**Attendance:** Justin Fang, Nafis Fuad, Erin Curry, Gabrielle Corso, Deepa Shukla, Damaris Thuita, Irio Schiano, Robert Daniels, Roman Mays.

**Meeting began at 2:02pm, via Zoom web platform**

1. **Executive Committee Reports:**
   1. President – Justin Fang/Nafis Fuad
      1. P/F grades for Grad Students has been implemented and you can make the decision after you see your grade.
         1. <http://soapbox.uconn.edu/public/storyView.php?id=87344&cid=40&iid=12359>
      2. Financial Aid Sources for grad students- there are 4 total (2/4 are grants/gifts that do not need to be repaid and the other 2 are loans)
      3. GSS Short Term Loan program
         1. Should we modify it? Amount, duration and cooldown time- Increasing the total amount may be difficult since there is a CT State law that prevents Universities from loaning more than $1000 without an exemption from the State, which takes a good amount of time to apply for. Justin recommends new E-board members increase the $1500 loan to $3000 until the pandemic ends.
         2. Freeze deadline for repayment, due to pandemic until campus reopens
         3. Justin recommends raising the regular amount of the loan from a maximum of $1500 to $2000, once the pandemic is over.
      4. List of Graduate Student Demands (21 in total)
         1. Justin has categorized the list of demands into; addressed (green), being addressed (yellow) or will not be addressed (red). Administration has looked over the list of graduate demands and is working on how they can address each demand. Many demands will be departmental based. Nafis says that many departments will just pay the bare minimum to meet a demand. Justin explains how terms in a document is extremely important. Words like aid, funds etc. are not interchangeable and misuse can lead to legal repercussions.
      5. University plans for Fall 2020- Summer 2 session has been cancelled and for Fall semester there is a plan to have a hybrid model which would only allow some undergraduates to live/be in campus.
      6. Housing for Grad Students- There is no official graduate housing but there are 150 graduate students living on campus. There is currently a surplus of undergrad housing so now is a good time to open up the dialogue for this topic.
      7. Transition dinner (Maybe end of summer)- Dinner is postponed for now.
      8. Consent Agenda- All “regular/housekeeping” documents would be voted on as a batch. 2 votes are required. Justin recommends implementing this in the Fall.
   2. Vice President – Erin Curry/Roman Mays
      1. Carpooling App Status- Contract will be to develop the app, with 1 year of a continued support. The app developer will be paid by funds from the President’s office. Justin states that he spoke with the USG President who would also like to chip in to pay for the development/maintenance of the app.
      2. Senate Meeting Overtime- Erin reminds Roman to request for extra time in case the meeting is running behind.
   3. Treasurer – Nafis Fuad/Robert Daniels
      1. GSS payment system going online- will mostly ready will be operational by Fall 2020. Roman asks about submission of original receipts and Nafis said he is going to try to see if a scanned version of the original receipt would suffice.
      2. GSS loan extension- is also going online.
      3. Most of payment has been taken care off
      4. Survey about grad student financial situations to pinpoint the ones in need (not eligible for most aid)- would like to send out a survey to students who are in need of aid. Erin thinks the survey/email should be sent out in a few more weeks as the dust begins to settle.
      5. E-board Training sessions- Please complete as soon as possible so GSS can function in UConntact.
   4. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
      1. Promotional items status- Items are currently being held in Facilties Operations
      2. GSS Service Award Committee Report- 1 Community Award ($500) to Robert Smith and 4 Service Awards ($250)- Robert Daniels, Santosh Periasamy, Kaustubh Pranhu, and Emily Green.
      3. Update of Minutes Format (Add an “attachment” section)- For attendees and Financial Aid memo to April 1 minutes. Also let senators know there is an attendance attachment to minutes.
      4. GSS Website- Please send photos/department/bios by May 1 so website can be updated with new E-board members.
   5. Deepa Shukla- No new news.
   6. Damaris Thuita- No new news.
2. **New Business:**
   1. GSS Short Term Loan change
   2. Nafis Fuad Travel Presentation
   3. Gabrielle Corso Travel Presentation
   4. President’s Statement to the Senate
3. **Committee Reports:**
   1. Nafis Fuad (University Budget Committee)
   2. Deepa Shukla (University Senate Growth and Development Committee)
   3. Gabrielle Corso (Marth Mentorship Award Committee)
4. **Issues Forum:**
5. Nafis Travel presentation
6. Gabrielle Travel presentation

Meeting adjourns at 4:46pm.