD Dogs is currently funded by USG, but the group has communicated with USG its interest in separating its programming from USG. Because a set portion of the student fee-funded USG budget is already allocated to GUARD Dogs, GUARD Dogs is proposing that it become its own Tier III group and receive its student fee funds directly from students rather than through USG. Thus, such a proposal, if it went through, would not result in a new fee, but rather a re-allocation of funds into two separate fees (a lowered USG fee and a GUARD Dogs fee). GUARD Dogs and USG have agreed to put a plan in place during the Spring 2013 semester and advocate for the change to undergraduate students during Fall 2013. An official referendum will be put before the relevant fee-paying student population in Spring 2014. This has been a slow process for GUARD Dogs, particularly because the group is not currently a Tier II organization, so all the required documentation for Tier II and Tier III groups (e.g. constitution, bylaws, etc.) have not yet been put in place.

#### BUDGET HEARINGS

SASFAC budget hearings will be held on February 14, 15, and 22, 2013, and March 7, 2013. A schedule of the hearings, along with the complete budget submission packet for each fee-funded University unit, can be found at [http://www.dsa.uconn.edu/committees\\_sfac\\_hearings.html](http://www.dsa.uconn.edu/committees_sfac_hearings.html).

#### Action Items for the Senate

- Encourage your constituents to attend any budget hearing they want and comment candidly at them. SASFAC is serious about listening to student concerns regarding fees.
- Encourage your constituents to vote on the Graduate Student Senate proposed fee increase during the voting periods in March.
- If you have any questions about student fees charged to graduate students and/or would like to advocate for or against specific fees, please be sure to let the Treasurer know.



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SUBOG: Student Union Policy Council  
24 January 2013

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**Committee Type:** External

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- First round priority access requests were discussed and scored.
- The U-Guide has been updated.

### Detailed Report

None.

### Action Items for the Senate

- None.



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### Environmental Health & Safety Committee

11 December 2012

**Chair:** Paul Kalajian  
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**Website:** <http://www.ehs.uconn.edu>

**Committee Type:** GSS Internal/Standing

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- The working alone policy is being reviewed and revised. A final draft is expected by February 2013.
- Federal requirements are that public facilities conduct periodic drills. In view of this, public safety will be conducting periodic drills to assess our emergency & evacuation preparedness.
- The university is in the process of setting up a centralized chemical inventory system in order to keep track of all potentially hazardous material on campus. This will be in keeping with Department of Homeland Security requirements.
- On campus Moped and motorized scooter policy is in place and ready to roll out. Enforcement will begin January, 2013.
- There was a slight uptick in workplace injuries & accidents involving graduate student this quarter.

### Detailed Report

### Action Items for the Senate

The Graduate Student Student plans to invite the director of Environmental Health & Safety, Terence Monahan, to one of our sessions in March 2013. Potentially, he will discuss issues on the working alone policy, pedestrian safety, & the proposed chemical inventory system. **IT Governance: Teaching and**



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### Learning

29 January 2013

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://utis.uconn.edu">utis.uconn.edu</a>	<b>Committee Type:</b>	GSS Internal/Standing

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- Possibly a campus policy to password protect all your devices
- Working on ideas to switch SET (Student Evaluation of Teachers) to paperless
- Email address with still exist after graduation
- ITRequest is not accessible by graduate students

### Detailed Report

The main topic of discussion was the possibility of switch our SET to a paperless system. As of the moment, we use approximately 100,000 pieces of paper for this process. Also, with the hiring of temps to organize the evaluations, it costs roughly \$80-\$100K a semester to process all the evaluations.

UTIS is also thinking about implementing a policy that requires all faculty (and probably grad studnets) to password protect all of there devices. This include computer, laptop, smart phones, tablets.

IT request are now accessible by graduate students. This is a source where you can submit any IT ideas you may have for the campus. These can include any new ideas as well as improvements.

Since UConn wants to try and consolidate its contact with our alumni, they have decided that everyone will be allowed to keep there UConn email address after graduation.

The Daily Digest template will be given to individual departments for their own personal interdepartmental use.





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We are also trying to implement a software that allows students to enter in there previous courses at other school and see if they will qualify for transfer credit at UConn. This was a program developed by the School of Business, so it may take a bit to see if it could be expanded to all of UConn.

### **Action Items for the Senate**

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- Make use of the IT request. They really want to hear our input!



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### Student Trustee Election Committee

31 January 2013

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**Committee Type:** External

**Website:** [N/A](#)

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- The only student trustee seat up for election this year is the undergraduate seat, so none of this really concerns grad students.

### Detailed Report

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### Action Items for the Senate

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### Student Welfare Committee

14 December 2012

**Chair:** Lawrence Goodheart  
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**Representative:** Ian Gutierrez  
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**Committee Type:** External

**Website:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

### Overview of Report

Were the details of the meeting confidential? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- The student welfare committee is considering a campus-wide smoking ban, which would potentially ban the use of all tobacco products on the Storrs campus.
- The committee also discussed graduate student welfare. Issues related to graduate student pay terms, housing, workplace protection, and maternity leave were raised.
- Kathy Sanner, the president of the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPE), suggested that these issues could best be resolved by the formation of a Graduate Employee Union, which merits serious consideration by GSS.

### Detailed Report

The Student Welfare Committee met on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Two issues dominated the discussion: a proposed campus-wide smoking ban, and graduate welfare.

#### *Smoking Ban:*

A few members of the committee have suggested the implementation of a campus-wide smoking ban. Currently, UConn and Connecticut state policy prohibit the smoking of tobacco products inside state buildings or within 25 feet of these buildings. (In reading through both the state and university statutes and by-laws, I failed to find mention of the 25 foot restriction. I will track this down to



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confirm it.) Other Universities, such as UMass-Amherst, however, have implemented campus-wide smoking bans, which prohibit the use of tobacco in any form anywhere on campus property. In response to the suggestion of implementing a campus-wide ban at UConn, a statement read on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Government argued that smoking is not illegal and that the current policy is poorly enforced with respect to the 25-foot restriction. However, the following statement written by USG caused concern in the meeting:

*"Smoking cigarettes is not illegal, and for this university to enforce a rule banning the practice as a whole there would need to be significant evidence that it was a detriment to the learning environment or the welfare of the student body."*

This statement was interpreted by some committee members as implying that USG did not believe that smoking was harmful to the health of students on campus. This raised a concern about the need for greater awareness on campus about the dangers of tobacco use.

Any revision to the current smoking policy will need to be negotiated with the Office of Faculty and Staff Labor Relations.

The State of Connecticut's policy on smoking in government buildings:

[http://www.lawserver.com/law/state/connecticut/ct-laws/connecticut\\_statutes\\_19a-342](http://www.lawserver.com/law/state/connecticut/ct-laws/connecticut_statutes_19a-342)

The UConn smoking policy can be seen here:

<http://policy.uconn.edu/?p=1038>

#### *Graduate Student Welfare:*

Graduate student welfare was also discussed in the meeting. I raised a number of issues that members of GSS found relevant to the topic. These included summer pay terms, the short-term nature of teaching and research assistantships, absence of graduate housing, and maternity leave. Marty Ortega, a professor and committee member, also commented that some graduate students have been asked to work more hours than stated in their terms of employment.

With the exception of housing, it was widely agreed by the committee members and me that the underlying problem with all of these concerns stems from the lack of proper employment advocacy for graduate employees at the university. Kathy Sanner, president of the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPE)—the employee union representing non-faculty staff employed at UConn—recommended that graduate students give strong consideration to forming a graduate employee union, and offered to speak to GSS about this issue if its members so desired.



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The interests of graduate students at UConn might best be protected, advanced, and maintained by the formation of a graduate employee union. This is potentially a controversial issue: I recommend that the senate invite Kathy to speak before GSS about this issue before opening the topic to the GSS floor. The senate should also discuss and consider alternate pathways for addressing graduate employee concerns on campus.

### **Action Items for the Senate**

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- Discuss the proposed smoking ban in GSS.
- Consider inviting Kathy Sanner to speak before the Senate about the possibility of organizing graduate employees on campus.