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1. **Call to Order:** Alaa Selim (VP)
2. **Recognition of Senators**
3. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   1. GSS Executive Committee Minutes: Passed by unanimous consent, no objections.
   2. GSS Senate Meeting Minutes: Passed by unanimous consent, no objections.
4. **Issues Forum:**
   1. Parliamentary Procedures:Noah Kravette
      1. Intro to parliamentary procedure.
      2. Described unanimous consent.
      3. Please avoid side conversations: side conversations must be recored into the written record. Please direct everything to the assembly
      4. Can change the topic under discussion throgh an additional motion.
      5. Discussed methods to keep discussions relevant.
      6. Remember to state name and consituency when speaking on a motion.
      7. Recap: for the unveristy to take us seriouslty, this is how we garner respect from the university to we can continue our advocacy.
      8. Question: Who has the right to speak? (Senator Roy)
      9. Noah Response
      10. Alaa Response
5. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President – Alaa Selim
      1. University Senate discussiong fellowships related to graduate students in Engineering.
         1. General Electric fellowship was cut due to GE leaving Connecticut.
      2. University Senate Executive Committee,
         1. Biweekly 8am-2:30pm in person
         2. Looking for representatives
      3. PR approvals are all set.
      4. Student Leaders Meeting - undergraduates and graduates across campuses meet to discuss issues related to all campuses.
      5. Discussed issues related to SHAW and research getting cut related to the executive orders.
      6. Last E-Board meeting
      7. Concluding old business and getting the activities sorted out.
   2. Vice President – Alaa Selim
      1. Meeting with UConn foundation to discuss issues related to divest policies.
         1. UConn does not invest in individual companies, and it is difficult due to CT state law to divest from specific companies.
         2. Communication between UConn Foundation and student representitives
         3. Need to have a clear statement of things for UConn to divest from
      2. Meeting with President council member
         1. Need GSS representation.
      3. Maham: SHaW people mentioned they have something for the graduate students if they cannot pay for the copay ammount. They can help those students pay those bills.
   3. Treasurer- Maham Liaqat
      1. Good conversations with SASFAC about issues related to Graduate Students
      2. Bills through November paid, and December/January bills are approved and will be voted on later in new business.
      3. Been working on finance inquiry committee: many senators wanted to know why we are in this situation.
      4. Listed the members of the Finance inquiry committee.
      5. Shared summary report in email and will share a presentation of the details in this meeting to shed some light on what steps we need to take going forward. Going to take a vote on these recommendations.
   4. Communications Director – Alaa
      1. Vote on award committee, will hear soon.
      2. Apply for award.
      3. Announcements for our different events and announcements
      4. Transparency of Meetings.
   5. Activities Director-Leo Gold
      1. N/A
   6. Parliamentarian – Noah Kravette
      1. Constitution Vote will be occuring today
      2. Proc. Comm. working to bring updates to financial policies and bylaws to improve readibility and accesibility
      3. Coffee Hours - 4-6pm on Friday in Buisness School.
6. **Old Business** :
   1. Representative for the President Council and SEC from GSS
   2. Representitive for the Presendent Council on Sexual Harassment and Violence
      1. Twice per semester, need a chair and subchair
      2. Not a very big commitment
      3. Maham: Cultural TII need to be active in at least one comittee
      4. Alaa: Please join the Student Life Commitee
      5. Maham: Any graduate student can be on the comittees
   3. Representative in the SEC
      1. We have 2 Chairs on SEC
      2. Sandip: It is GSS policy in the past to give preference to EBoard
      3. Alaa:
      4. Alaa: Still have one chair left, and will send reminder for both President Council and SEC.
   4. Motion to approve Bills for January 2025 for the amount of $4699.39 and the Bills for December 2024 for the amount of $7.69.
      1. Sandip Roy made the motion, seconded by Matt Silverman
      2. Discussion:
      3. None
      4. Motion passes by 12 Ayes, 0 Nyes and 2 abstains.
7. **New Business**

* Financial Inquiry Discussion by Financial Committee
* The votes for Constitution.
* BYLAW Changes Discussions.
* Motion to Compensate the Vice President for his role acting as GSS-president.
* Confirmation Vote for March 2025 Elections.
* Financial Inquiry Discussion by Financial Committee
  1. Motion to move into executive session with Senate and E-Board members (Maham Liaqat, Gaurav Gupta, Noah Kravette, Alaa Salim, Leo Gold) for the purpose of discussion sensitive matters and be FERPA compliant to discuss employee performance and salaries.
  2. Motion made by Matt Silverman and Seconded by Sandip Roy
  3. Motion Passes by 12 Ayes, 0 Nyes and 0 abstains.
  4. ==== START OF EXEC SESSION ====
  5. Motion to extend meeting by 30 min.
  6. Motion by Emma Sigfried, seconded by Sandip Roy
  7. Motion passes by 11 Ayes, 2 Nyes and 1 abstains.
  8. Motion to confirm that this presentation was heard and to accept the recommendations of the Financial Investigation Committee
  9. Motion by Matt Silverman, seconded by Phuc.
  10. Motion passes by 11 Ayes, 0 Nyes and 1 abstains.
  11. Motion to exit executive session.
  12. Motion by Sandip, seconded by Abhishek.
  13. Motion passes by 12 Ayes, 0 Nyes and 0 abstains.
  14. ==== END OF EXEC SESSION ====
* Motion to Table Bylaws and Financial Policies Discussion
  1. Motion by Sandip, seconded by Abhishek.
  2. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
* Motion to Approve the Constitutional Updates as read and presented last meeting.
  1. Motion by Sandip, seconded by Matt.
  2. Motion passed by 8 Ayes, 0 Nyes and 4 abstains.
* Motion to confirm March 2025 election proceedings.
* Election Date & Location: March 26, 2025, in BUSN 211 during the regular Senate meeting.
* Nomination Deadline: Closes 48 hours before the election (6 PM, March 24, 2025).
* Nomination Process: A senator must nominate candidates, and nominees must confirm with the Parliamentarian via email to gssparliamentarian@uconn.edu.
* Election Notification: Sent to all graduate students via email and Soapbox by the end of this week.
* Order of Business: The election will be first item after issues forum (before officer reports).
* Voting Method: Closed ballot, conducted via paper ballot or QR code, per the Constitution.
  1. Motioned by Sandip, seconded by Matt.
  2. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
* Motion to give Alaa, as the acting President, will get the total President Stipend minus what the previous president got.
  1. Motioned by Sandip, seconded by Matt.
  2. Motion passed by 10 Ayes, 0 Nyes and 2 abstains.

1. **Good News**
2. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sandip seconded by Matt. Motion passes anonymously.
3. **Atandees:** Quinn Packer
4. Gaurav Dutta
5. Kiran Paudel
6. Michael Jolly
7. Ashwin Arun Abhang
8. Abhishek Dubey
9. Noah Manuel
10. Emma Siegfried
11. Yinyu Wang
12. Matt Silverman
13. Musawir Abrar
14. Michael Griffith
15. Kari Comstock
16. Makduma Zahan Badhan
17. Sandip Roy
18. Md Amit Hasan
19. Ziqin Liu
20. K.M. Abu Hurayra Lizu
21. Kayleigh Morse
22. Pravaal Yadav
23. Hoang-Phuc Pham