1. **Call to Order: Meeting began at 7:12 pm.**
2. **Recognition of senators:** Quorum was met with 23 senators.
3. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   1. GSS Senate meeting minutes – 05/04/2022 meeting
   2. GSS E-board meeting minutes – 07/05/2022 meeting
   3. GSS E-board meeting minutes – 08/08/2022 meeting
   4. GSS Finance committee meeting minutes- 08/08/2022 meeting
   5. GSS E-board meeting minutes – 08/30/2022 meeting

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

1. **Issues Forum:**

**GEU representative**- Treasure Sandip Roy talked on behalf of GEU representative Louvins Pierre. He said that GA’s should not work more than the hours they have in their GA contracts. There is a form to track work hours for GAs on GEU website. GEU is looking for members and interested members can send an email to GEU at [**uconngradunion@gmail.com**](mailto:uconngradunion@gmail.com).

*Issue forum closed at 7:13 pm.*

1. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President – Gabrielle Corso
      1. Welcome back Grads- Dates of the GSS meetings are available on the GSS website. All meetings will be held at Student Union (SU).
      2. Call for nominations for GSS President- Irio had to step out from GSS President due to unexpected circumstances. Vice President Gabrielle Corso is the interim president. The nominations for GSS President are now open. There will be a vote to fill up this position in the next senate meeting. The requirement is that GSS President must be a senator for a year or served 1 year at E board
      3. Committee Vacancies- Gabrielle reminded the senate that graduate students are to be assigned to external or standing committees. Every senator must participate in one committee. University freezes our account if graduate students do not sit in these committees. So, senators are encouraged to sign up for the committees. GSS will start the process today. Gabrielle also said that she and GSS treasurer Usman Ali will be sitting in the SEC meetings alternatively until a new President is elected.
   2. Vice President – Gabrielle Corso
      1. New GSS Office Admin- Office hours of Bharath Rayala (GSS office assistant) are available on GSS website.
   3. Treasurer– Sandip Roy
      1. Tier II Budget Appeals-Sandip asked if anyone submitted a budget but did not hear back from him. If not, they should talk to him after the senate meeting today. Sandip said that budget appeal process is close now and tier-II organizations cannot appeal budgets anymore. If any budget is under the appeal process, they should email Sandip. Senator Jackson Calhoun said he contacted Irio about last year’s budget.
      2. Closing of Books for FY July 2021-June 2022- Expenses of last year have been paid and the expenses need to be voted for approval and to close last year’s book. Bryan Greene from Sociology Department asked if there is a number from last year’s budget.

*Senator Lindsay Barnum made a motion to close to the books for FY July 2021-June 2022. Bryan Greene from Sociology Department seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

* + 1. Training of financial officers for Tier II Orgs- There will be trainings for Tier II treasurers. Sandip suggested to have a $100-$200 buffer when making a PR. He also reminded that a PR needs to be made before an event and TSOS will pay directly. We have a Big Y credit card and after making the PR, we can buy it for them
    2. Parking Reimbursement Issue- Parking passes of GSS officers are reimbursed. The reimbursement used to come from Office of Finance for President and Treasurer, and it comes from GSS bank account for other GSS officers. The Office of Finance does not reimburse the parking passes for GSS President and Treasurer anymore. GSS E-board proposes to update the by-laws so that all E-board officers get a full reimbursement for parking pass. The amount is $3598.56 ($599.81\*6) for each E-board officer for this school year.

*Senator Jackson Calhoun made a motion to approve the parking pass reimbursement for E-board offiecers. Senator Ethan Gossett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

* + 1. New equipment for GSS Office- GSS E board needs a monitor and a projector for the office, and it will come from equipment budget. The amount needed to purchase the office equipment is $500.

*Senator Koushan Mohammadi made a motion to approve $500 for office equipment. Senator Gawtam Bhat seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

* + 1. Short- term emergency loan – The loan amount was $1500 before covid and it was raised to $3000 due to covid. Sandip asked if the senate wants to change the rate. He also mentioned that students can take out maximum 3 loans in one year and a loan is not approved if another loan is standing. Bryan Greene from Sociology Department said it was set to $2000 in the last meeting. The senate wants to see data about loans to make an informed decision. Zachary Muscavitch suggested tiered approach for loan.
  1. Activities Director– Usman Ali
     1. Welcome Back BBQ-GSS had Welcome Back BBQ on September 7. Around 400 people attended the event.
     2. GSS Happy Hours- The proposed time and date for GSS Happy Hours is October 27 from 4:30 pm -6:30 pm at Husky tavern.
     3. GSS Thanksgiving Luncheon- GSS Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place on November 15 from 11 am -2 pm.
  2. Communications Director -Israt Jahan
     1. GSS Senator Email List- Israt has sent an email notifying that all senators for AY 2022-2023 need to submit their senator applications by filling out the google form sent with the email. If senators do not get emails from Israt, they should talk to her after the senate meeting.
     2. Alternative representatives for senator- If senators anticipate missing a senate meeting, they can send other students as their representatives by filling out an “Alternative Representative” form at least one week before the meeting. Israt will post the form on the website and will email senators about the form.
  3. Parliamentarian-Gianna Raimondi

1. GSS Attendance Policy- Senators need to scan a QR code for giving attendance. QR codes can be found at the door of the meeting room. Gianna said that GSS is going back to in person meetings according to university guidelines. For senators with recommendations from CSD or senators from satellite campus, virtual attendance is allowed. Senator Jackson Calhoun asked how many meeting senators are allowed to miss. Gianna said senators can miss one meeting per semester to remain in good standing.
   * 1. External and Standing Committees- Gianna showed a presentation on the standing and external committees that senators need to participate in. Zachary Muscavitch asked if any graduate student could serve in these committees. Gianna said that it is not necessary to be a senator to serve on a committee and senators can also nominate somebody else to serve. Gianna asked senators to scan the QR code shown in the presentation to indicate the committees they wish to serve. The term of a committee ends with the academic year.
2. **Committee Reports**

**University Senate Diversity committee (JEDI):** SenatorJackson Calhoun said they are proposing Gender inclusive bathrooms across the campus.

1. **Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

*Senator Lindsay Barnum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Jackson Calhoun seconded. The meeting was adjourned unanimously.*

**Attendance**

Lindsay Barnum

Jairo Orea

Mikayla Moody

Evelyn Mollocana Lara

Jackson Calhoun

Spencer Hayes

Gretchen Geer

Elizabeth R Zavodny

Veera Venkata Praveen Raja Kosuri

Alec Janis

Ashok Gurung

Koushan Mohammadi

Spencer Hayes

Maham Liaqat

Md Amit Hasan

Ethan Gossett

Michael Griffith

Laura Lapham

Jinzhou Liu

John Toribio

Muhammed Masudur Rahman

Eunice Blemahdoo

Zachary Muscavitch

Bryan Greene

Theodor Mayer

Gawtam Bhat

Mercy Sarpong

Taylor Coonan

James Canne

Gaurav Gupta

Hannah Collins

Josie