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

**Meeting began at 10:08am, in SU-213**

1. **Guest Speaker:**
   1. Guest speaker for the upcoming meeting with by Cynthia Costanzo.
   2. Athletics would like to present at a senate meeting this semester as well and Justin proposes they present at the last senate meeting (April 29th)
2. **Executive Committee Reports:**
   1. President – Justin Fang
      1. Board of Trustees Election upcoming- begins tomorrow at noon and Justin is the only candidate running.
      2. University Senate looking to write a resolution to the Foundation- this resolution is about divesting from fossil fuels.
      3. Update on Provost Candidates- there are two candidates in mind and negotiations are underway and the final choice and announcement will be made in two weeks.
   2. Vice President – Erin Curry
      1. Carpooling App- final stages of development are underway and are currently in the final steps of negotiating with the App creator to upkeep to app
      2. Appropriations Testimony before CT Legislature Update- occurred two weeks ago, three graduate speakers attended and there was a good UConn turnout.
      3. Announcements of opening of nominations- E-board positions are being called for nominations.
   3. Treasurer – Nafis Fuad
      1. Conversion of loan extension to electronic form- nothing yet from Sylvie but should be done by the end of the semester.
      2. Review of SASFAC panel (GSS goes on Feb 10th)- went well and no questions were asked.
      3. Finance Committee Update- budgets for TierII’s have been voted on and results will be sent out to TierII’s today. Budget requests are still over available funds so a percentage of cuts will be made for each expense code.
      4. Special Allocations
         1. Philosophy Graduate Student Association requests $800 for food for a writing retreat for 30 graduate students. Committee advises to drop the request to $300 total ($10 per person).
         2. American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists requests $900 for admissions for bowling and laser tag for 40 graduate students and $600 for food. Committee checked website and laser tag admission is $8 per person, shoe rental is $4.75 per person and bowling is $5.50 per person so the committee advises to drop the request to $730 for admissions and $400 for food ($10 per person).
      5. University Budget Committee- proposing a big cut to Athletics.
   4. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
      1. Minutes from last Senate meeting and last e-board meeting have been revised.
      2. Order promotional items- PO was just signed so will order can be made this week.
      3. Send out new GSS Formal flyer-
   5. Activities Director – Deepa Shukla
      1. Spring Grad Formal date (3/6/19)
         1. Catering and DJ contacted and both are all set
         2. LED dance floor vendor is likely going to cancel because he does not want to wait for payment.
         3. UConn PD contacted.
         4. Supplies purchased.
         5. PO completed.
         6. Gabrielle should send reminder email to student body on Tuesday morning at 8am.
      2. Stuff-A-Husky event for Grad Appreciation Week- Event is on March 29th and the items have been ordered and will be delivered on March 20th.
      3. Catering ready for Senate Meeting is all set and vendor agreed to deliver this time.
   6. Parliamentarian – Damaris Thuita
      1. Bylaws change- will present at this senate meeting and vote in the April meeting
         1. Incorporate multi-dept TierII RSO’s
         2. Senators requiring Dept. Head approval
3. **New Business:**
   1. New TierII is in the process of forming but will not be eligible for funding until Fall 2020.

Meeting adjourns at 12:13pm.