

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

GSS Senator Candidate Application Form:

Candidacy for GSS Senators is open to all University of Connecticut graduate students who pay the Graduate Student Activity Fee, including but not limited to: Storrs-based graduate students; 5th year Neag students; Doctor in Physical Therapy students; Masters' in Public Policy students at the Hartford campus; and Marine Science graduate students at the Avery Point campus. Candidates must submit one application form, to the submission link at <https://gss.uconn.edu/senators/> in order to receive full consideration. Note: Senators may not miss more than 1 meeting per semester to remain in good standing.

The deadline to apply for the 2022-2023 academic year is Wednesday, September 7th.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Candidate Name: _____

Degree Program: _____ Year in Program: _____

Campus: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature*: _____

*By signing, I affirm that I have read the GSS Constitution and Bylaws.

CANDIDATE PERSONAL STATEMENT: (MAX: 175 WORDS)

The personal statement will appear on the Joint Elections website and in elections publicity materials. Briefly describe who you are and why you wish to be a GSS Senator.

SENATOR REPRESENTATION:

What constituency are you representing?

- Tier II RSO Senator (Tier II RSO Groups; e.g. TARANG, EGSA, GO:MCB)
- Academic Department Senator (Academic representation with no affiliated Tier II Group)
- Senator-At-Large (Representing the greater graduate student population)

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TIER II RSO SENATOR:

This type of Senator represents constituents in either academic or cultural Tier II RSO groups, such as GO:MCB, EGSA, or TARANG. For academic Tier II RSO groups, there must be a direct affiliation between the Tier II RSO and the affiliated academic department. Senators for this group will represent the constituents present in their respective Tier II RSO. The signature of the President and Treasurer of the Tier II RSO group is required:

Tier II RSO Group: _____

President Name: _____ President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer Name: _____ Treasurer Signature: _____ Date: _____

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT SENATOR:

This type of Senator is for academic departments on campus with no directly affiliated Tier II group. Senators for this group will represent the graduate students in their home academic department. The signature of the academic department head is required.

Academic Department: _____

Dept. Head Name: _____ Dept. Head Signature: _____ Date: _____

SENATOR-AT-LARGE

This type of Senator represents the interests of the greater graduate student population on campus, and does not represent any specific smaller group of graduate students. Applications for this Senator class will require the signatures of **any 25 graduate students** on campus. (Signatures list below:)

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**University of Connecticut
Graduate Student Senate**

Fall 2022 Attendance Memo

Due to the nature of GSS meetings, hybrid and full virtual participation are not conducive to our mission. Prior to the pandemic, GSS meetings have always been in person. Therefore, aligned with the [most recent university COVID-19 guidelines](#), we are implementing new standards on attendance this semester. In order for attendance of senators to count, you must attend meetings in person (masking optional). Consistent attendance is necessary for continued funding for Tier II Organizations.

1) However, if you are a senator from a satellite campus or person with disability that relies on virtual attendance, please provide more information below:

Name: _____ Constituency: _____

I am a senator from a UConn satellite campus (please specify):

I am a senator with accommodations from the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD), which require my attendance to be virtual, and can provide documentation that meets CSD criteria for *Evidence of Disability*.

[\(https://csd.uconn.edu/accommodations/evidence-of-disability/\)](https://csd.uconn.edu/accommodations/evidence-of-disability/)

Senator signature: _____

Date: _____

2) We understand that there will be occasions where senators can not attend in-person GSS meetings. If this is the case, you must send a representative to attend physically in your place and on behalf of your constituency. You may be able to watch a stream of the meeting, but participation will be through your representative. Communication strategies between you and your representative must be conveyed to GSS ahead of time.

If you cannot attend a GSS meeting, **you must complete and submit the following one week prior to the meeting date:**

Representative information:

Name: _____ Constituency: _____

Date of GSS meeting: _____ Representative: _____

Representative name: _____

Representative email: _____

Is the representative you are sending a part of your constituency? Yes No

Communication strategies:

Since your representative will be acting on your behalf, you will need to develop a communication strategy in order to ensure your voice is heard at the GSS meeting and any issues important to you are addressed. Therefore, we hope the following suggestions will be helpful, but you are welcome to devise your own. Check all that apply:

I will be watching the meeting via stream (if available) and contact my representative (text message, email, phone call) if I want them to act on my behalf at any point during the meeting.

I will create a list of talking points that I would like to address and give it to my representative to bring up at the meeting on my behalf.

My representative will contact me (text message, email, phone call) if they need further clarification on anything.

Other (please specify):

Senator signature: _____

Date: _____

Representative signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 4. Funding of Tier II Graduate Organizations

4.1. Requirements for Funding

4.1.1. University Registration. An organization requesting a fiscal year budget allocation (or Special Allocation) must be fully registered as an “active” Tier II Student Organization and be in good standing with the Department of Student Activities by the last day of the Fall Semester (or at the time of request, for a Special Allocation). An organization must be fully registered, “active”, and in good standing with the Department of Student Activities in order to access funds from its fiscal year budget allocation or Special Allocation.

4.1.2. Regulations. Organizations must comply with the State of Connecticut Comptroller’s Office’s guidelines, as described in the Accounting Procedures Manual for Trustee Accounts, Graduate Student Senate Finance Policies and Procedures, and the policies of the University of Connecticut’s Division of Student Affairs Department of Student Activities.

4.1.3. Academic and Non-Academic Organizations

4.1.3.1. The Graduate Student Senate will fund both organizations whose members correspond to the members of a graduate degree program (“academic” organizations) and those whose members transcend multiple degree programs (“non-academic” organizations).

4.1.3.2. With the exception of the Writing Center, only groups that have representation in the Graduate Student Senate are eligible for funding.

4.1.4. Attendance of Senate Meetings

4.1.4.1. A constituency organization receiving a budget must send at least one senator to all meetings of the Senate. As per ByLaw, where thresholds for each level of representation (1, 2, or 3 seats per constituency) should correspond to natural breaks in the distribution of constituency enrollments. A constituency may not miss more than one (1) meeting per semester.

4.1.4.2. At the end of each semester, the Parliamentarian will review the Senate attendance of all funded organizations to verify that they have met the requirements in Section 4.1.4.1. If an organization fails to meet said requirements in the Spring semester, its budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be cancelled. These organizations shall still be eligible for Special Allocations in the following Spring semester if it meets the attendance in the Fall. If an organization fails to meet said requirements in the Fall semester, it will not be eligible for reimbursement in the following Spring semester. Refer to Appendix Q for clarification.