1. **Call to Order: Meeting began at 7:10pm.**
2. **Recognition of senators:** Quorum was met with 32 senators.
3. **Guest Speaker(s):**
4. Sean Vasington- *Director and University Landscape Architect. University Planning, Design, and Construction*
   * 1. Mirror lake is about to celebrate its 100th birthday. Mirror lake was not always a part of the UConn campus and is actually not a natural lake, it was a swamp and has only been dredged twice, the last time being in 1970.
     2. The lake needs to be reformed to handle algal blooms and heavy flooding events that will become prevalent in the coming decades with global climate change.
     3. Mirror lake improvement plan includes a promenade, steel bridge to the island, multiple forebays, a raingarden and a spillway.
     4. Estimated budget is $25-30 million and construction should begin in April of 2023.
     5. Senator Zachary Muscavitch asked about inefficient parking in Area 2 and wonders if it is possible to paint lines in the parking lot to prevent commuters taking up two spaces? Mr. Vasington said that while this is not his area of expertise, he would be happy to connect the two links.
     6. Senator Greene asked about the pathway from I-95 to Manchester Hall and if it would this area be affected at all (Lot B)? Mr. Vasington acknowledges that there are issues with Manchester Hall, but the Mirror Lake improvements will not directly impact the building of Manchester Hall but acknowledged that the sidewalk of Manchester Hall would be out of use for the duration of the construction. Senator Greene asked when the meetings for these construction services will be and Mr. Vasington said he expects the meetings to ramp up at the end of the semester.
     7. Senator Madeline (NRE) asked about the geese flocking on Mirror Lake and what deterrents will be used to prevent geese flocking? Mr. Vasington said they plan to put geese wires around the island in the lake.
5. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   1. GSS Senate Meeting Minutes – 03/02/2022 meeting
   2. GSS E-board Meeting Minutes – 03/29/2022 meeting
   3. GSS Financial Committee Meeting Minutes – 02/23/22 meeting

*Senator Julian Biddle made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Senator Israt Jahan seconded. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.*

1. **Issues Forum:**
   1. Claire Dutton-- President’s Task Force for Sexual Violence on Combating Sexual Violence and Supporting
      1. Claire Dutton— Introduced herself as a first-year master’s student who is on the Task Force for Sexual Violence. Irio elaborated on what the Task Force is about which is to allow the campus to combat sexual violence. Claire reiterated that the meeting is being recorded but she will be around after the meeting to chat with students or in the near future are well.
      2. Senator Gianna asked is the Task Force is within the bounds of the University or will ---- be expanded to the police department (UCPD) and there are actually 2 policemen on the Task Force.
      3. Senator Brian Greene shared that he has a couple of concerns. Firstly, he has noticed that within his own department once a task force is created, the issue dies. Irio pitched in that the purpose of creating a Task force is to get the ball rolling. Senator Greene emphasized that Claire and the Task Force should be seeking out faculty here on campus that are experts in this field.
      4. Senator Elena Robakiewicz said that sexual violence often times does not happen on campus and will off campus sexual violence be a part of this task force? Claire said yes, but it depends on the circumstance and what the state’s policy is as well.
      5. Senator Gianna Riamondi asked if the purpose of the Task Force is to support victims, is there any way that the task force can provide support for students that are experiencing sexual violence off campus. Students that experienced sexual violence as a child or in high school are welcome to come and talk through their trauma with a support group.
      6. Senator Jackson Calhoun said many students who come to UConn have not heard of these resources and is there any way for there to be more exposure for graduate students. Claire said she agrees and has also been thinking about ways to advertise these resources.
2. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President –Irio Schiano
      1. Final call for Executive board nominations- Any parties who are interested in running for E-Board should speak now or forever hold your peace.
      2. GSS E-board elections - Krista O’Brien
      * President- Nominee **Irio Schiano**. Irio Schiano was elected.
        + Vice President- Nominee **Gabrielle Corso**. Gabrielle Corso was elected.
        + Treasurer- Nominee Sandip Roy. Sandip Roy was elected.
        + Communications Director- Nominees Elena Robakiewicz and Israt Jahan. Israt Jahan was elected.
        + Activities Director- Nominee Usman Ali. Usman Ali was elected.
        + Parliamentarian- Nominees Gianna Raimondiand Katayoun Matloubi, Gianna Raimondiwas elected.
      1. Tier II Budgets—Have been reviewed and sent out. If you would like to appeal anything please send an email ASAP.
      2. GSS Loan Update—Loan maximum was increased to $3,000 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and according to student feedback, Irio wants to keep $3,000 the maximum amount to keep up with inflation. This will have to be modified in the Bylaws for Fall of 2022 and for now it will be capped at $1500.
      3. GSS meeting update—Attendance for GSS meetings will be in person starting in the Fall semester and this will change if the situation changes.
   2. Vice President – Daniel Pfeiffer
   3. Communications Director – Gabrielle Corso
      1. March and April grab and go’s- The first grab and go went very smoothly despite the little time that was allotted for planning it. 250 lunches were served and were sold out on an hour so the next Grab and Go on April 14th GSS will have double the amount of lunches. This Grab and Go will be held in SU-203 from 11-1pm.
      2. April Happy Hour- There will be and End of the Year Happy Hour at Huskies Tavern on Thursday, April 28th from 4-7pm. Dinner will be provided and a cash bar with drink specials as well.
      3. GSS Community Service Award- The committee has been formed and nominations are now open. Any graduate student who has served their graduate student community is eligible to be nominated and receive a $500 award! Senators should spread the word to their department/constituents.
      4. Promotional Items- Items have been ordered and will be here for the next meeting. All senators that attend the May senate meeting will be given a gift.
   4. Parliamentarian – Julianna Herman
      1. Bylaw change- GSS is now instituting an annual committee requirement. All Tier II Orgs and senators will be required to serve on University external committees starting next Fall. Senator Lauren Barrett asked if committee requirements would have a virtual option for satellite campuses? Julianna said many committees just require a graduate student to be seated on the committee and not necessarily be there. Senator Lauren Barrett asked if senators are the ones that must serve on the committees and Julianna said they do not, but they have to represent a particular constituency,
3. **Committee Reports**
   1. Justin Fang- Conference Report ACS- American Chemical Society in San Diego, CA.
4. **Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:53pm.**

*Senator Jackson Callhoun made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Senator Joshi Durgi seconded. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.*

**Attendance**

Joshua Gil

Romania Jawahir

Lauren Barrett

Alyssa Bunyea

Mikayla Moody

Hannah Taylor

Jessica Maita

Isabell Sluka

Jackson Calhoun

Karla Del Cid

Bryan Greene

Koushan Mohammadi

Zachary Muscavitch

Mary McGuinness

Muhammed Masudur Rahman

John Dabrowski

Israt Jahan

Rebekah Charles

Ethan Gossett

Lindsay Barnum

Md Billal Hossain

Elena Robakiewicz

Gianna Raimondi

Justin Fang

Beccy Lewis

Jinzhou Liu

Megan Tresca

Spencer Hayes

Julian Biddle

Durga Joshi

Madeline Kollegger

William Hawkins

Cassandra Gonzalez

Katayoun Matloubi

Islam kabil

Ashok Gurung