1. **Call to Order: Meeting began at 7:06 pm.**
2. **Recognition of senators:** Quorum was met with 29 senators.
3. **Guest Speaker(s):**
4. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   1. GSS Senate meeting minutes – 04/06/2022 meeting
   2. GSS E-board meeting minutes - 04/26/2022 meeting

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

1. **Issues Forum:**
   1. **President-** Irio Schiano
2. Irio met taskforce for sexual violence previous week and the last taskforce meeting will be next week.
3. Taskforce will work with local groups who have resources and incorporate those with UCONN.
4. Irio said he will work over the summer to finalize the documents and will give an update on the next senate meeting.
   1. **GEU representative**- Louvins Pierre
      1. Bargaining contract has been passed and some new articles involving international GAs, power-based harassment have been added to the contract.
      2. Childcare reimbursement is still under processing. People who will apply for childcare reimbursement in summer will be processed in Fall.
      3. GEU will have one last event in summer.

Mikayla Moody suggested to keep hybrid version of GSS meetings for the next Fall to facilitate students who live at distant places or have disability. Senator Koushan Mohammadi suggested to reserve small rooms in different campuses, create similar atmosphere where students from other campuses can join and connect to the GSS meeting through online access. Senator Pejman Ghelich (ICOU) proposed to perform GSS meetings in UCONN Health branches and other campuses as well and then connect those meeting all together. Senator Jackson Calhoun asked who would run the meetings in other campuses. Senator Bryan Greene and Ethan Gossett recommended to keep the hybrid option open. Justin Fang said senators from regional campuses are not obligated to be present in person in GSS meetings in Storrs campus and can remain up to date through the meeting minutes that are sent over email. Irio stated E-board decided in favor of in-person GSS meetings to ensure more interaction as there is less participation in online format. He added that it is often difficult to conduct the meetings online as different rooms have different setup for online access. He also mentioned that having GSS meetings in different campuses will be logistically difficult and catered food is not allowed in classrooms as well. Vice President Gabrielle Corso said senators can ask other students (no need to be senators) to attend the meeting in place of them. Irio said he would think over the arrangement of hybrid/in-person meeting version during summer.

*Issues forum was closed at 7:43 pm.*

1. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President –Irio Schiano
      1. Tier II budget- Asked tier II organizations to contact him or finance committee members to appeal for the budget to get the process started. Once appealed, those budgets would need to pass through voting by the E-board and GSS senate in the next GSS Senate meeting.
      2. Parking reimbursement- E-board members can get their parking passes reimbursed and the reimbursement comes from general operations budget. Irio showed that budget in the March GSS Senate meeting. He asked if anyone had any questions about the process or wanted any clarification before voting on parking reimbursement could be started. Senator Bryan Greene asked what the amount was for each E-board member. Irio replied that E-board members buy parking passes in area 2 lot and the difference in amount between area 2 pass and garage pass is later reimbursed which is $350 for each E-board member.

*Senator Zach Muscavitch made a motion to approve the reimbursements for parking passes for the E-board and Senator Aaron Proudfoot seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

* 1. Vice President – Daniel Pfeiffer
     1. N/A
  2. Communications Director – Israt Jahan (new) & Gabrielle Corso (former)
     1. GSS Husky Happy Hour- 300 students attended happy hour.
     2. Promotional items- Promotional items have arrived. Please pick them up at the end of the meeting!
     3. GSS Award Committee- 26 applications were received for 11 graduate students. Committee chose Mikayla Moody as the recipient of the community award due to her devotion to STEM graduate students and her work with under-represented communities such as LGBTQIA and Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. As there was extra budget and many deserving applicants, the committee decided to split the remaining $250 among Michael Li and Pejman Ghelich.

*Julianna Herman made the motion to approve the community award and Senator Jessica Maita seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

* 1. Former Parliamentarian – Julianna Herman
     1. Showed final formal wording for changes in by-laws. There were four major changes. One of the changes was: an organization must send one representative at minimum per academic year to serve on any committee in GSS to be represented in the Senate. It could be a senator or any member of the organization. Julianna said she has already emailed the final version of the by-law changes and asked everyone to go over it and reach out to her with suggestions.
     2. Maximum amount one can borrow at one time is $2000 for emergency loan which was $3000 earlier.
     3. Vote that was earlier taken for parking pass reimbursement would become part of the law to make the reimbursement process easier.
     4. Senator Bryan Greene asked if the voting for changes in by-laws would be done for each individual change. Justine Fang suggested that it can be based on consent agenda vote. Julianna asked if everyone would be okay with consent agenda vote and there was no objection. Julianna then opened up the floor to vote if by-laws should be changed and it was decided unanimously that changes should be made.
     5. Constitutional definition of quorum will be used. It will be based on the last meeting’s attendance and should be at least half compared to last meeting’s attendance.

1. **Committee Reports**
2. N/A
3. **Adjournment: Meeting ended at 8:02 pm.**

*Sandip Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Senator Ashok Gurung seconded. The meeting was adjourned unanimously.*

**Attendance**

Julianna Herman

Cristian Corza Godinez

Ethan Gosett

Islam Kabil

Romania Jawahir

Jessica Maita

Zach Muscavitch

Isabell Sluka

Pejman Ghelich

Spencer Hayes

Hannah Taylor

Aaron Proudfoot

Karla Del Cid-Ledezma

Jackson Calhoun

Lauren Barrett

Nicole Tillquist

Justin Fang

Elena Robakiewicz

William Hawkins

Lindsay Barnum

Sierra Trudel

Beccy Lewis

Mikayla Moody

Adanma Akoma

Israt Jahan

Megan Tresca

Durga joshi

Madeline Kollegger

Koushan mohammadi

Md Billal Hossain

Bryan Greene

Katayoun Matloubi

Jinzhou Liu

Ashok Gurung