

**Student Activity and Service Fee Submission Form
for
Trustee Organizations (all campuses)**

Welcome to the 2024-25 SASFAC process. If you need timeline, process, or resources, please visit the TSOS website [here](#).

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Graduate Student Senate

Organization Website

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Organization Social Media Information

N/A

Please provide your Organization's Mission and a brief history

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at the University of Connecticut (UConn), established in 1996, represents and advocates for the graduate student community. Its mission focuses on representation, advocacy, resource provision, and community building to enhance the graduate experience. Acting as a liaison between students and university administration, the GSS promotes graduate interests, offers resources like financial support, and organizes events such as the Grad Prom. Through these initiatives, GSS fosters a supportive and engaging environment for UConn graduate students.

Please upload a PDF of your current Organizational Chart.

[gss_chart.pdf](#)

Please upload a PDF of your Supplemental Excel Sheet.

[Organizational-Chart-Excel-Supplemental-FY24 \(1\) \(5\) \(1\).xlsx](#)

What are your organization's current goals and how do they align with your mission?

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at UConn serves four key functions aligned with its mission to represent and support graduate students. It acts as the primary conduit for information and advocacy to the broader UConn community through the University Senate system, ensuring graduate voices are heard. our goal is to :

1. Improving the T2 Funding Request Process: This goal reflects a commitment to operational efficiency and transparency, ensuring that resources are allocated fairly and effectively to meet the needs of graduate students. It aligns with the mission to enhance access to financial support and foster equitable opportunities for all members.

2. Rebuilding Organizational Structure and Clarifying Governing Documents: By focusing on structural improvements and clearer governance, the organization is positioning itself as a reliable and accountable entity. This ensures that leadership and decision-making processes are inclusive and effective, directly supporting its mission to serve and represent the graduate community.
3. Advocating for Graduate Issues Like Parking and Transportation: Addressing practical concerns such as parking and transportation directly impacts the daily lives of graduate students. These efforts align with the mission by improving the overall quality of life and accessibility for the graduate population, which is central to their well-being and success.
4. Securing Lost Financial Revenue from Professional/Comprehensive Graduate Programs: Ensuring financial sustainability and advocating for equitable funding restores the organization's ability to support its initiatives and provide robust services to graduate students. This supports the mission by safeguarding resources that enable the organization to fulfill its commitments.

Each of these goals strengthens the organization's capacity to address graduate student needs and advance its mission of advocacy, support, and representation.

Activity Participation and Alignment

1) Briefly describe the programs and services you provide for your constituents that serve as the primary focus of your organization.

Key programs include:

Advocacy and Representation: GSS acts as the primary advocate for graduate students within the University Senate system, ensuring their voices are included in university policies and decisions.

Financial Support: The emergency loan fund offers financial assistance to graduate students facing unforeseen expenses, helping them navigate financial challenges.

Support for Graduate Organizations: GSS provides resources and funding for graduate Tier II organizations, facilitating collaboration and enabling them to pursue initiatives benefiting the graduate community.

Community Building Events: Social events such as the Grad Thanksgiving Dinner, and Grad Prom foster a sense of community, connection, and engagement among students.

Who is eligible to participate in your activities?

Graduate students of a specific program(s)

Financials

Please note that items 3-5 should total 100%

2) For what purpose do you spend any portion of your budget on the operations of your organization?

37% of the budget funds TSOS Office and Office Assistant wages to ensure smooth operations, while 21% supports E-Board Fellowships, providing financial support for leadership roles.

3)What percentage of your budget is to support your organization's operations?

16.8

Does your Organization pay any elected or appointed student leaders?

If so, please list and provide a brief explanation of student payroll.

Yes

President 5000.00
Treasurer 5000.00
Vice President 1500.00
Parliamentarian 1500.00
Activities Director 3000.00
Communications Director 3000.00
Assistant Wages 9200

Does your Organization pay for any non-student staff?

If so, please list and provide a brief explanation of non-student payroll.

Yes

TSOS wages 25000

4)What percentage of your budget is for programs and services for students sponsored by your organization (do not include expenses that are for members only)?

44.28

- a) How do you determine if these programs and services meet your organizational goal/priorities?
b) How do you know if the program, and services you provide meet the needs/expectations of your constituents?
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The GSS evaluates its programs and services against its organizational mission and priorities through several mechanisms:

Alignment with Mission: Each program or service is assessed to ensure it aligns with GSS's core functions: representation, advocacy, resource allocation, and community building. For example, funding Tier II organizations directly supports the goal of fostering a collaborative graduate community.

Annual Reviews: The GSS conducts internal reviews of its operations, comparing activities and outcomes against predefined goals, such as financial support utilization rates or attendance at social events.

Collaboration with University Bodies: Regular engagement with the University Senate, graduate programs, and student support offices ensures GSS activities remain relevant and impactful.

Event and Program Participation: Attendance and engagement metrics from events like the Grad Prom or Graduate Thanksgiving Dinner serve as indicators of interest and relevance.

Feedback Mechanisms: Open Senate meetings and direct communication with Senators allow students to express their needs and opinions on GSS activities.

Budget Utilization Trends: Analysis of budget allocations, such as the demand for emergency loan funds or Tier II funding, provides insight into the practical impact of GSS initiatives.

External Evaluations: Collaborating with the University's student support and activities offices helps measure whether GSS programs complement institutional goals and effectively serve the graduate population.

Through these evaluation methods, the GSS ensures its initiatives remain aligned with both organizational goals and the evolving needs of its constituents.

5) For groups that fund Tier II student organizations, what percentage of your budget is allocated to them?

14.6

6) Please explain significant changes in the overall budget (spending plan) for this fiscal year since starting July 1, 2024, when compared to the previous year's budget and this year's original budget.

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at the University of Connecticut (UConn) has experienced notable budgetary changes in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024, compared to the previous year and the initial budget projections for this year.

Inflation and Rising Costs: The current economic climate has resulted in increased costs for event-related expenses, including refreshments, supplies, and venue rentals. To maintain the quality and scope of services provided to graduate students, the GSS has adjusted its budget to account for these higher expenses

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at the University of Connecticut has faced significant budgetary challenges in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024, due to several key factors:

- **Fee Non-Payment by Departments:** Many departments have stopped paying the Graduate Student Activity Fee on behalf of their students. This has drastically reduced the GSS's revenue stream, creating budget constraints.

- **Reduced Representation:** Approximately 66% of the graduate student population is now unrepresented because their departments have opted out of an itemized fee structure, either intentionally or unintentionally. This decision means their students no longer pay the graduate activity fee, resulting in a loss of representation in the GSS and access to its services. This impacts those students' ability to benefit from advocacy, funding opportunities, and other resources provided by the GSS.

- **Impact on Programming and Services:** The reduction in funds has forced significant budget cuts, hindering GSS's capacity to organize events, provide financial assistance, and support Tier II organizations. Programs and services that were previously inclusive now face restrictions due to limited resources.

Reinstatement of the Graduate Student Activity Fee: In the Fall of 2022, the GSS Senate voted to suspend the collection of the graduate student activity fee due to a misunderstanding regarding the organization's surplus funds. Upon realizing the actual financial situation, the Senate reinstated the fee in the Spring of 2023. The temporary suspension resulted in a loss of approximately \$60,000 in revenue, impacting the budget for the current fiscal year.

Revenue

7) What is the current Fee amount per semester/year?

16

Storrs Undergraduate [Fees](#)
Regional Undergraduate [Fees](#)
GSS Graduate [Fees](#)
Law Graduate [Fees](#)
SSW Graduate [Fees](#)

8) Does your organization receive income from any source other than student fees?

No

Expenses

9)What are the top organization operational expenditures?

TSOS wages 25000

11)What are the top organization expenditures for programs and services that you fund?

Refreshments for Events/Programs: \$6,000

This allocation supports catering and refreshments for GSS-Senate events

Travel: \$7,500

Funds are allocated to support travel expenses for graduate students representing UConn at conferences, workshops, or other professional development opportunities.

13)What are the top expenditures for Tier II organizations (if applicable) that you fund?

\$20,000

This budget is designated to support Tier II graduate organizations, enabling them to host events, programs, and initiatives that directly benefit the graduate student community.

10) How are these expenses similar to or different from the previous year?

One of the primary operational expenditures for the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is Trustee Student Organization Support (TSOS) wages, which amount to \$25,000. This expenditure supports administrative operations and ensures efficient functioning of the organization.

12) How are these expenses similar to or different from the previous year?

Refreshments:

The budget for refreshments has decreased compared to the previous year. This adjustment reflects cost-saving measures implemented due to reduced overall funding, prioritizing essential programs while scaling back on event-related expenditures.

Travel:

The travel budget remains unchanged from the previous year. This stability emphasizes the organization's commitment to supporting graduate students' academic and professional growth despite overall budget constraints. Despite these consistencies, broader budget constraints caused by a reduction in fee contributions have necessitated careful prioritization to ensure these key expenditures continue to support the organization's mission effectively.

14)How are these expenses similar to or different from the previous year?

The budget for Tier II organizations has been decreased by more than half compared to the previous year. This significant reduction reflects the financial challenges stemming from decreased fee contributions by departments, which has necessitated cuts across various areas of the GSS budget.

This decrease limits the resources available to Tier II organizations, potentially affecting their ability to execute planned events and initiatives. While GSS continues to prioritize supporting these groups, the reduced funding underscores the need for equitable and consistent fee

Administrative Support: Ensure operational efficiency to handle an increased volume of funding requests and program execution for Tier II organizations.

This increase will directly support the GSS's mission to enhance the graduate student experience by empowering Tier II organizations, which are critical to academic, professional, and social development within the UConn graduate community.

What steps have you taken to reduce expenses and what was the outcome?

-Reduction in Refreshment Budgets:

Action: The GSS decreased the budget for refreshments at events and programs, scaling back on Pizza, compromising event quality.

Outcome: Cost savings allowed the reallocation of funds to maintain core services like the tier 2 events. While attendance remained stable, feedback indicated some disappointment regarding reduced options.

-Cuts to Tier II Organization Funding:

Action: The budget Allocations to Tier II organizations was reduced by more than half.

Outcome: Although this cut enabled the GSS to sustain other critical programs, it significantly limited Tier II organizations' ability to host events and initiatives, leading to decreased engagement in certain areas.

-Streamlining Administrative Costs:

Action: Operational efficiencies were implemented, such as reducing non-essential administrative expenses and adopting digital solutions to lower overhead costs.

Outcome: Savings were modest but helped retain funding for activities like travel grants and advocacy programs. Operational efficiency improved without major disruptions.

-Scaling Down Events:

Action: Certain large-scale events were scaled down, with simpler formats and reduced expenditures on venues and decorations.

Outcome: Events like the Grad BBQ and Thanksgiving Dinner got cancelled. While feedback indicated a desire for previous standards to be restored.

-Fee Suspension for Short Period:

What steps have you taken to increase revenue and what was the outcome?

-Discussions with University Administration:

Action: The GSS initiated conversations with university administrators to address the issue of departments not contributing the Graduate Activity Fee. Advocacy efforts focused on finding equitable solutions to ensure consistent fee contributions across all graduate programs.

Outcome: While discussions are ongoing, no immediate resolution has been reached. However, these efforts have raised awareness about the issue and emphasized the importance of equitable financial contributions to support graduate student activities.

-Ticketed Events:

Action: The GSS explored hosting ticketed events, such as social gatherings and professional development workshops, to generate modest revenue while ensuring no profit is made, keeping costs affordable for students.

Outcome: Ticketed events were well-received by the students who participated, but due to the decreased number of graduate students paying the activity fee, the revenue generated was limited. Despite this, the initiative helped offset some of the costs of event organization.

-Collaboration with Tier II Organizations:

Action: Partnering with Tier II organizations to co-host events allowed shared funding and reduced financial burdens on GSS for certain activities.

Outcome: This collaborative approach maximized resource utilization and increased event participation while fostering a stronger sense of community.

Action: In a prior fiscal year, the Graduate Activity Fee collection was temporarily suspended to address misunderstandings about surplus funds.

Outcome: This led to a substantial revenue loss, which impacted the budget significantly and necessitated further cuts in subsequent years.

What will the outcome/consequence be if you do not receive the fee increase?

If the requested fee increase is not granted, the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at UConn will face significant challenges, resulting in several adverse outcomes for its operations and services:

1. Reduced Support for Tier II Organizations

Outcome: Tier II organizations, which rely heavily on GSS funding, will experience further budget cuts. This will limit their ability to host events, professional development activities, and cultural programs.

Consequence: A decline in the quality and quantity of initiatives that directly benefit the graduate student community, leading to decreased student engagement and satisfaction.

2. Decline in Community Engagement Events

Outcome: Signature events such as the Grad BBQ, Thanksgiving Dinner, and Grad Prom will need to be scaled down or canceled due to insufficient funding.

Consequence: A loss of community-building opportunities that foster inclusion, networking, and camaraderie among graduate students.

3. Insufficient Representation and Advocacy

Outcome: With reduced resources, the GSS's ability to represent and advocate for graduate student interests in university governance will be weakened.

Consequence: The voices of graduate students may go unheard in critical decision-making processes, exacerbating existing issues such as the inequity in fee contributions.

4. Operational Inefficiencies

Outcome: Budget constraints will force further cuts to essential administrative operations, including staff wages and stipends for the Executive Committee.

Consequence: The efficiency and effectiveness of GSS operations will decline, reducing its ability to serve the graduate community.

5. Exclusion of Unrepresented Students

Outcome: With no additional revenue, the GSS will continue to be unable to address the issue of the 66% of graduate students whose departments do not contribute the Graduate Activity Fee.

Consequence: These students will remain underrepresented and underserved, creating a disparity in support and services across the graduate community.

Summary

Without the fee increase, the GSS will struggle to fulfill its mission of advocating for, representing, and supporting UConn's graduate students. The overall graduate student experience will suffer, with fewer resources available to foster academic, professional, and social growth.

What (if any) are the timing anomalies with regard to the reported income/expenditures?

Anomaly: Tier II organizations often submit funding requests at varying times, creating uneven expenditure patterns throughout the fiscal year.

Impact: This unpredictability complicates financial forecasting and may lead to funding shortages for later requests.

The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee will be in touch about additional steps and documentation that your Organization will need to provide along with this packet as a result of seeking a fee increase.

Fund Balance

17) If your Organization should carry over funds from one year to the next, what is the ideal (minimum) level of that fund balance and what is the justification for that amount?

The ideal (minimum) fund balance for the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at UConn to carry over from one fiscal year to the next should be approximately 20-25% of the annual operating budget. For example, if the annual budget is \$150,000, the carryover amount should be between \$30,000 and \$37,500.

Justification for the Minimum Carryover

-Operational Continuity:

A carryover ensures that essential operations, such as administrative costs and emergency financial aid programs, can continue uninterrupted at the start of the fiscal year, even if fee contributions or revenue are delayed.

-Contingency for Unexpected Expenses:

Funds are required to address unforeseen needs, such as emergency loan fund demands, unexpected Tier II organization requests, or rising costs of events due to inflation.

-Mitigating Timing Anomalies:

Given that revenue collection (e.g., Graduate Activity Fees) and major expenditures (e.g., Grad Prom, Thanksgiving Dinner) occur at different times, a carryover ensures liquidity to cover early-year expenses.

-Ensuring Stability Amid Funding Challenges:

With approximately 66% of graduate students currently unrepresented due to non-payment of fees by departments, a carryover helps sustain GSS activities and services without abrupt cuts.

-Event Planning and Deposits:

Some event-related expenses, such as venue deposits, require upfront payments. A carryover allows for timely commitments to ensure successful planning.

-Advocacy and Representation Efforts:

Adequate funds ensure GSS can continue to effectively advocate for equitable fee contributions and expanded graduate student representation.

18) If your organization is carrying a fund balance above the ideal/minimum level - what planned expenditures are budgeted (in which upcoming fiscal year)with the intention to bring down the fund balance to ideal levels?

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is currently exceeding its budget due to high demand for programs and services, compounded by limited resources. The ongoing issue of departments not contributing the Graduate Activity Fee has drastically reduced available funds, while the need for Tier II organization support, community events, and emergency assistance continues to grow. Without additional revenue, GSS will struggle to meet these demands, risking further cuts to essential programs that directly benefit the graduate student community.

Include what your projected balance will be at the end of this year as well as the next two projected years.

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is currently operating at a deficit, and while we have placed a \$10,000 cushion to address unforeseen bills or circumstances, this amount will ultimately be exhausted due to high demand and limited resources. Compounding the issue, many graduate students face increasing financial pressures due to student loans and rising living costs, which amplifies the need for services such as the emergency loan fund and affordable events. By the end of this fiscal year, we project there will be no funds remaining to sustain operations. Without additional revenue or equitable fee contributions, the GSS will be unable to support its programs, services, and operational needs, leaving graduate students without critical support during a financially challenging time.

Other

Is there any additional information that the Committee should be aware of when reviewing your Organization's budget documentation?

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is facing a critical financial deficit, with no funds projected to remain by the end of this fiscal year. Despite placing a \$10,000 cushion for emergencies, rising demands and unforeseen expenses will exhaust this reserve, leaving us unable to sustain operations. Compounding this crisis, 66% of graduate students are unrepresented because their departments do not contribute the Graduate Activity Fee, while many students grapple with mounting debt and living costs. The GSS provides vital programs, such as emergency loans and funding for Tier II organizations, but these services are now at risk. Without immediate financial support or equitable fee contributions, we will be forced to cut essential programs, leaving graduate students without the support they desperately need during an already challenging time.

Financials

Please upload the Fee Increase SASFAC Excel Sheet

[Student Activity Fee Budget Projection Form-GSS.xlsx](#)

Advisor & FO Review and Commentary

<p>1. Is the financial document (specifically the columns 'FY24 Actuals' and 'FY25 Updated', including the fund balance), as presented, an accurate record of the organization's financial status?</p>	<p>1.a. If not, for what component(s) of the budget would you like to provide information?</p> <p>the incorrect form was used, I resent the SASFAC projection spreadsheet to GSS</p>	<p>Additional Documentation Upload</p> <p>No Response</p>
<p>2. Do you have comments regarding the FY26 Updated or FY27 Projected Budgets?</p>	<p>2.a. If yes, for what component(s) of the budget would you like to provide information?</p>	<p>I will, but i can't yet comment, as i haven't seen them yet.</p>
<p>3. Please provide a narrative on the advising and compliance discussions you have had to date with the Org leadership regarding their finances.</p>		

N/A

Advisor/FO signature

Electronically Signed by O'Brien, Krista (krista.obrien@uconn.edu) - November 22, 2024 at 2:32 PM (America/New_York)

Organization Review and Vote

You've got through and made any necessary edits:

Yes

Date of formal Organization Budget approval

December 6, 2024

Please upload a copy of your Organization's meeting minutes reflecting an affirmative SASFAC packet vote.

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Form Submission - Proposer

Submitted for Approval | Proposer

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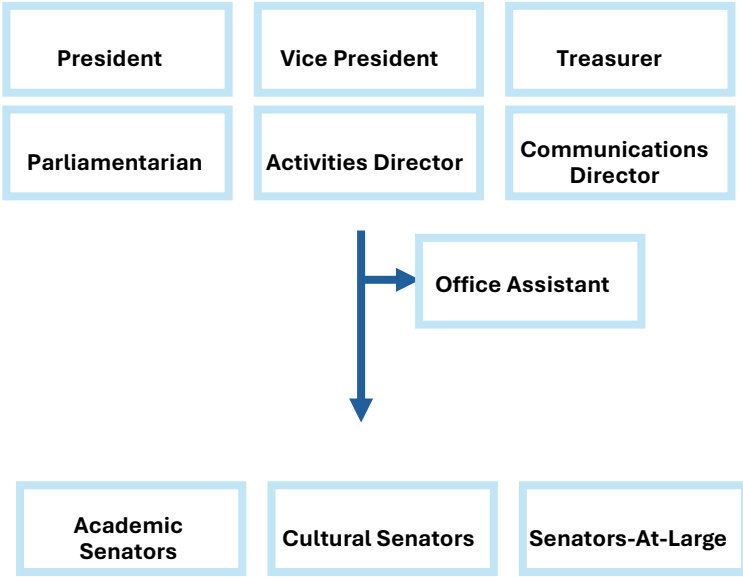
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Org Position/Title	SOLID Equivalent	Authorized Signer?	Responsible for requesting or voting on use of Tier III Funds?	Time Approver?	Maximum Number of Positions in this Role	Paid?	Only complete if Position is Paid				Maximum # of hours an individual in this role is authorized to Work Per Pay Week (Fri-Thurs)?						Per Person: Total Wages at Maximum Pay, if Maximum Hours are Worked	Per Position: Total Wages at Maximum Pay, if Maximum Hours are Worked	Whole Organization: Total Maximum Student Wages
							Job Level	Job Code	Minimum \$/hr	Maximum \$/hr	Summer Break	Fall Semester	Fall Break	Winter Break	Spring Semester	Spring Break			
President	President	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	4		\$ 32.70	\$ 32.70	20	0	0	20	0	0	\$ 13,080.00	\$ 13,080.00	\$ 46,640.00
Treasurer	Treasurer	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	4		\$ 32.70	\$ 32.70	20	0	0	20	0	0	\$ 13,080.00	\$ 13,080.00	
Example 3: Office Assistant		No	No	No	1	No	1	188	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	0	10	10	10	10	10	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 7,400.00	
Senators		No	Yes	No	60	No											\$ -	\$ -	
Vice president		Yes	No	No	1	Yes	4	289	\$32.70	\$32.70	0	0	0	20	0	0	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 3,270.00	
Communication Director		Yes	No	No	1	Yes	4	289	\$32.70	\$32.70	0	0	0	20	0	0	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 3,270.00	
Activities director		Yes	No	No	1	Yes	4	289	\$32.70	\$32.70	0	0	0	20	0	0	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 3,270.00	
Parliamentarian		No	No	No	1	Yes	4	289	\$32.70	\$32.70	0	0	0	20	0	0	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 3,270.00	

Code Description		FY24 Actual Amount	FY25 Original Amount	FY25 Updated Amount	FY26 Original Amount	FY26 Updated Amount	FY27 Projected Amount
R e v e n u e s	501.1 General Donations						
	501.2 Foundation Donations						
	501.3 Benefit Fundraiser Donations						
	502 Dues						
	512 Advertising						
	513 Awards and Prizes						
	514 Vendor Commissions						
	515 Contractual Services						
	516 Co-Sponsorship						
	520.1 Admissions Sales						
	520.2 Food Sales						
	520.3 Merchandise Sales						
	520.4 Participation Sales						
	520.5 Services Sales						
	522 Registration/Entry Fees						
	523 Rental						
	524 Travel						
	530 Penalties and Fines						
	531 Miscellaneous Revenue						
	533 Change Fund Returns						
540 Business Taxes							
546 Interest		\$6,820.67					
547 Student Fees		\$100,483.20	105,000	90,000	105,000	89,000	89,000
Total Revenues		\$107,303.87	105,000	90,000	105,000	89,000	89,000
E x p e n d i t u r e s	601 Donations						
	602 Dues						
	603 Gifts						
	604 Photocopying						
	605 Postage		120	120	120	120	120
	606 Printing			400	400	400	400
	607 Promotional Items		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000
	608.1 Refreshments - Organization		\$7,085.22	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
	608.2 Refreshments - Events/Programs		\$56,363.50	50,000	55,000	35,000	23,800
	609 Subscriptions						
	610.1 Supplies - Organization		\$92.55	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
	610.2 Supplies - Events/Programs		\$113.66	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
	611 Telephone			250	-	-	-
	612 Advertising						
	613 Awards and Prizes		\$19,983.00	1,750	3,000	3,000	3,000
	615.1 Contractual Services - Organization		\$292.50				
	615.2 Contractual Services - Events/Programs		\$3,663.75	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	616 Co-Sponsorships						
	617.1 Cost of Food Sold						
	617.2 Cost of Merchandise Sold						
	617.3 Cost of Participation						
	617.4 Cost of Services Sold						
	622.1 Registration Fees						
	622.2 Entry Fees						
	623 Rental		\$827.50	1,000	500	500	500
	624 Travel		\$935.13		7,500	7,500	5,000
	625 Equipment/Durable Goods		\$444.82	1,000	2,500	2,500	500
626 Equipment - Capital							
627 Insurance							
628 Repairs and Maintenance							
629 Utilities			250				
630 Penalties and Fines							
631 Miscellaneous Expenses							
633 Change Funds							
640 Business Taxes							
642 Wages - Student		\$12,418.00	20,000	28,200	28,200	28,200	
643 Wages - Non-Student			12,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
645 Wage Taxes - Non-Student							
Total Expenditures		\$102,219.63	98,870	131,220	111,220	106,720	89,520
Revenues-Expenditures = Change in Fund Balance		\$5,084.24	6,130	(41,220)	(6,220)	(17,720)	(520)
Fund Balance at Start of Year		\$54,473.22	531	\$59,557.46	6,661	18,337	617
Fund Balance at End of Year		\$59,557.46	6,661	18,337	441	617	97

***Hybrid Meeting link:

<https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/meet/aes21009>

Location: Homer Babbidge Library – HBL2153

I. Call to Order: By Alaa Selim (VP) at 6.15 PM.

II. Recognition of Senators

III. Approval of consent agenda:

- a. GSS Executive Committee Minutes
 - i. The e-board meeting does not have a quorum of the e-board itself hence It was not counted as the meeting.
- b. GSS Senate Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve the meeting minutes initiated by Sandip and seconded by Matt, motion passes anonymously.
 1. Aye: 13
 2. Nye: 0
 3. Abstain: 0

IV. Issues Forum:

V. Executive Board Reports:

- a. President –Bryan Greene
 - i.
- b. Vice President – Alaa Selim
 - i.
- c. Treasurer- Maham Liqat
 - i.
- d. Communications Director – Gaurav Gupta
- e. Activities Director-Leo Gold
- f. Parliamentarian – Noah Kravette

VI. Old Business:

- GEU Town Hall Coordination-Virtual Town Hall on Thursday, Dec 5th (Update-Brayan)
- MOU from TSOS (Update-Maham)
 - o Motion to approve the 20000-dollar contract in updated MOU by Sandip and seconded by Huraira.

- Discussion: From 35000 to 20000
 - Aye: 11
 - Nye: 0
 - Abstain: 1
- Motion passes.

VII. New Business

- a. Motion to amend the order of agenda made by Matt and seconded by Sandip
 - i. Aye: 16
 - ii. Nye: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
 - iv. Motion passes anonymously.
- b. Motion to vote on SASFAC budget presented by Maham made by Sandip and seconded by Matt. Motion passes anonymously.
- c. SASFAC approved budget pass with 13 aye, 0 nays and 0 abstains. 3 people does not vote.
- d.
 - Monthly Bills Payments for maintaining GSS active status.
 - E-board Stipend/Fellowship payments
 - Motion to table this for discussion made by Sandip and seconded by Kaliegh
 - Aye: 14
 - Nye: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - BoT Presentation for DEC GSS meeting
 - Constitution-Revisions and possible Special Session for that (needs to be done and presented to GSS by ***February 21, 2025***)
 - FY 26 Budget-possible Special Session for that issue as well
 - Vote for senators at large (Mahjabeen Fatema Mitu - Musawir Abrar)
Aye: 11, 10. Both are senator at large.
Motion to pay all the bill by Emma seconded by Laura.
 - July: \$6236.37
 - August: \$670.50
 - September: \$1054.14
 - October: \$783.36
 - Summer payments are included for Emma and Bryan asked by Matt.
 - Aye: 14
 - Nye: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - Motion passes.
 - Motion to extend the meeting by 20 min.
 - Aye: 10
 - Nye: 0



GRADUATE STUDENT
SENATE
GSS

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
University of Connecticut

Senate Meeting Agenda
December 11 2024
6:00PM – 8:00PM

- Abstain:0

- Motion passes

Special allocation for Tier-II organization to be approved including Tarang's budget made by Matt and seconded by Sandeep

Aye: 13

Nye: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to hold e-board meeting at least 2 weeks in advance and the minutes should be posted on website a week in advance to the senate meeting made by Emma and Mitchell

Aye: 12

Nye:0

Abstain:0

Motion passes.

Motion to allocate 10,000\$ for spring welcome-back event including everything (It is a cap) made by Matt and seconded by Sandip.

Aye: 12

Nye:0

Abstain:0

VIII. Good News

IX. Adjournment Initiated by Sandeep and seconded by Matt. Motion passes anonymously.