

- I. Call to Order – 7:16 p.m.**
- II. Recognition of Senators**
- III. Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. GSS meeting minutes, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (*to be approved by Senate*) – approved by voice vote
  - b. GSS Executive meeting minutes, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (*to be approved by Senate*) – approved by voice vote
- IV. Unfinished Business**
  - a. International Student service on GSS
- V. Executive Committee Reports**
  - a. President – Chriss Sneed
    - i. Appointment to the Hearing Committee – Chriss has been appointed to this committee, per GSS by-laws.
    - ii. Appointment to the TAFS Committee - Chriss has been appointed to this committee, per GSS by-laws.
    - iii. Ed Marth Award Representative - Jordan Rees will contact the Awards Committee representatives for a volunteer.
    - iv. Executive committee dates are now on the website – In an effort to provide the senate with a more complete schedule, the Executive Committee dates have now been posted on the GSS main page.
    - v. Union’s work on women’s labor – Chriss would like to encourage anyone interested to contact the Union about participation in their committee on women’s labor issues.
    - vi. Co-working group on transportation and parking – This meeting took place today, one hour before GSS. We groups worked on research, action plans, and communication. Jordan will send an additional email for participation.
  - b. Vice President – Matthew Parent
    - i. Committee Reports – Anyone who is on an external committee should send Jordan reports of their committee activities.
    - ii. Participation Drive

1. Senator-at-large – Please contact Matthew if you are interested in
2. Internal committees - See attached list of graduate students who signed up for internal GSS committees.
- iii. Report from meeting with Michael Gilbert (VP student affairs) re: Recreation Center. – The development team seems very interesting in addressing the specific needs of graduate students and they want graduate input on the building. If anyone is interested in being the graduate representative, contact Jordan Rees. One concern is the way fees for this building will be leveled. There is talk about making half of the fee specific to the Rec Center bond, and the other half a general fee, meaning when the bond is paid the fee would remain.
- c. Treasurer – Covered by Chriss
  - i. Issues with the quarterly bills – We have a credit form quarter 3 where we were charged twice. We should have been charged \$200 for our one card reader, but were were charged \$1400 for 7 card readers.
  - ii. Issues with reimbursements – Due to our current treasurer situation, the reimbursements have become a serious problem. They will happen, but the process is definitely slower and the timeline is unclear.
- d. Communications Director – Jordan Rees
  - i. Report from meeting with AAUP Organizer Chris Henderson – We met to discuss the mutual interests between GSS and AAUP. Jordan updated him on our current transportation and parking focus, he updated Jordan on the current push to get a faculty contract. If there is collective action needed on either issue, we should let the other organization know, in case there is anyway to provide help.
- e. Activities Director – Bahareh Deljoo
  - i. Event updates
    1. Halloween – We will not be able to have the Halloween event due to Bahareh only being in the position for a couple of weeks, and confusion as to how the event, co-hosted with SAGE, would be executed.
    2. Thanksgiving – The room is reserved If anyone has any ideas please contact Bahareh.

- f. Parliamentarian – Donyeil Hoy
  - i. Attendance – Everyone should be aware of their attendance requirements for maintaining a budget for your organization. These announcements serve as official warning for any groups who may be in danger of violating the attendance policy.
  - ii. By-law Amendments – Don presented proposed by-law language changes for the GSS short-term loans. This will be voted on at the next meeting. The proposed changes are attached
  - iii.
  - iv. Treasurer and President Service Award – After the president and treasurer (who is currently inactive) left the room for the vote on their service award (which it is unclear Deepthi will receive), a discussion was started by Victoria Blodgett.
    - 1. Victoria indicated this treasurer situation is unacceptable to the graduate school. Dean Holsinger feels strongly our awards are honorariums for leadership, not fee-for-service. There appears to have been some change in the way the awards are disbursed which has caused this problem. They are trying to figure out who can make the decision to fix the problem. Dean Holsinger sent a proposal and is waiting for an update.
    - 2. Don followed up, stating that communications from ISSS said the problem isn't the way its being paid, so we are having a cyclical argument.
    - 3. Victoria responded indicating that ISSS is wrong, that what she just presented is the most recent information.
    - 4. Don asked if a by-law change fix it.
    - 5. Victoria responded that it is unclear.
    - 6. Matthew asked that we hold this conversation until the Issues Forum, because Chriss and Deepthi will probably want to be apart of it.
    - 7. Treasurer – There were no motions to adjust the Treasurer's award.
    - 8. President - There were no motions to adjust the President's award.

**VI. New Business**

- i. Special Allocation: GSCA – The special allocation was approved by voice vote.
- ii. Internal committees – see attached list of committees and volunteers.
- iii. Card Reader – The \$200 rental fee for the card reader was approved by voice vote.

**VII. Issues Forum**

**a. Treasurer issue – Is the issue that they are working over 20hrs?**

- i. Don reiterated that this issue is a cyclical argument. The conversation with GSS started with SABO, then communication came from ISSS. We tried proposing a by-law change but ISSS said now the problem is whether we are considered employment.
- ii. Kate Ragon reminded the Senate that if people are working over 20 hours please have them contact the union.
- iii. Ruth Yuste thanked the e-board for organizing to change this issue. She said this is an important issue that is not only impacting international student at UCONN who want to be in leadership. It impacts the whole university and the way it is perceived by outsiders. Langsa is having an event soon and are worried about looking unprofessional in the ability able to pay their speaking honorariums and reimburse vendors. They are really impacted by the message being sent. The issue currently facing GSS is compromising events and our image nationwide.
- iv. Deepthi stated that another important concern is that there are big organizations having events and are not able to be reimbursed right now. If the KFS cant be used they are out of luck which is unfair for Tier II organizations.
- v. Ruth Yuste reiterated that we don't want any other treasurer, we want the board as elected last year. The university needs to fix this.
- vi. Bahareh Deljoo supported the previous statement that this problem is compromising events. One of the problems with the Halloween party was that we could not reimburse the people who usually made the purchases.
- vii. Ross Dardani highlighted that external vendors are also not being paid at this point, including the vendors from the TSA event that was approved previously.

- viii. Chriss supported Ross' point, reminding the senate it took over a month to pay Lizzie's, which is a small business.
  - ix. Tom Briggs asked if we can get Kent Holsinger as a guest speaker.
  - b. **Training** – Matthew Parent reminded the senate that if the new required trainings put you over your time limits, file a grievance with the union.
  - c. **Transportation and parking** – Many attendees shared their problems with parking and transportation, including full parking lots, decommissioned parking lots, UCONN vehicles parked in GA parking, and buses not running. All were asked to share their experiences on the Union and GSS facebook pages.
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# BYLAW V: Emergency Line-of-Credit Fund

1) The GSS Emergency Line-of-Credit Fund, hereafter referred to as the Credit Fund, has been designed to meet the immediate financial obligations that may confront graduate students.

*Withdrawals made through the Credit Fund are for emergency purposes only.*

2) Standard operating procedures are designed to meet State statutes and University regulations.

## 3) Eligibility

A. Any graduate student who is enrolled at the University of Connecticut and is a member of a recognized academic constituency shall be eligible to apply\* for a line of credit from the Credit Fund, provided they have no University financial hold and satisfy all other eligibility requirements. *\*New students may be required to complete additional paperwork.*

B. There is no limit to the number of times that any individual may borrow from their line of credit.

~~C. Any student who is currently delinquent in his or her repayment of a past loan shall be ineligible to borrow additional funds, of any amount, until such time as the previous debt has been settled.~~

*An individual is ineligible to withdraw from their line of credit if they have an outstanding balance. If an individual is enrolled in payroll deductions for the repayment of their balance, they may be considered eligible at the discretion of the Executive Committee.*

D. Any student who has had loan eligibility revoked by the Office of Student Services and Advocacy shall have Credit Fund eligibility revoked by the GSS.

4) *The maximum credit line for any individual is \$1,500.* The Administrative Assistant may, in consultation with the Executive Committee, lower this maximum if the Credit Fund is in danger of default.

~~5) Each withdrawal is due 90 days after it has been disbursed. A loan may be extended once, for up to 30 additional days, upon application to the Senate Office and approval by the Administrative Assistant in consultation with the Executive Committee. Applications for extension must be submitted before the initial due date.~~

6) If a withdrawal through the Credit Fund is approved, funds will be disbursed via check from the Office of the Bursar in accordance with the Bursar policies and procedures.

7) Withdrawals not picked up within 30 days of the date of application will be automatically cancelled.



8) All withdrawals made through the Credit Fund shall be interest free. ~~However, late payment penalties may be applied by the Bursar's Office.~~

9) Payments toward a line of credit account received through the Credit Fund must be made at the Office of the Bursar.

10) Any loan not paid by the due date shall result in a hold being placed on the account of the person involved; therefore, restricting future enrollment, student benefits, and eligibility for academic transcripts from the University.

~~11) Any loan originally paid on time that is subsequently overdue as a result of financial aid being rescinded shall be given an automatic 30-day extension from the date funds are rescinded. Following this 30-day period, all penalties shall apply as normal.~~

~~12) The treatment of past due loans will be handled in accordance with the policies and procedures employed by the Bursar's Office pertaining to other, similar accounts receivable.~~

13) Standard Operating Procedures for the Credit Fund shall be outlined in the Emergency Line-of-Credit Fund Guidebook, which shall remain in the Senate Office at all times, with copies maintained by the Communications Director, Treasurer, and Administrative Assistant.



# Special Allocation Request Form

University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate

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Not Approved

GSS Executive  
Committee Meeting: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

GSS Meeting: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Proposition #: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: Graduate Students of Color Association Date Submitted: 10/20/2016

Contact Person: Abigail Smith, Monique Golden

Phone: 434-213-5567/908-977-2060 Email Address: abigail.j.2.smith@uconn.edu, monique.golden@uconn.edu

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

Name of Proposed Event: Election Viewing Party

Date(s) of Proposed Event: 11/8/2016

Location of Event: African American Cultural Center from 8pm-12:30am

Please describe the event *and* provide an estimate of the anticipated number of total and graduate student attendees: This is the final event of our Get Out To Vote Campaign with GEU-UAW, AACC, Community Outreach and Sankofa. This particular event will be cosponsored by GEU-UAW and AACC. The money given by GSS will only cover grads in attendance. We anticipate 100 grads we can cover, though we may get more, which would be covered by AACC, as well as undergraduates and other community members. We will keep track of grad attendance using the swipe reader.

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: GSCA listserv

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):  
AACC, GEU-UAW

**BUDGET**

**Requested:**

**Allocated:**

1.	College Pizza (5 party size plain @ 17.95 each) 24 slices	\$ 89.75	
2.	Veggie Party Size (3@26.75)	\$ 80.25	
3.	Wings 3*37.66	\$ 112.98	
4.	Door Prizes (grads only: hot chocolate, candy, assortment of goodies)	\$ 100.00	
5.	cookies (from price chopper) 1 dz @ \$6 each	\$ 36.00	
6.	Pepperoni Pizza Party size (5@20.70 each)	\$ 103.50	
7.	Buffalo Chicken Pizza Party Size (4@27.75e)	\$ 111.00	
8.	cups, napkins, cutlery	\$ 100.00	
9.	drinks	\$ 200.00	
10.	Building Hours extension	\$ 50.00	
11.	Additional pizza for attendees	\$ 500.00	
12.			
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14.			
15.			

**Total Expenses:** \$ 1,483.48

**REVENUES**

**Expected:**

1.	drinks (GEU +AACC)	\$ 200.00
2.	building hours extension (AACC)	\$ 50.00
3.	Additional pizza for attendees (AACC)	\$ 500.00
4.		
5.		

**Total Revenues:** \$ 750.00

**Total Requested:** \$ 733.48