1. **Call to Order:**By Bryan Green at 5.42PM.
2. **Attandees :** Bryan, Alaa, Maham, Gaurav, Noah, Leo Wenhao and Karen
3. **Status Reports from Executive Committee**
* President-Bryan Greene
	+ The GSS president is working on getting a recorder for meetings to address concerns about recording and accessibility. Once that done the e-board can have in-person meetings.
	+ We have been informed about the proposed fee increase figures for on-campus students the proposed fee increase is roughly around $738 and $288 for off- campus students per semester. The GEU president also proposed to do the joint townhalls to discuss the issues and concern regarding the fee increase. A motion is added for the joint town hall in the senate meeting agenda.
	+ The first meeting of presidential council on combatting sexual harassment is scheduled for this Friday, although Bryan is listed as the point of contact for GSS, he will not be available for the meeting and will require a proxy for this meeting.
	+ Senate executive committee (SEC), GSS have two seats on this committee. Bryan is filling one, another needs to be determined. This committee has the President Maric in it and hence a very good channel for communication. The meetings were scheduled on Fridays.
* Vice President-Alaa Selim
	+ Business school has been booked for the entire school year for upcoming Senate meetings. The capacity is more than 60 people, the technical details such as video and Webex availability has been considered and checked.
	+ Alaa made a request to the e-board, to let him conduct the entirety of the senate meeting. With many objects in issue’s forum it became increasingly difficult to conclude if people randomly start speaking hence it is much more efficient if he is the only one speaking.
	+ We have senator Hannah and one more speaker on behalf of the group of 26 people who got arrested for protesting in the campus. They will be providing an update on their part what is actually going on and what kind of difficulties this group is facing.
	+ In the ad-hoc meeting the GSS were given a choice of not increasing the activity fee, or increase it by $2-$6. This increase will be topped on already proposed increased charges.
	+ Alaa also reported on the ad-hoc committee which is responsible for deciding the fund coming to UConn foundation from foreign countries. There was a motion for GSS to be the supervisor. Further information will be provided in future.
* Treasurer- Maham Laqiat
	+ The previously approved budget doesn’t account for tier-II funding and there was no money allocated to fund the tier-II organizations.
	+ A modified budget was presented, where $20,000 was set aside for tier-II RSO’s in the form of special allocation and some other changes were also made.
	+ This modified budget will be presented in front of the Senate (with all the changes and clarification) to amend the previously passed budget.
	+ The finance committee is needed to allocate budget to tier-II RSO’s. The election for the finance committee will be held in the upcoming Senate, once the committee is formed, we will be able allocatate money to Tier-IIs.
	+ The budget still includes the $25,000 for TSOS.
	+ A breakdown of the proposed general fee was shown.
	+ Treasre suggest to propose instead of increasing fee if we can get the waiver for the money we need to pay to the TSOS.
* Activities Director-Leo Gold
	+ Working on putting together an activity committee, as of now only two people have reached out for the committee position.
	+ The Coffee hour have been successful so far, 40-50 grad students showed up for the coffee hours, this small event presented us a chance for networking.
	+ The happy hour event is also in line and we need roughly around 6K-7K budget for the event. Looking ways to redo happy hours.
	+ Thanksgiving event is one of the important events and Leo is working to plan out something for the event.
* Communications Director-Gaurav Gupta
	+ I want to put together a PR committee. But no one has shown any interest for the PR committee yet.
	+ I am serving as a chair on Edwart marth scholarship committee on behalf of GSS. The call for nomination is out, as of now we are reaching out to find a fixed timing for the committee to meet and discuss the applications.
	+ MS Teams can be a quick and official channel of communication for e-board.
	+ As any Gss announcement cannot be made instantaneously, Comm. Dir. Needs some time to send out the announcement. A request was put forward that the responsible person should draft the announcement (needs to be sent) and give at least 8-10 hours in advance.
* Parliamentarian-Noah Kravette
	+ Procedures committee have finalized the senator list. They are working with some senators who although missed the deadline but attended both meetings.
	+ Planning to update bylaws and constitution.
1. **Old Business-Inventory of All outstanding motions for GSS-TSOS MOU**
	* In the upcoming Senate meeting Krista will be present and will answer all the questions about MOU on behalf of TSOS.
2. **New Business-Motions to present to entire GSS Body**
* **Motion to coordinate Joint Town Halls with GEU on the Proposed Fee Increase**
	+ The motion will be put in front of the senate to make it official. And it will be talked over
* **Motion to approve all GSS Senator applications submitted before October 18, 2024**
	+ A motion to call for executive motion to discuss the conduct regarding E-board made by Bryan, Maham seconded the motion.
		- In favor: three and motion passes.
* A motion to call for executive motion to allow Karen as the listener by Bryan and seconded by Noah. Motion passes anonymously.
* 7.13 executive session started
* 8.21PM e-board is back after discussion.
* We decided as the e-board that the people who have attended the 1st senate meeting or orientation meeting and submit an appeal to procedures committee can appeal their senator status. Further Information will be communicated through the announcement to the grade student community.
* **Motion to amend by-laws in relation to meetings held by internal GSS committees to say the following:**
* **Meetings must have a written record/minutes provided to the Executive Committee and all of the Graduate Student Senate separate from the report given during regular GSS meetings**
* **The Chair of the Committee must ensure that the written record/minutes are provided to the GSS Communications Director within 7 days of the meeting in order to be posted to the GSS Website**
* **The Chair or their designee can make the written record/minutes for the meeting**

**Request for an Executive Session**

**Issues Forum Logistics**

There will be five speakers in the issues forum in the coming senate meeting. Time allocation will be managed in a way that every speaker get the chance to put forward their issues in most efficient way.

**V. Final Thoughts/Adjournment** 8.34 meeting was adjourned.