1. **Attendance: Gabrielle Corso, Mohsina Rahman, Sandip Roy, Usman Ali, Israt Jahan, and Gianna Raimondi**
2. **Meeting began at 01:58 pm**
3. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President – Gabrielle Corso
      1. Graduate Student Poll for Town Hall- Kent Holsinger (Dean of the Graduate School) and Anne D'Alleva (Provost & Executive VP of Academic Affairs) will have townhall meeting on February 22 before the senate meeting. The townhall will not be streamed. Gabrielle will send out an email on Friday to remind students to fill out the poll and send questions they would like to ask the speakers. Students who submit questions will receive minutes. So far, there has been 180 responses in the poll. The primary concerns are summer pay, rising bills and graduate housing. Israt will send a reminder email about the poll on Monday to inform graduate students that the poll will close Tuesday evening.
      2. Spring 2023 Guest Speakers- Kent Holsinger and Anne D’Elleva for February senate meeting, Jeremy Campbell (Director of Financial Planning and Analysis) for March senate meeting, and President Radenka Maric, or someone from Facilities and Operations, for April senate meeting.
      3. Stock n Lock- The storage unit has now been emptied and the service has been cancelled. GSS will be issued a refund of around $500. Usman will need to get rid of the decorations that were kept in storage.
      4. GFC Academic Calendar Change- Gianna will create a poll and ask senator Ashok Gurung, who is serving in the Student Welfare Committee, if he has any input. Israt will send an email with the poll to all students in March.
      5. Departmental Opt in- Sandip asked in the SASFAC meeting if a department can opt in to pay the grad activity fee. He was told that it is not possible and will require some changes in the state laws. Gianna asked what that means for departments who do not pay activity fee. Sandip said he talked to David Clokey and he said that he would try to implement the opt in option for Storrs based departments but this will take time.
      6. GSS E-board Elections- Call for nominations! Gabrielle will ask for nominations in February senate meeting. Election will take place on March. The new E-board will take over from April senate meeting.
   2. Vice President – Mohsina Rahman
      1. CT State Budget/Public Hearing- USG said that the buses will depart from Hillside Road. Buses will leave at 10:45 am. Rally will start form noon and will go over for 1 hour. Two grad students will give testimonies: Josh Crow and one student form business school who is an entrepreneur. There will be virtual panels as well. University is providing transportation cost to panelists. If any grad student wants to go to Capitol, they can use the buses. Sandip will start writing an email about the public hearing that will be sent to all graduate students. Gabrielle and Mohsina will add to the email.
      2. STEC Committee Report- Nominations were announced. There were two campaign violations. One nominee posted in Instagram that he/she needed petitions to be signed. Another nominee’s parent was seen asking for petitions.
      3. Senate meeting attendance-15 minutes grace period for attendance for the senators.
   3. Treasurer– Sandip Roy
      1. Finance Committee- For Tier 2 groups, budget for FY 2023-24 is $50,000. There will also be a 20% cut on GSS activities because of the limited budget.
      2. SASFAC Update- Sandip gave a 20 mins presentation in front of the SASFAC committee. The yearly revenue for USG is around 4 million dollars while the yearly revenue is around $100,000 for GSS. A poll will be sent to grad students asking their opinions on how they feel about the fee increase. We need responses from 80% of the graduate students who pay the grad activity fee. Sandip will ask the senators in the February senate meeting to fill out the poll. Tier 2 organizations will ask their members to fill out the poll as well. After SASFAC approves it, the proposal to increase grad activity fee will then go to the Provost, President and finally to the Board of Trustees.
   4. Activities Director– Usman Ali
      1. Grad Formal- There will be a hard limit of 300 people in the Student Union Ballroom according to the Fire Marshall. A dance floor, photobooth, DJ and cash bar will be a part of the event. There is no other place on campus to hold the grad formal but if we want to have all graduate students attend, another option is to hold the event off campus.
   5. Communications Director – Israt Jahan
      1. GSS Award- E-board was in agreement with which GSS senator should receive the award.
   6. Parliamentarian – Gianna Raimondi
      1. Bylaw Changes- Gianna will send a draft of the Bylaw clarifying the rule regarding quorum and the attendance requirement for all senators including satellite senators.
      2. Prep for Israt for Feb Senate meeting- Gianna will set up a folder in the drive. She will coordinate with Israt.
      3. MRS attendance- There was some miscommunication from MRS about their attendance in the senate meeting.

*A motion was made to accept the budget requested by MRS. The motion was approved unanimously by the E-board.*

**Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.**