

I. Call to Order

- a. The second senate meeting of the 2016-17 year was called to order at 7:11p.m.

II. Recognition of Senators

III. Special Guest/Speaker

- a. Morgan Sutton, GA from Graduate Student Affairs spoke briefly to introduce herself and tell everyone that she will be in touch soon about how the Graduate School can foster a stronger partnership with students.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- a. GSS Executive meeting minutes, 27th September 2016 were approved by the senate with a voice vote.
- b. GSS meeting minutes, 14th September 2016 were approved by the senate with a voice vote.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Transportation Working Group Happy Hour (Chriss) - Based on discussion from last meeting, the Transportation Working Group Happy Hour will be held to create actionable proposals for change. The happy hour(s) will likely take place on a non-GSS Wednesday, potentially the 12th or 19th.
- b. Graduate Trainings (Matthew) – Vice President Matthew Parent is continuing to engage various offices in changing the training requirements for Tier-II GSOs, which is currently an undergraduate training system.
- c. Friendly Amendment to Activities Director Resignation – the Executive Committee would like to add a friendly amendment to the executive minutes from 9-7-16, where Eric Simming resigned from the position of Activities Director. Eric sent a new letter. There were no objections, the friendly amendment passes.

VI. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President/Acting Activities Director – Chriss Sneed
- i. Meeting with CFO Scott Jordan –Chriss discussed with Mr. Jordan possible solutions to the parking issue, including the possibility of extra parking in s lot, changing Area 2 to GA/TA/A2 and a possible emergency service when buses don't run.

- ii. University Senate (Full) Report –The University Senate discussed the Hartford campus, balancing the budget in an “optimistic” way, and academic freedom. The senate wanted a statement on academic freedom and civility from the Faculty Committee. The Faculty Committee declined to include civility because they want a conversation on what that means. The CFO gave a report on the budget outlining the greatest costs to the University, which includes fringe benefits in hiring. Additionally, the University is adding undergraduate minors to the course catalog
- b. Vice President – Matthew Parent
 - i. Matthew discussed the importance of internal and external committees.
- c. Treasurer – Deepthi Varghese
 - i. Due to issues that will be discussed in the Issues Forum, Deepthi is not giving the Treasurer’s report this evening. Each item has been assigned to other members of the executive committee, as indicated in the discussion of each item.
 - ii. Attendance policy reminder (Donyeil) – Donyeil reminded the Senate of the attendance policy, which must be followed to obtain funding for a Tier-II Organization.
 - iii. Emergency Short-Term Loan Update (Chriss) – The short-term loan fund is nowhere near the threshold. There was some concern was raised from the pay day rally the GA Union had about whether people could get loans if they weren’t paid on time, as the University seemed to be directing GAs who were not paid on time to GSS for loans. To clarify: For anyone in need, please apply for a short-term loan, but if the funds run out, the University should pay the workers.
 - 1. Tony Patelunas stated that they were assured that there was \$50,000 available if the loan fund ran out.
 - 2. Monique Golden reiterate that the University should pay. It can take 2-4 weeks to get pay checks for GAs that weren’t paid on time. She encourages GSS to push back, that we are an advocacy group, not a pay day loan business.

- iv. Special Allocation Request – Horticultural Society (a USO) (withdrawn/denied) (Chriss) – the group requesting funds is a USO, not a GSO, and therefore we cannot fund them. They withdrew their request.
- v. Special Allocation Request (Chriss) – Turkish Student Association – to be discussed below.
- d. Parliamentarian – Donyeil Hoy
 - i. By-law amendment for attendance – We are currently considering an amendment to the attendance/funding policy. Once a by-law has been drafted it will be shared with the Senate.
- e. Communications Director – Jordan Rees
 - i. Jordan discussed the purpose and importance of the Public Relations Committee and encouraged participation.
 - ii. Jordan reminded the senate that items for the senate meeting agendas should be sent no later than the Sunday prior to the meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. We have chosen to indicate below the items that Deepthi would have discussed, as well as the committee member who actually discussed them in Deepthi's absence.
- b. Adjustment of President or Treasurer Pay (Matthew) – There were not proposed adjustments.
- c. Adjustment of Activities Director pay (Matthew) - There were no proposed adjustments.
- d. Summer Pay Voting (Deepthi/Matthew) – The senate approved the summer pay for the President, Treasurer and Activities Director by a voice vote.
- e. Activities Director Vote (Matthew) – The senate voted on new Activities Director
 - i. Candidates are Jordan Rees and Bahar Deljoo
 - ii. Bahar Deljoo was voted in as the Activities Director by a closed ballot.
- f. GSS Thanksgiving event (Chriss) – We want to move forward with different budgetary decisions, which will be discussed in the issues forum. It was also suggested that it may be nice to have something for people who are not travelling the week of Thanksgiving.
- g. Budget Alteration (Deepthi/Chriss) – The Student Activities Budget Office (SABO) wants us to have a \$5000 fund that is not budgeted out, to be used for “incidentals.”

- i. Many were concerned about how it would look to have basically a slush fund on our sheet
 - 1. Greg, the former treasurer of GSS said the budget item would have to be marked as an event and then reallocated, that we cannot just have unallocated money. Additionally, if we do not spend something allocated then grad fees might be reduced permanently, making an unallocated (and therefore potentially unspent) sum unwise.
 - 2. Monique Golden, who is on the student fee committee echoes Greg's statement, that unspent money is considered in budgeting decisions and may cause a reduction in the fees/budget.
- h. Special Allocations Request – TSA - name of person
 - i. The Executive Committee is concerned about the expense of the event, as it is a significant portion of the remaining special allocations budget.
 - ii. Other senators also had concerns about the expense being high. For future events multiple senators suggested selling tickets to undergraduates and faculty/staff to raise some funds.
 - iii. Didem Reiterated what was stated in the letter she sent on behalf of the TSA justifying the expense of the event (attached). She also indicated that the attendance for this event was very high last year. Didem clarified that at the first event they will discuss traditions and provide an introduction of Turkish culture, while at the second they will actually have performances, demonstrations and lessons. She also stressed that they worked very hard to get the best deals possible on the food, securing many discounts.
 - 1. Tom Briggs spoke in favor of this event. Although the concerns are valid he states this is a good event where people are engaged and there is cross-cultural, cross-departmental interaction, really fulfilling the GSS goal for events to serve all graduate students.
 - 2. It was also brought up that the special allocations budget is first come first served, so maybe we should approve, despite the cost.
 - iv. The special allocation was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

VIII. Other Business

- a. We have chosen to indicate below the items that Deepthi would have discussed, as well as the committee member who actually discussed them in Deepthi's absence.
- b. Reimbursement Notice (Deepthi/Chriss) – When funding an event, GSOs should contact GSS to determine if the GSS KFS number can be used directly. This will streamline the process. This is particularly useful for making purchases from University vendors.
- c. GSS Emails (Jordan) – GSS executive officers now have designated email addresses, which can be used immediately. The email addresses will be posted on the website.
- d. Committee Sign-up (Matthew) – Matthew facilitated a participation drive for external committees. A list of external committee participation is attached.

a. Issues Forum

- i. ISSS correspondence regarding international students and the GSS executive committee – Chriss Sneed and the Executive Committee
 1. A motion was approved by voice vote at 9:03p.m. to extend the meeting.
 2. The GSS Executive Committee has had several issues with SABO disbursing checks to vendors and others. This has been mostly rectified. However, now SABO has been involved in correspondence concerning student employment. We have been advised that the financial award received by executive officers may be counted as student employment, effectively excluding international students. This is of serious concern to the executive committee for a number of reasons:
 - a. International student participation is imperative to the functioning of GSS, and restricting international student participation is discrimination. They pay fees and the GSS board makes decisions about the use of fees. International students must have representation.
 - b. Our positions have never been considered employment in the past. In fact, the full senate votes on our award, and has the power to vote against providing an award for any office. This is not possible for employment.

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- c. This issue of employment is only being considered/pursued for the international student on our committee, and not for any others. Each member of the executive board is currently employed as a full 20-hour GA, meaning we would need special approval for any additional employment.
 - d. There have been many international students on the GSS executive committee, serving in all positions, without any problems, and without the award being counted as employment.
 - e. Our engagement in GSS activities as an executive committee exceeds what we would make if we were being paid hourly (as we should be, if this is employment), even by conservative measures.
 - f. We were advised by ISSS that receiving an award for GSS executive service could be employment, and they state they were advised this way, but no one has responded to questions about who did this advising or how this conclusion was reached.
3. The senate had many questions and concerns, including:
- a. If this is indeed employment, who are the committee members supposed to report hours to? What benefits accompany the position? How many hours are we going to restrict the position to? Will this negatively impact the functioning of the executive committee and by extensions the senate and the graduate student body?
 - b. Multiple senators expressed concern about upcoming events they have, where individuals will be paying out of pocket and be reimbursed by GSS. If we do not have a treasurer, will they be reimbursed. In addition, there seem to be problems with the person who is processing reimbursements, will this also slow down/inhibit their reimbursement?

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- i. Chriss responded that this is a real concern, for which we have no answer. As the request for Deepthi to step down as treasurer was discriminatory, we have no immediate plans to replace her. In addition, there are concerns about the slowness of the SABO process recently.
- c. Pariksheet from MCB asked if we can amend the constitution to make the award nature of the stipend received more explicit.
- d. There were also multiple students, international and otherwise, that expressed concern about how to move forward. Visa issues are very important so this must be handed carefully. The GSS executive committee is a position that should not be jeopardized visas. We cannot move forward with including international students until it is definitively cleared up.
 - i. Jordan addressed this issue, stating that the issue of visas is of the utmost importance, and no students' visa status will be jeopardized in the process of fighting the exclusion of international students on the Executive Committee.
- e. Action plan: senators and graduate students want to know what constituencies and others can do. As a group we came up with the following steps. If the conclusion is not overturned by Friday of next week:
 - i. Senators and Tier-II organizations will be given the information of individuals they can contact to express their concern and communicate the negative ways in which they are being impacted (reimbursement issues, lack of representation, etc.)

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- ii. We will consider amending the by-laws to clarify the nature of executive committee service, either at a regular GSS session or at an emergency meeting.

IX. Adjournment – 9:26

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Agenda

October 5, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. Recognition of Senators**
- III. Guest Speaker – Morgan Sutton**
- IV. Approval of minutes**
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 - i. Public Relations Committee
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X. Adjournment

Revised Activities Director Resignation Letter

To: The Graduate Student Senate at the University of Connecticut.

Please accept this letter as a notice of my resignation from my position as Activities Director.

It was a pleasure working with the other executive board members, even if it was for a short amount of time. I have the utmost faith in Chriss as president, as well as the other exec. members.

I would rather explain here, than my fellow colleagues hear it from someone else. I am stepping down for my lack of execution during orientation. I failed to assemble all the working parts in time (food, permits, locations etc.). I also have been asked to step down by my advisory committee, due to the significant amount of school work I have this semester.

Thank you all again for voting me in. I sincerely apologize, and hope I can help the GSS out in the future by volunteering whenever I can.

Sincerely,

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Special Allocation Request Form

University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate

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GSS Executive

Committee Meeting: ___ / ___ / ___

GSS Meeting: ___ / ___ / ___

Proposition #: _____

Organization: Turkish Student Association

Date Submitted: 09/12/16

Contact Person: Didem Ozcan

Phone: 860-771-0228

Email Address: didem.ozcan@uconn.edu

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

Name of Proposed Event: Welcoming Dinner, Turkish Cultural Night

Date(s) of Proposed Event: October 8th, November 12th

Location of Event: Student Union Room 304AB

Please describe the event **and** provide an estimate of the anticipated number of total and graduate student attendees:
(In the attached document)
120 total attendees (90 graduate students)

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

- Graduate student listserv
- Facebook
- Other email/distribution lists

Please describe: _____

- Flyers around campus
- Announcements
- Other

Please describe: _____

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

BUDGET

Requested:

Allocated:

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| 1. | Welcoming Dinner catering | \$1500 | |
| 2. | Photo prop accessories and decorations | \$70 | |
| 3. | Musicians and dancers | \$500 | |
| 4. | Turkish cultural night catering | \$1200 | |
| 5. | Outside caterer fee | \$60 | |
| 6. | AV tech (5 hours total cost) | \$125 | |
| 7. | Microphone Student union rental | \$50 | |
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REVENUES

Expected:

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| | Total Revenues: | \$ 0.00 |
| | Total Requested: | \$3.505 |

Turkish Student Association Event Description

Turkish Student Association- Fall 2016

Event#1

Welcoming Dinner

We would like to start the Fall semester with a Turkish dinner where guests can taste Turkish cuisine, and listen to our traditional music. We will have Turkish choir of Hartford performing for us during the event. Sharing food is always an effective way to create bonds between people who don't know each other so we plan creating a friendly dinner to let students enjoy a special night, explore different music and a country through presentations.

Our guests will also enjoy having a traditional photo props, getting groups pictures taken with old-time Turkish hats (called fes) and will make it a memorable night.

Event#2

Turkish Cultural Night

We plan to serve Turkish appetizers, desserts, Turkish coffee & tea. We will also have Yale belly dancing society as well as Turkish choir of Hartford performing at the event, and will cheer up the atmosphere. We will use the photo props and decorations in this event as well.

Turkish Student Association Clarification Letter

Hi Deepthi,

Sure. Here is the detailed information. We will host 120 people for the each event.

-We will have a Turkish menu from Saray restaurant which would cost \$12.5 per person for the first event, and \$10 for the second event.

And the menu will offer the choice of Turkish kebab, rice, cold appetizers, dessert.

If GSS checks Saray restaurant website, they will see that the regular price for only the kebab ranges between \$14.95-\$23. Here: http://saraykebab.com/?page_id=64

Saray is making a huge discount for our organization just to promote introducing our food culture to the UConn community.

The price we have requested is also covering the cost of appetizers for 120 people and the dessert. You will see from the website that ordering only 1 type of appetizer which covers 50 people cost \$95. We would need \$190 for 120 people, and for only 1 type of appetizer. We will have 3 types of appetizers though.

here: http://saraykebab.com/?page_id=335

The same is true for the dessert, baklava tray. One little piece wouldn't be enough as you can imagine. We need 4 trays which cost \$280. And we will have another dessert for the choice as well.

We are really having a great deal from Saray. No other restraurant would provide us such a good quality food service, food type variety and amount for 120 people for \$1200-1500.

\$10-12.5 which covers the kebab, rice, appetizer and dessert.

I have worked with UConn catering in the past, and it is unbelievable how much they charge only for the snacks and coffee service..

That is why we believe that the funding amount we have requested is not high. It is very reasonable considering the service we are getting actually. We put our best efforts to get the best service for the minimum cost. We talk to them back and forth so many times and even travel to New Haven for discussing about the menu, price and details.

I hope this will clarify things for GSS and they will approve our fund request. Please let us know if you have further questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best,
Didem

Fall 2016 External Committee Participation as of 10/05/16

Senate Diversity Committee – Mayra Reyes-Ruiz
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Faculty Standards – Amy Fehr
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Growth and Development – Danielle Bergmann
danielle.bergmann@uconn.edu

Student Welfare Committee – Thomas Briggs
thomas.briggs@uconn.edu

Senate University Budget Committee – Melanie Klimjack
melanie.klimjack@uconn.edu

Graduate Rep to the Diversity Council – Gayatri Phadke
Gayatri.Phadke@uconn.edu

Honors and Awards – Lauren Jefferson and Mahdi Fallahi
Lauren.jefferson@uconn.edu
mahdi.fallahi@uconn.edu

Senate Scholastic Standards – Lori Apuzzo
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