1. **Call to Order: Meeting began at 7:05pm.**
2. **Recognition of senators:** Quorum was not met with -- senators.
3. **Guest Speaker(s):**
4. Dr. Suzanne Onorato, *Executive Director Student Health and Wellness*
5. Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) Services are available to all graduate students (GA or non-GA). SHaW includes a multi-dimensional approach comprised of medical care, pharmacy, mental health and health promotion. Additionally, graduate assistants have access to employee health/ OCC health resources through human resources.
6. SHaW Medical care includes care for the sick and injured students with chronic conditions, immunizations, travel medicines and allergy shots, bloodwork and radiology, nutrition and physical activity counseling, Know-U-Well nurse coach wellness visits, infirmary/overnight care, crisis care and sports medicine.
7. New leadership team in 2021- Welcome Kristina Stevens, Mary Painter, Ron McLean and Melanie Penalosa.
8. SHaW Health Promotion is now more focused on creating a culture of health and wellness at UConn through: student engagement, innovate wellness, health education, glovebox, UConn Recovery Community, and Wellness Coalition.
9. During the academic year, SHaW offers 24 hour service with a crisis line and advice nurse.
10. Graduate students comprise 14% of medical services and 13% of mental health services.
11. Wellness Coalition Advisory Council includes over 80 faculty, staff and students, representing nine schools and colleges and 20+ departments and research centers
12. GSS VP Daniel Pfeiffer, asks if there are any programs or small services that could benefit graduate students. Dr. Onorato replied that there is a graduate specific wellness group that focuses on topics that are relevant to grad students.
13. Lauren Barret asked how SHaW plans to expand resources for regional campuses? Dr. Onorato explained that SHaW will be working over the next 5 months to develop a plan for each campus since each campus is unique.
14. Senator Aaron Proudfoot asked if SHaW is currently administering boosters to students and if so how busy has it been and what kind of availability is there? Dr. Onorato explained that any student who had their first dose before May is eligible for a booster and students can check the website to determine eligibility and/or schedule a booster at Shippee for any of the 3 different vaccines.
15. **Approval of consent agenda:**
	1. GSS Senate meeting minutes – 11/10/2021 meeting
	2. GSS E-board meeting minutes – 11/30/2021 meeting

*Tabled until next meeting.*

1. **Issues Forum**
2. GEU representative- William Biel- The GEU is in the process of bargaining right now and the bargaining goals were approved by the membership. The bargaining team has met with the University twice so far. Membership will be extremely important in the coming semesters so if you do not receive emails, you are not a member. The more members, the more power the GEU has! Please join for semi-weekly coffee hours and/or firepit nights! Lastly, the final union meeting of 2021 will be December 15th at 6pm.
3. **Executive Board Reports:**
	1. President –Irio Schiano
		1. Passing of graduate student, Nhuong Nguyen- There will be a change of campus protocols and if anyone has suggestions about changes that could be looked into, please contact Irio.
		2. Representatives for Appropriation Hearing- Call for students to represent UConn at the Capitol. More info to come at the January senate meeting.
		3. Housing Survey Update- Currently working with Dr. Holsinger to develop a housing survey and Dr. Holsinger wanted Irio to relay the message that two surveys will be sent out to all graduate students; one for housing and another for more personal graduate student issues.
		4. Mirror Lake- Since mirror lake is not a true lake but instead a reservoir of stormwater there will be construction in the coming months to remove it since the upcoming 5 year model shows a threat to overflow.
		5. Cultural Centers in Student Unions- The University is in the process of building two new cultural centers which will also be available to graduate students to promote diversity.
	2. Vice President – Daniel Pfeiffer
4. N/A
	1. Treasurer – Deepa Shukla
		1. Annual Budget due- All Tier II budgets are due January 31, 2021!
		2. Tier-II Treasurer contact details- If you have not submitted treasurer info to GSS, it is imperative to do so ASAP.
	2. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
		1. N/A
	3. Activities Director – Thomas Pilnik
		1. N/A
	4. Parliamentarian – Julianna Herman
		1. Tier II Senator Attendance- To be eligible for funding, senators must be present at all meetings with the exception of 1 for the academic year. If you cannot make the meeting, you must send another graduate student on your behalf.
5. **Committee Reports:**
	1. **Justin Fang**- Board of Trustees Representative
6. Conference Report- Attended the MSE conference and the Symposium for Regenerative Engineering.
7. **Adjournment:**

*Daniel Pfieffer dismissed the senate. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.*

**Attendance**

Irio Schiano

Deepa Shukla

Gabrielle Corso

Daniel Pfeiffer

Thomas Pilnik

Koushan Mohammadi

William Biel

cassandra gonzalez

katayoun matloubi

jackson calhoun

ashok gurung

md b hossain

julian biddle

jinzhou liu

aaron proudfoot

Bryan Greene

Alyssa Bunyea

William Hawkins

Isabell Sluka

Jessica Maita

Karla Del Cid-Ledezma

Durga Joshi

Gianna Raimondi

Israt Jahan

Elena Robakiewicz

Cristian Corza Godinez

Hannah Taylor

William Biel

Amanda Fording

Lauren Barrett

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joshua gil

amanda mankovitch

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