1. **Call to Order: 7:03pm**
2. **Recognition of Senators:** Quorum was met with 23 senators.
3. **Guest Speaker:**
	1. Cynthia Costanzo, Executive Director, UConn Recreation
4. Brief update with the Rec Center- Grand opening was the first day of classes (Aug. 25). Numbers were staggering. 5,000 people a day with no one waiting in line. Estimating that 80% of the UConn student population is using their services. Sold 800 faculty/staff memberships as well.
5. Student fee is split into 3 portions; equipment, wages. Plan is to also incorporate a personal training sessions.
6. Highlights- Mountaineering trip to Mount Washington, NH this weekend. The climbing center is currently shut down to re-design bouldering wall. There is a bicycle maintenance clinic happening next week. Spring semester there is a trip to Joshua Tree National Park. The university also has a cycle share program which allows students to rent bicycles for the semester or summer. Road dogs program trains students to run a half marathon. At the end of April, the 25th annual oozeball tournament will occur.
7. UConn Rec in active recruitment of hiring student employees and applications are available online and should be filled out before March 15-- UConn Rec is one of the few that has year -round employment on campus. UConn Rec is also looking for an advisory board of 15 diverse students and encourages interested individuals to contact her.
8. Robert Smith mentions there is a wait for lifts in the evening and not the treadmills and what can be done about this. Cyndi says functional training is hot right now and they are tracking what equipment is being used. UConn Recs goal is to get students in the gym and they are not going to rush the process. Rob also asks about the time frame for bike rental program and Cyndi states it will be after Spring break.
9. Irio asked if the old basketball courts could be used and Cyndi said Athletics may not be using it at all times.
10. Tulika asked about the dance studios not being used and if they could be open and Cyndi said she is not going to open them for anyone and they are looking into time when student organizations can use them.
11. Yifan asks about the prevention of the Coronavirus- Cyndi says UConn recreation will do what they are directed to do by the University and she does not know what the University will dictate as the next steps.
12. Deepa says the older sanitation setup was better for hand sanitizer because now it’s less convenient to wipe them down and many people do not wipe them down and Cyndi says 90% of people do wipe down the machines and it’s up to the students to police the people ahead of you and make sure you wipe down the machine before you use it. Deepa also mentions that the badminton racquets are running short and Cyndi says she just received an email about this. Anytime you have a concern within the facility, go to the front desk and ask to speak to the person in charge.
13. Gabrielle asks if they will allow clubs to utilize the common spaces, like to pool, and Cyndi states that they have to control the spaces allowed and they will schedule UConn Rec activities first, and clubs are second.
14. Tulika asks about contacting the person in charge and that she did go to the front desk to turn off the jacuzzi so she could swim and the life guard said they didn’t know to do that.
15. Rob Smith asks who to get in contact with if an organization does want to reserve the Athletic space and Cyndi said she does not believe Athletics is reserving facilities to student organizations.
16. Nafis asks if there is training for UConn Recreations’ student employees and Cyndi said there is extensive training.
17. **Approval of Minutes:**
	1. GSS-2020-02-05 Senate Meeting Minutes
	2. GSS-2020-03-02 E-Board Meeting Minutes

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

1. **Unfinished Business:**
2. **Executive Committee Reports:**
	1. President – Justin Fang
		1. Board of Trustees Election- Please vote for Justin!
		2. University Senate Resolution on Foundation divestment- Resolution proposes a divestment from fossil fuels and the Foundation says they don’t have any investments in fossil fuels.
		3. Update on Provost Candidates- Provost search included 3 candidates and the final announcement will be in 2 weeks.
	2. Vice President – Erin Curry
		1. Carpooling App- App is moving along and in the negotiation phase with the developer. The app should be rolling out in the summer (just for graduate students).
		2. Appropriations Testimony before CT Legislature Update- Successful and the committee responded well to the UConn student testimonies.
		3. GSS E-Board Nominations- Open for 2020-2021 E-board and elections will be at the next senate meeting.
	3. Treasurer – Nafis Fuad
		1. Tier II Budget Proposals for 2020-2021- 23 budgets were received and reviewed. 88,000 budgeted for 2020-2021 and we had requests for 150,000. Cutting was done in two phases; to look at individual events and even after doing this, budget was till over so a percentage cut was done across the board for the expense codes. Tier II’s should not fret because in the coming weeks Nafis will have a better understanding of how much of the fund balance is left to allocate. Tier II’s now have a week to appeal the decisions.
		2. Review of SASFAC panel- Tier III budget proposal went well and no questions were asked.
	4. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
		1. Promotional items ordered
	5. Activities Director – Deepa Shukla
		1. Spring Grad Formal date (3/6/19)- 7-8pm is dinner and after that is dancing and we are currently overbooked. Food was ordered for 200 and there is already more than 200 signed up. After 8pm, everyone is welcome! Food will be accommodating for all dietary needs.
		2. Stuff-A-Husky event for Grad Appreciation Week- This event will be at the end of March. Limited to 60 huskies only!
	6. Parliamentarian – Damaris Thuita
		1. Bylaws change (Will present at this senate meeting, vote in the April meeting)
			1. Incorporate multi-dept TierII RSO’s- will be voted on at the next senate meeting.
			2. Senators requiring Dept. Head approval- will be voted on at the next senate meeting.
3. **New Business:**
	1. Special Allocations
		1. PGSA Special Allocation- requesting funding for a writing retreat. This would include breakfast and lunch since the event would be all day.

*Rob Smith motioned to change the price to $495 seconded by Robert Daniels.*

* + 1. AAPS Special Allocation- requesting funding for a fun night. E-board recommended to drop the price to $1130.00. [5.50 for bowling, 4.75 for shoe rental, 8 for laser tag, 10 for food= $28.25].

*Utsav motioned to approve the price to $1130 seconded by Tulika Paul.*

* + 1. ICOU Special Allocation- Celebration of Nowruz, which is the Iranian New Years. There will be dancing and food and total expenses amount to 600.

*Roman Mays motioned to approve the price of $600 seconded by Daniel Pfieffer.*

1. **Committee Reports:**
	1. University Senate Growth and Development (Deepa Shukla)- Innovation Partnership Building. It takes 2-3 years to form a partnership with UConn. Most of the partners have been involved in undergraduate research and summer internships. Hypersonic research with the military and defense and requires special infrastructure that UConn does not have. Downsides to the building is .8 miles away from campus, no café in the building and lack of safety sensors. Daniel Pfieffer notes his concern about working with the government for military reasons and William Biel seconds this.
	2. University Senate Budget Committee (Nafis Fuad)- Are the funds enough to keep the campus secure? Have we reached our maximum capacity for in-state students? UConn charges two rates [in state and out of state/international]. The meeting is on March 9th so anyone interested should contact Nafis.
2. **Issues Forum:**
	1. Tarang is organizing a dance night this Saturday, March 7th and will be in UConn Hillel and all students are welcome to join.
3. **Adjournment:** *Roman Mays motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by William Biel. Senate voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm.*