1. **Call to Order: 7:08pm**
2. **Recognition of Senators:** Quorum was met with 43 senators.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   1. GSS-2019-12-4 Senate Meeting Minutes
   2. GSS-2020-1-9 E-Board Meeting Minutes
   3. GSS-2020-2-4 E-Board Meeting Minutes

*Daniel Pfieffer motioned to approve the minutes as shown; seconded by Alexis Trench. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Senate.*

1. **Executive Committee Reports:**
   1. President – Justin Fang
      1. Appropriations Testimony before CT Legislature Update- Still seeking one additional graduate student, preferably from CT or had completed their undergrad at UConn. All graduate students are welcome to attend and transportation will be provided from the Storrs campus to Hartford, and then back. Please contact Justin for more information
      2. Legislative Draft – There has been great progress in amending the University Bylaws and adding an additional graduate student Senator to the University Senate. Currently, there are two Graduate Student Senators on the University Senate, representing the interests of graduate students at UConn. These senators are typically the President of GSS, and the VP of GSS. (The current senators to the University Senate is Justin Fang, and Damaris Thuita). There is currently a political push to add an additional graduate student senator position, for a graduate student from a regional campus.
      3. Update to Provost’s Search – Justin will be interviewing the three finalist candidates for the University Provost position, and will report back to the Senate on the candidates. If any graduate students have any questions or inquires that they would like the candidates to answer, please contact Justin.
   2. Vice President – Erin Curry
      1. Carpooling App—Progress is being made and a meeting with Scott Jordan is scheduled and should be implemented by Fall 2020 semester.
      2. Announcements of opening of nominations- Now accepting nominations for the executive board for the 2020-2021 academic year, and the election will take place on April 1st. (The second-to-last Senate meeting)
   3. Treasurer – Nafis Fuad
      1. Tier II Budget Proposals for 2020-2021- Process has begun and budgets will be finalized in the coming weeks.
      2. Review of SASFAC panel (GSS goes on Feb 10th)- Justin and Nafis will be defending the GSS budget next month.
      3. Finance Committee
   4. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
      1. Promotional items- Requesting for more funds for Spring senator promotional items
   5. Activities Director – Deepa Shukla
      1. Spring Grad Formal date (3/6/19)- Mark your calendars and if your group likes to dance please let Deepa know!
      2. Food for GSS meetings—Please share your feedback!
   6. Parliamentarian – Damaris Thuita
      1. End-of-Semester budget eligibility check (Which groups are eligible)
      2. Bylaws change
         1. Incorporate multi-dept Tier II RSO’s
         2. Senators requiring Dept. Head approval
2. **New Business:**
   1. Special Allocations (Gabrielle Corso)

*The special allocation for additional funds for GSS promotional items was approved by Roman Mays and seconded by William Biel.*

* 1. Notice: Sean Vasington wants to state that the remaining lots will stay open throughout Spring Semester. The construction of the supplemental utility plant is now set to begin in April – about a month beyond what we had presented to you in early December

1. **Committee Reports:**
   1. SASFAC updates (Nafis Fuad)-
2. UConn Library is very underbudgeted compared to other Universities. Also, significantly understaffed. Library cannot afford to have hard copy and E-journals. Library is required to spend $30,00 a year on Connecticut history.
3. **Issues Forum:** 
   1. Arshiah Mirza asked about heating in the Longley building and Erin replied that she will look into this.
   2. Deepa says a friend of her who is a UConn Farmington Campus student is not allowed to enter the Recreation Center, without paying a guest fee or for a day-pass. Nafis says he does not think the rec center director will budge with this, since regional campus students do not pay the rec center fee (Which is ~$200/semester for graduate students)
   3. Nafis brings up the issue that Tier II’s cannot be reimbursed for contractual funds. A purchase order **must** be made in order to for GSS to pay for these services! Please let your President and Treasurer know this.
   4. Alexis Trench brings up that fact that several UConn students committed suicide this semester and wonders if there is anything we can do? Erin responded that we will let the President know we would like to be involved. Stephany Santos asked about GSS funds for digital access.
   5. Roman Mays- SAGE Valentine event this Friday from 12-2pm in the ESB lobby.
4. **Adjournment:** *Alexis Trench motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tulika Paul . Senate voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.*