**Attendance:** Justin Fang, Nafis Fuad, Erin Curry, Damaris Thuita, Gabrielle Corso and Deepa Shukla

**Meeting began at 11:01am, in SU-213**

1. **Executive Committee Reports:**
   1. President – Justin Fang
      1. Board of Trustees meeting updates-
2. Update on the CT Commitment, a program for CT undergrads whose parents make less than $50,000.
3. Northwest and Gant Building Construction
4. Fringe benefits- UConn will look into increased coverage of fringe benefits
   * 1. Nomination: TAFTS committee
5. Concerned about environmental issues, attempts to make the University carbon neutral.
6. Need 1 graduate student
   * 1. Nomination: Community Resource Team
7. Need 1 Graduate student
   * 1. Nomination: Grad School Hearing Committee
8. Need 2 Graduate students
   * 1. Appropriations Testimony before CT Legislature
9. Need 2 or 3 Graduate students to go to the Legislative Building to testify on the importance on UConn’s budget in Late Feb/ Mar
   * 1. Spring Resource Fair (1/16/19)
10. Need a couple folks to table for the event
    1. Vice President – Erin Curry
       1. Carpooling App
11. Meeting with Andy (creator of App) and met with Dwight and everything is mostly sorted. The only last part is to make sure the parking ticket officers have a way to see who is using the App so they won’t be ticketed. Should be able to roll the App out in Fall of 2020 at the latest. Also, there have been discussions about having Area 1 spaces for the App.
    1. Treasurer – Nafis Fuad
       1. New UConntact Finance Systems
12. Eventually Tier II’s will able to submit budget requests and reimbursements online. GSS will announce to have a few Tier II’s volunteer to try this new online portal for their finances.
    * 1. SASFAC updates
13. A decision has been made that no fees will be raised and no other organizations will be receiving money except the marching band.
14. The Recreation Center asked for more money but were denied and told to use the funds the receive from non-student members.
    * 1. University Senate Budget Committee updates
15. Proposed naming “unnamed” buildings as a way to generate revenue for the UConn Foundation.
    * 1. Tier II Budget Proposals for 2020-2021
16. Nafis sent out an email to Tier II treasurers that budget proposals will be due Jan. 31.
    * 1. Special allocation from GSAC
17. $300 for refreshments, $50 for supplies, anticipated attendance is 50 graduate students.

*Nafis made a motion to approve the special allocation. This was approved unanimously by the e-board.*

* + 1. GSS supplies and refreshment for next semester

1. Projector, coffee filter, snacks and looking in to purchasing a digital camera.
2. GSS swag for senators can be purchased outside of the approved vendor but quotes will be required.
   1. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
   2. Activities Director – Deepa Shukla
      1. Thanksgiving Lunch Review
3. 450 students attended and the event went well
4. Food was purchased for 600 students
5. Next year GSS will bump the reservations down to 500 students so money is not wasted
   * 1. Spring Grad Formal date
        1. Need to reserve Rome Ballroom NOW Apr. 3rd 7-10pm
   1. Parliamentarian – Damaris Thuita
      1. Bylaws change
         1. Found 1 Student to be on the committee
      2. Update on proposed A/A+ grading policy change
6. Starting in Fall 2020, graduate students will not be permitted to receive an A+
   * 1. Update on grade appeal policy change
7. Grades will only be eligible to be appealed within 2 weeks

**Meeting adjourns at 1:06pm**