1. **Call to Order: Meeting began at 7:01pm.**
2. **Recognition of senators:** Quorum was not met with 24 senators**.**
3. **Guest Speaker:**
4. **Nathan Fuerst,** Enrollment Planning & Management
5. Vice President Fuerst talked about the International students, undergraduate enrollment and the Cares Relief Fund.
6. Nafis Fuad asked what they expect enrollment to be next Fall with different vaccines in place? VP Fuerst said he is optimistic that enrollment numbers will continue to increase.
7. Nafis asked about the mischarging of the Bursar department and their mistakes are paid ahead and they want the money back and then they out a hold on a student’s account. VP Fuerst stated that he will look into this.
8. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   1. GSS e-board meeting minutes - 12/8/2020 meeting
   2. GSS senate meeting minutes – 10/14/2020 meeting
   3. GSS senate meeting minutes – 11/11/2020 meeting
9. **Unfinished Business:**
   1. N/A
10. **New Business:**
11. GSS Treasurer resignation and election
12. **Nafis Fuad—**Seeking representatives for several committees; Diversity & Inclusion, Asian American Faculty & Staff Association.
13. **New position at ShaW-** Director would like to have GSS feedback and be contacted, especially if any students have issues with receiving care/testing with SHaW.
14. **Senator Kaustubh Prabhu-** Asked if the vaccines be distrusted to the University? Nafis said there is a plan to vaccinate faculty and staff which will include graduate students but the committee has not met yet so this will be finalized in the coming weeks.
15. **Issues Forum:**
    1. Senator Ryan Scala- Some courses have not been accommodating for online or hybrid courses.
    2. Senator Molly James- Emailed Nafis about Covid testing for regional campuses and would like to know more about testing for graduate students at Avery Point. Nafis stated that he addressed her question to ShaW but has not heard back yet. Nafis has also added this question in the agenda a meeting
16. **Executive Board Reports:**
    1. President –Nafis Fuad
       1. Proposing a Swing- The demise of the tree could have been due to the swing structure so Nafis suggested a self-supported swing instead. The swing would be a gift from the graduate students to the academic community. Senator Pejman Ghelich said he was not thrilled about the design, especially for the price of $5,000.
       2. Thoughts on Spring 2020- Any suggestions or concerns can be addressed to Nafis via email [nafis.fuad@uconn.edu].
    2. Vice President – Maggie Khuu
17. Committee will be forming in the next few weeks and any students that have questions about it can reach out to Maggie.
    1. Treasurer –
       1. Resignation and Election- Robert Daniels just resigned as GSS treasurer. Nafis will fill in for the mean time but this position will need to be filled ASAP.
       2. Nominees - **Shraddha Sawant**
    2. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
       1. GSS awards
          1. Community service – call for nominees to serve on the committee which selects a student who has made a significant contribution to improve the graduate student community. Any interested parties can email her @ gabrielle.corso@uconn.edu.
          2. GSS Swag—Any GSS senator from last year who did not receive their gift should email Gabrielle in order to have their gift mailed to them.
    3. Activities Director – Deepa Shukla
       1. Events for next semester – GSS plans to join with The Graduate School. These will mostly be virtual events in which students can receive gift cards.
    4. Parliamentarian – Irio Schiano
       1. Apportionments- Have been completed and will be sent out to senators in the coming weeks.
       2. University Bylaw Change- Thanks to Senator Gill and Senator Sonnerberg for attending the meeting and
18. **Committee Reports:**
    1. **Maggie Khuu –** Scholastic Standards Committee- Subcommittee is attempting to create Covid grades; a no record grade and . Syllabi need to have dates included so all students can plan accordingly for the semester.
19. **Adjournment:**

*Senator Ryan Scala made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Senator Daniel Pfieffer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.*