1. **Attendance: Gabrielle Corso, Mohsina Rahman, Sandip Roy, Usman Ali, Israt Jahan, Gianna Raimondi, and Gopi Yalavarthi**
2. **Meeting began at 4:58 pm**
3. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President – Gabrielle Corso
      1. Willington Stock n Lock- Locker was full of junk and Eboard members have finally cleaned it out. Gabrielle will call Stock n Lock to see if we can be refunded for the upcoming 6 months we have already paid for.
      2. Spring/January Guest Speakers- Dean of The Graduate School, Kent Holsinger cannot attend January senate meeting in-person. We will invite him as a guest speaker on February senate meeting. E-board plans to invite President Randeka Maric, officials from Facilities and Operations and Parking Service in the upcoming senate meetings.
      3. Graduate Student Fee Increase- Fee increase went through and only international student fee increase was dropped. Half of the transportation fee was credited back to students because the state pays for transportation fee.
      4. Town Hall with Kent and Anne- Anne D’Alleva is UConn’s new provost. Kent and Anne want to have a townhall meeting with graduate students. Kent could come to the senate meeting with Anne and talk to senate or he can arrange a separate townhall for all graduate students. GSS plants to have it on March. It will probably be held before the senate meeting.
      5. GSS Website/Senator Page- Israt will post the names of the senators in the GSS page. Gianna will put together a FAQ portion.
   2. Vice President – Mohsina Rahman
      1. Update on Public Hearing Prep- Governor is going to announce funding for state universities on Feb 8. There will be a public hearing for all the state funded universities in between Feb 14-20. UConn will try to have a townhall meeting before the hearing. UConn will have 4 panels in the hearing comprising of students who will give testimonies. Students will go to the capitol and explain the budget they need. President Maric, CFO Lloyd Blanchard, and Provost will be at the hearing as well to give testimonies. The budget will be passed on June.
      2. Student Trustee Election Committee- Election for undergraduate student. Deadline is Feb 10.
   3. Treasurer– Sandip Roy
      1. Tier II Budgets-The last date to submit the budget is Jan 31, 11:59 pm. There will be two finance committee meetings in February. Organizations that have submitted budgets will hear back the recommendations of the finance committee by the end of February.
      2. New PR form- TSOS created a new PR form. Tier 2 can file their own PRs with the new form. Sandip will train Tier 2s on filing the new PR form. Training will be in March.
      3. Signatures Needed for Fee Increase- Grad activity fee is proposed to increase from $32 to $56 per school year ($12 fee increase per semester) from Fall 2024. We need at least 200 signatures to go to SASFAC meeting about the fee increase. Deadline to get the signatures and send to David Clokey is January 26. If SASFAC approves, it will go to the President and fee increase will be in effect from Fall 2024.
   4. Activities Director– Usman Ali
      1. Welcome Back Happy Hour- Will be on Jan 20. Reservation has been made for 300 people. Some students expressed their concerns about non halal food and going to the bar for happy hour. GSS will have the next happy hour on campus and food will be from UConn catering.
      2. Grad Formal- Planned on March 3rd from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. SU Ballroom (SU 331) has been reserved.
      3. Goodie bags to senators- Senators will get goodie bags in the last senate meeting. Israt and Usman will coordinate.
   5. Communications Director – Israt Jahan
      1. Community Service Award- Israt will ask for 4/5 committee members in the next senate meeting. Israt will call for nomination and keep the applications open from February 1 to 28 and then in March, committee will select the recipient of the Community Service award.
      2. GSS award- will be given to people who were in Finance committee or Activities committee.
   6. Parliamentarian – Gianna Raimondi
      1. Tier II Orgs in Good Standing- Gianna sent an excel spreadsheet about the standing of the Tier 2 organizations. These organizations are not in good standing: Black in STEM, LingClub and Materials Research Society. General attendance included alternative representatives and organization/department details are in the spreadsheet.
      2. Report on Fee Paying Graduate Programs- Gianna sent a spreadsheet that she got from Krista showing fee paying graduate programs. Most of the non-fee-paying graduate programs are Nursing/Med/Education/Health Sciences which do not affect our constituents. However, majority of the business programs do not pay grad activity fee. Gianna will reach out to Gawtam Bhat, senator for the Doctoral Association for Business School to verify whether members of this group are in the departments that do not pay the GSS fee. GSS will need to decide what this means for their involvement with GSS if they do not pay the fee.
      3. Report on GSS Senators on Committees- Gianna updated the committees’ spreadsheet on the GSS Drive.
      4. Streaming Options for Spring 2023- It is difficult for Gianna to manage the streaming options while the senate meeting is going on. If Gopi attends the January senate meeting, Gianna can show him how it is done.

**Meeting adjourned at 05:55 pm**