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- I. Call to Order 7:11
- II. Recognition of Senators

## **III.** Approval of Minutes:

- a. GSS meeting minutes, 1, February, 2016 (to be approved by Senate)
- b. GSS Executive meeting minutes, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 motion to approve by Cera Fisher. Approved by voice vote.
- c. GSS Meeting Minutes, 7, December, 2017 Motion to approve by Tom Briggs, seconded by Cera fisher. Approved by voice vote.

### IV. Unfinished Business

- a. Disbursements (Matthew Parent) We are working through these diligently, and we hope to elect a treasurer tonight who can wrap up the processing of the outstanding disbursement.
- b. Outstanding Checks (Matthew Parent) See above explanation of disbursements.
- c. Quarterly Bills (Matthew Parent) There is a forthcoming meeting with Kimberly Miller to finalize the outstanding bill.

# V. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President Matthew Parent (Acting)
  - Grad fee meeting Matthew attending the meeting at which GSS is approved to receive funds from the Graduate Activity Fee. GSS will continue to be funded through this fee.
  - ii. Bringing financial processes up to date The executive committee, which will hopefully expand tonight, is committed to coming up with a workable, equitable financial policy for GSS, particularly regarding executive committee stipends.

### b. Vice President - Matthew Parent

i. Committee Reports – Matthew attended the faculty senate and the Senate Executive Committee. There is not too much to report that is directly relevant to graduate students. One note of relevance is the international student fee, which is still being worked out. GAs will not have to pay the fee. Matthew argued for reducing expenses for all international graduates. There was also a discussion about educational tools for GA rolls as assistants. Matthew asked if they brought



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in graduate students from a variety of departments. The SEC report they did. They are putting additional training in our (graduate students) court, including the teaching certificate. They also discussed changing curriculum for undergraduates.

- c. Treasurer Matthew Parent (Acting)
  - Budget updates Matthew and others went through the budget projections
    written by former president Chriss Sneed (the edited document is attached).

    Matthew increased employment to allow for creative solutions to the University
    problem of not allowing international students to serve through our classification
    as employees.
    - 1. Tom Briggs If we wanted to try and get a higher fee, what would we have to do?
      - a. Matthew we would have to prepare an argument for the student fee board. If approved it would go to the presidents office.
  - ii. Updating financial policy See *Bringing financial processes up to date* under the President's Report.
- d. Communications Director Jordan Rees
  - Public Relations Committee Meeting The committee met today, and decided on notebooks, pens, and mugs, as each of these has received good feedback in the past. Suggestions/objections were solicited, and none were reported.
- e. Activities Director Bahar Deljoo
  - Grad Prom There are 300 tickets for food. To attend dinner between 7pm and 8pm you must have a ticket. The event then opens up. The theme is red carpet. Tickets can be picked up next week.
    - 1. Same non-graduate students can't attend?
      - a. Bahar They just cannot attend the dinner. They can come to the party afterwards. It is not our preferred policy, just the structure already set up in the event.
      - Victoria Blodgett This brings up how family unfriendly this is.
         There is not consideration for partners, which many graduate



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students have. The Graduate School would love to work with GSS to change this.

- c. Another person asked about paying. Reiterated that we cannot accept money under the current structure.
- f. Parliamentarian Covered by Matthew Parent
  - i. Apportionment The executive committee will be examining apportionment of senators based on program size.
  - ii. Attendance -
    - 1. Tom Briggs It might be helpful to post attendance of student organizations online.
      - a. He also reminded the executive committee that the bylaws need to be updated.
        - Matthew Parent We are in the process of doing this.
           The parliamentarian from last year did not update the by-laws after amendments were passed. This makes the process of updating more laborious as we have to comb through all of the minutes to find any amendments and update accordingly.
  - iii. Resignation of Parliamentarian Matthew read the attached resignation letter

### VI. External Committee Reports

a. Tom – President's Working Group on Immigration Changes – The committee was formed after President Trump's executive order. Tom read the attached report.

### VII. New Business

- a. By-Law Amendment (Covered by Matthew Parent)
  - i. Proposed Change (Covered by Matthew Parent) (attached)
    - Statement from Executive Committee (Jordan Rees) As we continue to
      work on the discriminatory nature of our classification as employees, the
      executive committee supports a solution that involves eliminating pay all
      together, in the full knowledge that it will impact their own pay.
    - 2. Amendment was tabled to the procedures committee.



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- b. At-Large Senator (Matthew Parent)
  - Sam Recently graduated from undergrad at UConn and is now a graduate student. He has deep concern for veteran students. He wants to be involved in student government.
  - ii. Shannon English department Interested in becoming an at-large senator to stay informed and be more involved.
  - iii. Both senators at-large were approved by closed ballot.
- c. Special Allocation Tarang Matthew requested more detail for the contractual services.
  - i. The additional services are for the lights and DJ. This is the first time they are doing the event and the cost is more than they thought originally.
  - ii. Deepthi spoke in support mentioning that going through the student union can make things more expensive.
  - iii. Tom Briggs motioned to vote, seconded by Cera Fisher. The special allocation was approved by voice vote.
- d. Election of New Treasurer (Matthew Parent)
  - i. Nominees:
    - Treasurer Gunnar Eubanks He reported he has always been in student government andhas been around this kind of thing for a while. As such, he understands how it works and would like to give back and get back into it.
    - 2. Tom, do you know what you're getting into?
      - Gunnar reports that he spoke with Jordan Rees about the demands of the position.
    - 3. Gyuho Song Asked if Gunnar is a GA.
      - a. Gunnar reports that he is not, therefore having more free time.
    - 4. Cera Fisher She asked if he would support finding an equitable way to provide compensation for the executive committee.
      - a. Gunnar He has experience in a volunteer fire department where he did not support a stipend because it should be volunteer. It's not good pay yourself.



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- i. Sam Do you have an experience with economics or business?
  - He is an econ major and has been in a position of leadership where they had to deal with money
- ii. One person asked why Gunnar is running for treasurer and not president.
  - Gunnar It is something new to do. He would like to experience something new. He has done leadership/president before.

### 5. Treasurer - Harshul Khanna

- a. Third year material sciences student. He has been doing this (student government) since high school. He was a member of Future Business Leaders. He was treasurer of the mathematics organization and cricket team in undergrad. He wants to do the job because he enjoys the adventure. As a material sciences student he likes to look into how things works, and being the treasurer will provide him that opportunity with GSS. He has served as an interim external secretary and worked on last year's Diwali event for 250 people.
- b. Question This job requires time commitment, what does your availability look like?
  - Harshul reports his course load is light. He does modeling which means he often sets models and leaves them for hours or days. He is a half time TA, limited to about 6hrs a week.
  - ii. Cera Fisher given the fact this is a lot of work do you support working with the administration to figure out a stipend for all the work?
    - 1. He supports working on a stipend but is willing to work on a volunteer basis.



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- iii. Question Do you see your self viewing budgeting rules as constraining or as an opportunity set forth with guidelines?
  - Harshul sees budgetary rules an opportunity he tries to get most bang for buck, and does the most possible with the budget.
- c. Harshal was voted in as treasurer by closed ballot.
- ii. Election of New President (Matthew Parent)
  - 1. Nominees:
    - a. Tony Patelunas Tony apologized for being late. He is a graduate student in MCB, and has been a senator for his entire time at UConn. He was president of GSS last year and served on internal and external committees. He thinks he is well suited because of his experience. His positions on committee are key because GSS' primary function is to advocate and committees do that. He was on a committee to help get students on the board to deal with the student health insurance plan. He also just got back form Hartford testifying to the appropriations committee to reduce/block cuts to UConn's budget.
      - i. Cera Fisher What is your position about the stipends?
        - Tony believes stipends are there to incentivize.
           Last year they had a hard time getting people to sign up even with the stipends. This isn't a paid role—it is leadership. That being said, stipends/awards will help keep a strong executive board.
        - 2. Tony Patelunas was voted in as president by closed ballot.

VIII. Issues Forum



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- a. Sam Approximately 160 students at UConn are veterans and active military receiving some type of benefits; there are maybe 45 who do not receive benefits. He wants to establish a veteran's grad student association. They have established a preliminary eboard, are working on a constitution, and preparing to register as a tier 2.
- b. There was talk about doing a national Science March in DC and acriss the US. Some UConn faculty are active setting up a march in Hartford. They are currently considering earth day. It would be great if graduate students from all fields showed their support.
  - i. The Hartford march has a Facebook group, there is also one for the DC march and one for Boston.
- c. **Deepthi** Are we talking about the stipend situation?
  - Matthew We want to change things so we aren't recruiting people based on immigration status. We may start a working group.
- d. **Tom Briggs** Can we do a GSS survey?? Maybe the welfare committee could work on getting it out this semester.
  - i. Matthew We should do it so the next executive committee will have the data.
  - ii. **Bahareh** This will be helpful to know who all we are serving.
  - We could consider an incentive and have the Graduate School to send it outside the digest.
    - 1. One person asked if we can we send it on the listsery?
      - a. The graduate listserv is no longer in existence.
    - 2. Bahareh- It would be really helpful to be able to contact graduate students directly.
    - 3. Victoria Blodgett There is no good way to do that. The Graduate School will not support sending lots of emails. We don't have a platform for quick responses. GSS should work with UITS to set up a gss listsery.
    - 4. Bahareh As GSS, we need to have better access.
    - 5. Tom Briggs He agrees this is an issue. Email overloading is a problem, but as GSS, we cannot send information and diminishes our position as a mouthpiece for graduate students.
      - a. Matthew Let's look into it with UITS.



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- i. Jordan: If we have to populate the listserv ourselves, that will not be anymore helpful than the current list of senators' email addresses, which I already have. The problem is getting information to all graduate students.
- ii. Victoria Blodgett- We may be able to populate your list.
- iii. Jordan will look into it. We need to establish best practices so we are responsible and do not spam graduate students.
- b. Question Can anyone email any list serv?
  - Tony thinks there is an admin approval for a listsery, but UITS can answer this.
- iv. Bahareh We need volunteers for grad prom from 4:30 11:00.
- v. Victoria
  - 1. April 3-7 grad student appreciation week encouraging departments to show love
  - 2. April 27 Cynthia Furman, co-creator for MyIDP program will discuss how to communicate with your advisor
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Storrs PIRG	13360	15000	14500	14500	
Graduate Student Senate	3200	3200	3350	3350	
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Hartford Student Government	1050	1050	1100	1100	
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Waterbury Student Government	700	700	700	700	
Hartford PIRG	800	800	850	850	
School of Social Work	400	325	325	325	
Requirement:					

If the trustee account is requesting a fee increase, *do not submit this form.* A different form will be sent to you upon notification to the Student Activity Fee and Service Advisory Committee Chair of your intent to request an increase.

# **Instructions**

If the trustee account is requesting a fee increase, *do not submit this form.* A different form will be sent to you upon notification to the Student Activity Fee and Service Advisory Committee Chair of your intent to request an increase.

First 3 lines: Enter the name of your organization, contact person/person that prepared the form and contact phone number.

Manually enter all Revenue and Expenditure line items <u>and</u> "Fund Balance At the Beginning of the Year" for the first 2 columns. The fields will calculate automatically.

#### **FY16 Actual Amount Column:**

Enter the actual amounts from last fiscal year.

Manually enter the Fund Balance at Beginning of Year.

### **FY17 Original Amount Column:**

Enter the amounts from last year's form "FY 17 Updated" column (column 5).

Manually enter the Fund Balance at Beginning of Year per last year's form FY 16 Updated (column 5).

#### **FY17 UPDATED:**

Use your current year records to get the actual income and expenses by line item as of the end of the month (or to date) and project (add/s to/from each of the line items for the remaining months through June 30, 2017.

### FY18 Original Amount:

Enter the same information as last year's form FY18 Projected column (column 6).

#### For FY18 UPDATED:

Determine if there are changes to the FY18 Original column and record your updated information in each line item. If the original amounts/have not changed, enter the original amounts here.

### **FY19 PROJECTED Amount:**

Project income and expenses for each line item.

For Questions, please contact the Student Activities Business Office at 860-486-3163.

### University of Connecticut Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee Activity Fee <u>Budget Update & Projection Form</u> - Fiscal Year 2016-2019

Organization: GSS

Contact Person: Matthew Parent (VF)

Phono: GSS

Phone:	860-436-3907						
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	611 Telephone	438	550	550	550	550	550
	612 Advertising		200	500	200	500	500
	613 Awards and Prizes	885	400	1000	400	1250	1500
	615 Contractual Services	10494.59	14,000	15000	14,000	15000	15000
	616 Co-Sponsorships						
	617 Cost of Goods Sold - Food Sales						
	618 Cost of Goods Sold - Merchandise Sales						
	619 Participation Fees	667	200	250	200	200	200
	620 Refreshments - Events/Programs	42685.02	50,000	43000	50,000	50000	50000
	621 Supplies - Events/Programs	3,224	1,800	3500	1,800	4000	4500
	622 Registration Fees	193.36					
	623 Rental	704	2,500	1000	2,500	2000	2000
	624 Travel	3,695	5,500	5,000	5,500	5,500	5,500
	625 Equipment	2297.83		1000		1000	2000
	626 Equipment - Capital						
	627 Insurance						
	628 Repairs and Maintenance	<del></del>					
	629 Utilities	<del>-</del>					
	630 Penalties and Fees	<del></del>					
	631 Miscellaneous	-	5,000	0	5,000	0	0
	632 Prior Year Expenses						
	633 Change Funds	_	200	200	200	200	200
	640 Business Taxes (Tier III/Univ.) 641 Employee Benefits (Tier III)	<del>-</del>					
	642 Wages - Student (Tier III)	16460	17,000	17000	17,000	23000	23000
	643 Wages - Non-Student (Tier III)		17,000	17000	17,000	23000	23000
	644 Wage Taxes - Student (Tier III)	198	350	0	350	0	0
	645 Wage Taxes - Non-Student (Tier III)	_		Ü		<u>o</u>	v
Total Expenditur		\$ 86,096	\$ 103,200	\$ 94,850	\$ 103,400	\$ 110,070	\$ 112,420
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Revenues Less Ex	xpenditures:	\$ 22,152	\$	\$ 12,650	\$	\$	\$
Use of Surplus:		\$0	\$ 400	\$0	\$ 600	\$ 2,570	\$ 4,920
Total (Must be eq	<u>qual to or greater than zero.):</u>	\$ 22,152	\$0	\$ 12,650	\$0	\$0	\$ 4,200
Fund Balance At	Beginning Of Year:	\$ 38,229	\$ 25,201	\$ 60,381	\$24,801	\$ 73,031	\$ 70,461
Fund Balance At	Year End:	\$ 60380.85	\$ 24,801	\$ 73030.85	\$ 24,201	\$ 70460.85	\$ 69740.85
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# University of Connecticut Student Activities

**Revised 7/1/11** 

# **INCOME -- CHART OF ACCOUNTS**

No.	Account Name	Examples/(Definitions)
	General Operating	
501	Donations	(non-tax-deductible funds from marathons, mailings, philanthropy, etc.)
502	Dues	national reimbursements, membership/initiation fees
	Events and Programs	
512	Advertising	newspaper/magazine ads, radio ads, yearbook ads, program ads
513	Awards and Prizes	(recognition for achievement)
515	Contractual Services	chair set-ups, performances, discount cards, outside vendor commissions Friendly's, Panda Express
516	Co-Sponsorships	(income from another organization for an event or program)
517	Food Sales	candy grams, baked goods, donuts, patty sales, bottled water, ice cream
518	Merchandise Sales	apparel, posters, jewelry, CDs, flowers, reusable water bottles
519	Participation Fees	ticket sales, admission, dog washes
522	Registration Fees	conferences, business meetings
523	Rental	equipment
524	Travel	airfare, gas/tolls, buses, taxis, hotels
	Other/Miscellaneous	
530	Penalties and Fees	fines, late charges, penalties
531	Miscellaneous	(receipts unable to be categorized elsewhere)
532	Prior Year Income	(income not within current fiscal year)
533	Change Fund Returns	(returned from cash box start-up funds)
	Tier III/University Only	
540	Business Taxes (Tier III/Univ.)	sales tax (collected)
546	Interest (Univ.)	
547	Student Fees (Tier III/Univ.)	

# University of Connecticut Student Activities Revised 7/1/11

# **EXPENSES -- CHART OF ACCOUNTS**

No.	Account Name	Examples/(Definitions)
	General Operating	
601	Donations	(monies for charities and philanthropic causes)
602	Dues	dues refund, membership, national dues
603	Gifts	flowers, gift cards, apparel, graduation stoles, Newspapers (no charge/give away items)
604	Photocopying	copies Staples, Document Production
605	Postage	stamps, UPS/FedEx/DHL (outgoing mail only)
606	Printing	professional brochures/magazines, posters, business cards, letterhead
607	Promotional Items	(general public give-aways imprinted items not for advertising or resale)
608	Refreshments Organization	edibles/beverages (members only at meetings/workshops)
609	Subscriptions	magazines, periodicals, newspapers, online accounts
610	Supplies Organization	office supplies, uniforms, software
611	Telephone	telephone, cell phone and fax charges
	Events and Programs	
612	Advertising	newspaper/magazine ads, table tents, radio ads, program ads, bus ads
613	Awards and Prizes	scholarships, door prizes, gift cards, trophies (drawn from a selection process)
615	Contractual Services	DJ/band, referees/coaches, police, honorariums, web hosting, service contracts, parking garage
616	Co-Sponsorships	(payments to another organization for an event or program)
617	Cost of Goods Sold Food Sales	bottled water, candy, donuts, cookies, brownies, cupcakes
618	Cost of Goods Sold Merchandise Sales	clothes/t-shirts, buttons, stickers, flowers, CDs, jewelry, posters
619	Participation Fees	bowling, movie tickets (non-contractual program expenses)
620	Refreshments Events/Programs	edibles/beverages ice cream, soda, pizza, catering
621	Supplies Events/Programs	event supplies paper plates, cups, decorations
622	Registration Fees	conferences, software licenses, sports entry fees
623	Rental	equipment, facilities/halls, (SUBOG bus rental)
624	Travel	airfare, gas/tolls, mileage, hotels, trip/meal reimbursements, bus rentals
	Other/Miscellaneous	
625	Equipment	(under \$1,000 per item & included in controllable inventory)
626	Equipment Capital	(\$1,000 and over per item & included in reportable inventory)
627	Insurance	building, events liability, non-student workers' compensation
628	Repairs and Maintenance	(fixed assets only)
629	Utilities	natural gas, electricity, cable, satellite
630	Penalties and Fees	fines, late charges, penalties, interest
631	Miscellaneous	(expenses that cannot be defined elsewhere)
632	Prior Year Expenses	(expenses not within current fiscal year)
633	Change Funds	cash box start-up funds
	Tier III/University Only	
640	Business Taxes (Tier III/Univ.)	performance tax, sales tax, unrelated business income tax
641	Employee Benefits (Tier III)	
642	Wages Student (Tier III)	
643	Wages Non-Student (Tier III)	
644	Wage Taxes Student (Tier III)	
645	Wage Taxes Non-Student (Tier III)	

#### To the Graduate Student Senate:

Please accept this letter of resignation from my position as Parliamentarian of GSS effective February 15, 2017. It has been a pleasure working with you all this school year, and I regret that I cannot continue doing so. This was not an easy decision for me; however, the recent administrative push to enforce policies that are detrimental to the functioning of GSS and the integrity of the organization has made me very uncomfortable in maintaining my position. As the current Parliamentarian, I find that I can no longer align myself with these policies without compromising my own values and stances on social justice. Furthermore, the constantly blatant exclusion and dismissal of the Executive Board in administrative conversations surrounding GSS has been very disheartening.

Again, it has been a pleasure working with you all. I would like to thank all of you who have supported the Executive Board in our attempt to maintain a socially equitable organization. I hope that you will continue to support the remaining members of the Executive Board as they navigate these stressful officer transitions.

With love and solidarity,

Donyeil D. Hoy, Jr.



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**Committee Report Form** 

**Instructions**: Please fill out and email this form within 7 days of your committee meeting to jordan.rees@uconn.edu with the subject header "Committee Report Form" and the date of the next GSS meeting at which it will be presented (i.e., "Committee Report Form 11-7-12"). To fill out the form, click on the editable fields and enter the specified information.

## President's Working Group on Immigration Changes 2/6/17

Daniel Weiner Chair: Representative: Thomas Briggs Global Affairs

Senator-at-large

thomas.briggs@uconn.edu

Website: Committee Type: President's Working Group

## **Overview of Report**

Were the details of the meeting confidential? No

Was anything of relevance to graduate students? Yes

# **Detailed Report**

Rae Alexander from the International Scholars and Student Services (ISSS) department reported on the number of students affected by the recent Presidential Executive Order travel ban on all citizens from 7 countries (Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Sudan, Iran, and Somalia). She informed the group about the members of the UConn community affected by this travel ban which includes all people from these countries with visas sponsored by UConn. She stated the majority of those affected were Iranian

Daniel Weiner, Vice President for Global Affairs, informed the group that its purpose was to share information and ensure UConn sends out a consistent message both internally and externally. He confirmed the message stated by Victoria Blodgett at the last GSS meeting that the main point of information is ISSS. ISSS has a specific webpage where students can find updated information regarding immigration changes, and all concerned students should contact ISSS if they have any queries.

I informed the group that this affects a lot of graduate students who are hesitant to travel abroad to fulfil both professional and personal obligations. Daniel Weiner stated that 1 in 4 graduate



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students were international and that the university wants to discuss ways that it can best support international students.

### **Action Items for Senate**

- GSS Executive Committee and Senators to communicate to students that ISSS is the primary point of information regarding these issues
- If any student has specific experiences they wish to report to the university they can also contact me and I will pass this info.

# Attachments\*

Do you have any attachments? Should they be displayed during your report?

\* Please only include an attachment if the document is not (or will not become) available publically elsewhere AND if you cannot excerpt from it to include in your detailed report AND if it is a necessary accompaniment to your detailed report. Attach it as a .doc file (if possible) separately.

#### **BYLAW VI: Stipends**

- 1) The GSS may award funds to its officers as stipends, in recognition of contributions made to the GSS and its work by the individuals holding those offices, subject to a majority closed ballot vote of the Senate.
- 2) Stipends awarded to officers of the execution of duties as defined in the GSS

Constitution and Bylaws shall be limited to the following totals for each office, regardless of the number of individuals serving in each office:

# A. President

- i. Up to \$3,000 paid in nine equal monthly installments from September through May.
- ii. Up to \$600 paid in equal monthly installments from June through August.
- B. Vice President
- i. Up to \$500 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Fall semester.
- ii. Up to \$500 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Spring semester.
- C. Communications Director
- i. Up to \$500 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Fall semester.
- ii. Up to \$500 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Spring semester.
- D. Treasurer
- i. Up to \$3,000 paid in nine equal monthly installments from September through May.
- ii. Up to \$600 paid in equal monthly installments from June through August.
- **E. Activities Director**
- i. Up to \$800 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Fall semester.
- ii. Up to \$800 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Spring semester.
- iii. Up to \$400 awarded for the Summer at the first Senate meeting of the following Fall semester.
- F. Parliamentarian
- i. Up to \$500 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Fall semester.
- ii. Up to \$500 awarded at the last Senate meeting of the Spring semester
- 3) At the last Senate meeting of each month, any Senator can motion to adjust the pay of the President and/or the Treasurer for that month by a majority closed ballot vote. If no such motion is made, then the Senate defaults to approving the pay for the month. The Parliamentarian shall announce that fact during his or her report at each relevant meeting.

- 4) Stipends up to \$250 per graduate student per semester may be specifically awarded for the organization of any substantial undertaking involving duties beyond those specifically defined in the GSS Constitution and Bylaws subject to a majority closed ballot vote of the Senate. No more than \$750 in total per semester may be awarded for this purpose from the GSS budget.
- 5) Summer Duties and Stipends
- A. The President, the Activities Director, and the Treasurer shall play an active role over the summer, coordinating summer events, overseeing GSS finances, and preparing for the coming year, including but not limited to the preplanning of Fall activities.
- B. During the summer months, the Executive Committee may withhold any portion or all of the monthly stipend paid to the President by majority vote. At the first Senate meeting of the Fall semester, the Senate shall vote to award any portion or all of the funds withheld by Executive Committee vote.
- C. In the case that officers are unable or unwilling to fill their summer roles, the Senate may appoint individuals to do so in their place.
- D. In the event that officers of their appointed substitutes becomes unwilling or unable to continue in the role over the summer, the Executive Committee may appoint by a three-fifths majority vote a substitute to serve the role for the remainder of the summer.
- 6) The individuals being considered for stipends shall abstain from voting on their own awards.



# Special Allocation Request Form

# **University of Connecticut Graduate Student Senate**

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GSS Executive Committee Meeting://	
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Proposition #:	

Organization:	Date Submitted:
Contact Person:	<u></u>
Phone: Email Addr	ess:
Is your organization a fully registered and active Tier II organization	n with the Student Activities Office? Yes
Name of Proposed Event:	
Date(s) of Proposed Event:	
Location of Event:	
Please describe the event <i>and</i> provide an estimate of the anticipated  How do you plan on advertising your event to the graduate student	
Graduate student listserv Fly	vers around campus
Facebook Ar	nouncements
Other email/distribution lists  Ot	
Please describe:  Please list any contributors to the event (note their financial contrib	Please describe:  utions on the back under the "Revenues" section):
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BUDGET	Requested:	Allocated
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