1. **Call to Order: Meeting started at 6:10 pm**
2. **Recognition of senators: Quorum was met with 24 senators**
3. **Guest Speaker(s):**
4. N/A
5. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   1. GSS Senate meeting minutes – 3/22/2023 meeting
   2. GSS E-board meeting minutes - 4/11/2023 meeting

Senator Mikayla Moody made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Senator Lindsay Barnum seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **Issues Forum:**
   1. **SAGE:** Have concern regarding the budget. Some events were not funded saying they were not according to the GSS policy. So, Senator and President of SAGE Koushan Mohammadi said that they are afraid that they are not going to get the special allocation for the same reason. GSS Treasurer Sandip Roy said that brown bags events are department or research specific. So, these type of events won’t be funded by GSS. Professional events like workshop on LinkedIn can be approved. Koushan asked what type of speakers they can ask to invite. Sandip said if speakers are professors whose talk are department/research specific, then those events cannot be funded. Senator Mikayla Moody said that SOE won’t give money for SAGE events. Sandip said workshops for students’ well-being, CV, internship, career related workshops are okay to be funded.
   2. WRTD buses: Senator Maham Liaqat said that WRTD buses keep cancelling. Also the time schedule does not work for grad students. Sandip said that he talked with some housing authorities, They will survey how many students live in off campus location and need public transit. Bus services get worse in summer. Sandip said that if we can show that there is demand for bus among studnets, UConn might do something.
2. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President – Gabrielle Corso
      1. Transportation Update- Gabrielle talked to Andy Kelly about shuttle between Storrs and regional campus. Andy Kelly said they don’t have budget for the shuttles. He also showed ridership number.
      2. Housing Update-Some buildings near Mansfield Community Center have been torn down. They are building housing for studnets. Emailed if those are for grad students. She will follow up.
      3. Fall 2023 Meeting Dates-Will be in website.
      4. Senator Celebration Party-At Gabrielle’s house, at 6 o clock. Location is at Coventry.
   2. Vice President – Mohsina Rahman
      1. N/A
   3. Treasurer – Sandip Roy –
      1. SAFAC Update/Fee Increase-GSS is probably getting the fee increase. Senator Saurabh Goswami can explain. Will have more budget for Fiscal year 2025. TSOS was paid at the rate of $16000 and now asking for $43000. There is not going to be any voting on fee increase.
      2. Summer goals-Transition of new E-board is going on. Sandip and Gopi will create a PR form so that tier 2 organizations can file PR themselves. They will still need to file 3 weeks before the event. Sandip and Gopi will work with TSOS to create the form. Will also clean out storage.
      3. GSS Bills-Sandip showed the GSS bills.

Senator Ashok Gurung made a motion to approve the GSS bills. Senator John Toribio seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Senator Mikayla Moody made a motion to authorize summer hours for GSS President and Treasurer. Senator Saurabh Goswami seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

* 1. Activities Director – Usman Ali
     1. GSS Tropical Paradise Grad Formal-Everything is set. DJ, photobooth. There will be bar cart where students can buy alcohol. Tropical paradise theme food will be served. Senators are urged to share the event info with their departments so that they can register. Senator Martina Villa asked if a friend of her who is a visiting scholar can buy the ticket for $5. Usman said tickets will be available at $5 for UConn grad students who pay the grad activity fee.
  2. Communications Director – Israt Jahan
     1. Promotional Items- We have gift bags for senator as a token of appreciation for their time. After the meeting, please collect your gift bag. We have as many bags as the number of senators.
     2. Community Service Award- Community service award committee decided to give the award to Suman Kumari. She used to work for MRS, and now is affiliated with Tarang. She is an active member of John Lof Leadership Academy and is the CISS Graduate Buddy. The committee decided to consider Henric Bacurio as the second position for his services to the UConn grad community. Henric is involved with Alpha Phi Chapter. He organized career development seminars for all graduate students after the pandemic. He hosted cultural weeks to showcase diversity of the students from different countries. He has also worked with UConn Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) team. Suman will receive $500 and Henric will receive $250.

Senator Maham Liaqat made a motion to approve the GSS Community Service Award. Senator John Toribio seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

* + 1. GSS Award- E-board decided to give the $250 GSS award to Saurabh Goswami for his contribution to GSS related activities and committees.

Senator Lindsay Barnum made a motion to approve the GSS award. Senator John Toribio seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

* 1. Parliamentarian – Gianna Raimondi
     1. Bylaw Change- Gabrielle showed the bylaw changes that clarify the rules regarding the quorum. These are not new rules and were already mentioned in the constitution. Now the rules have been added to the bylaws for clarification.

Senator Saurabh Goswami made a motion to approve the bylaw changes. Senator Maham Liaqat seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **Committee Reports**
2. **Admission -**SenatorMaham Liaqat serves in the admission committee. The committee is discussing undergrad admission.
3. **Student Welfare Committee-**Senator Ashok Gurung serves in this committee. He has the results of the fall break proposal survey. Ashok will email Gianna.
4. **Adjournment: Meeting ended at 6:45 pm**

Senator Saurabh Goswami made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Lindsay Barnum seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned unanimously.

**Attendees:**

Muhammed Masudur Rahman

Veera Venkata Praveen Raja Kosuri

Mike griffith

Lindsay Barnum

Spencer Hayes

Athanasios Iliadis

Saurabh Goswami

Mikayla Moody

Ali Bergmark

Amit Hasan

Martina Villa

Maham liaqat

Jinzhou Liu

Koushan Mohammadi

Amit Pinsker

Chao

Theodor Mayer

Laura Lapham

Davis Manshardt

Jairo Orea

Ashok Gurung

John Toribio

Adaeze Maduako

Cindy Barreto

Elizabeth Zavodny

Adaeze Maduako

Gretchen Geer

Katayoun Matloubi