

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

University of Connecticut

E-board Meeting Minutes March 9th, 2021 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Attendance- Nafis Fuad, Maggie Khuu, Deepa Shukla, Gabrielle Corso, Rebecca Oramas, and Irio Schiano

Meeting began at 7:14pm, via Webex web platform

I. Executive Board Reports:

- a. President -Nafis Fuad
 - i. GSS year in review—When Nafis entered as president, Covid had not started and he had a lot planned. He feels as though the way the university operates is not sustainable and had hoped to at the very least he could have made GSS sustainable. There were many factors he wanted to change but unfortunately with the pandemic and E-board officers leaving mid-term, it was just impossible. GSS is a responsibility to the graduate students that not only pay a fee but wish to be represented in the University. Therefore, they should be voluntary positions.
 - ii. GSS E-board elections- Elections will be held at the next meeting. Krista will be asked to run the election electronically.
 - iii. Covid-19 vaccine- Guidelines continue to change but hopefully we will next in line for the vaccine but it is likely we will have to wait until May 3.
 - iv. GSS awards- Two nominees were announced.
 - v. Swing fundraiser- March 23-24 there will be UConn gifts and fundraising for the swing
- b. Vice President Maggie Khuu
 - i. Asian American Faculty Panel- Virtual panel on how UConn can combat the Asian sentiment going around. All are welcome and encouraged to join.
- c. Treasurer Deepa Shukla
 - i. N/A
- d. Communications Director Gabrielle Corso
 - i. GSS awards- Award committee has been formed and will meet to select awardee next Tuesday before the GSS meeting.
 - ii. GSS promotional items- Special allocation needs to be approved during the upcoming senate meeting.
- e. Activities Director Rebecca Oramas
 - i. Senator survey- Will pass this information onto the next activities director.
 - ii. Stress relief kits- Will be distributed on April 6. Will need help for this event because the shipments are heavy and require assembly.
- f. Parliamentarian Irio Schiano
 - i. N/A

II. Committee Reports:

a. Scholastic Standards Committee-- Magge Khuu--