**Attendance:** Justin Fang, Erin Curry, Kevin Boyd, Ngoc Chau Vy, Jennifer Caffyn

**Meeting began at 11:03 am**

**I. President – Justin Fang**

1. Guest speaker for upcoming meeting is Scott Jordan (University Finances presentation).
2. New UConn President – The vote is tomorrow.
3. Current UConn Provost is resigning in March. The interim Provost is the Dean of the Business School.
4. Proposed policy for multiple academic constituencies that are part of one Tier II organization to establish a procedure on how to systematically deal with organizations like SAGE. We will get feedback from SAGE before proceeding to discuss this with the Senate.
5. Foundation graduate candidate, Becca Colby, is currently working on collection 300 signatures to qualify to run.
6. Grad Certificate Programs
   1. A number of students have taken courses that would qualify for graduate certificates.
   2. They would like to know if it would be possible to retroactively file to get these certificates from the Grad School. Doesn’t seem like it will be supported by the Grad School.
7. The GEU is looking for interested members of the grad student body to join their Outreach committee to the State Appropriations meeting.

**II. Vice President – Erin Curry**

1. State Appropriations Meeting
   1. The planning meeting was yesterday.
   2. We are looking for two graduate students to testify and make an argument as to why the state should not cut funding for UConn.
   3. The speech should be 3 minutes long. Transportation and refreshments will be provided.
   4. The meeting will take place sometime during the first week of March.
2. Legal services for graduate students
   1. Tony mentioned to us that the University of Maryland has a program that offers legal advice to graduate students, usually related to housing or immigration.
   2. We would like to set something like this up here in collaboration with the Law School, *pro bono*.

**III. Treasurer – Kevin Boyd**

1. Special Allocations
   1. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology – Requested $200 for a post-seminar lunch for 20 grad students. E-Board approves the requested amount and will bring the vote to the Senate.
   2. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology – Requested $450 for refreshments and supplies for a campus cleanup event. E-Board approves the requested amount and will bring the vote to the Senate.
   3. SAGE – Requested $500 for refreshments and supplies for two networking events for a total of 100 grad students. E-Board approves the requested amount and will bring the vote to the Senate.
   4. SAGE – Requested $1,656 for refreshments for an end of the year BBQ for 100 grad students. E-Board approves the requested amount and will bring the vote to the Senate.
2. Student Fees Advisory Committee Report
   1. They are going to recommend a ~$50 General University Fee increase, which is less than half of what we had previously anticipated. This is because a portion of the cost increase will be covered by a Central fund.
   2. It’s to be seen whether the President’s Office approves of and acts on the recommendation.
3. University Senate Budget Committee Report
   1. A big portion of the time was spent discussing Athletics.
   2. In general, unless you are in the Big 10, most Athletics programs operate in the negative.
   3. Most of the deficit at UConn comes from the extended support staff for the numerous programs that we offer. Many of these programs do really well and win championships. There’s just not enough viewership and attendance to make the revenue needed to support these teams.
   4. Bottom line is, this isn’t going to change so the University has to deal with it and the issue is just going to get worse.
4. Status of Tier II RSO Budget Submissions
   1. Kevin has received 10-12 budgets and expecting more in the next few days.
   2. He has sent out two reminders and will send one more tomorrow.

**IV. Communications Director – Ngoc Chau Vy**

1. Website has been updated with spring semester meeting dates and Shruti’s contact info.
2. GSS Senator Swag will be ordered in the next month.

**IV. Activities Director – Jennifer Caffyn**

1. Resource Fair was good.
2. Happy Hour Review – We got over a hundred attendees this last time.
3. Jen is looking to do another if not two additional Happy Hour this semester. Will need to put in SA requests for it.
4. The Grad School asked us to do a Build-a-Husky event for 100-150 grad students. Looking to have it on March 28th.
5. Grad Prom will take place either the 12th or 19th. Jen is waiting approval for venue booking.

**V. Parliamentarian – Andrew Meguerdichian**

1. By-Laws revisions will be presented tomorrow.
2. Financial Policies and Procedures revisions will be presented tomorrow.
3. Apportionment for FY 19-20 is awaiting final numbers from the Grad School.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.**