1. **Call to Order:** Alaa Selim’s (VP) alternate Noah Kravette (Parliamentarian) at 6.01PM.
2. **Recognition of Senators**
3. **Approval of consent agenda:**
   1. GSS Executive Committee Minutes
      1. Approve via anonymous consent.
   2. GSS Senate Meeting Minutes
      1. Approve via anonymous consent.
   3. GSS Senate Committee Meeting Minutes Oct 2023, Nov 2023, Dec 2023, Jan 2024, Feb 2024, March 2024, April 2024, and Oct 2024.
      1. Motion to amend the listed meeting minutes made by Senator Kari Comstock and Seconded by Senator Noah Manuel.
      2. Motion passes with 10 aye, 0 nay, 3 abstain.
4. **Issues Forum:**
5. **GSS AY 2025-26 Officer Elections:**
   1. Closed Ballot Election for all GSS Officer positions for the upcoming school-year AY 2025-26.
6. **Executive Board Reports:**
   1. President – Alaa Selim
      1. N/A
   2. Vice President – Alaa Selim
      1. N/A
   3. Treasurer- Maham Liaqat
      1. Received emails from Comm Director about Tier II organizations submitting budgets.
      2. Deadline was Jan 31st.
      3. Emails sent out with Finance Committee – trying to arrange a meeting for the Finance Committee to finish setting up budget for next year.
      4. Finance Committee is elected by us, they will decide who gets budget from us.
      5. New organization should have attendance in the senate.
      6. Organizations receiving funds cannot be frozen by TSOS.
      7. Funds allocated are more than this year because we spent so little this year.
      8. Next meeting tentative budget will be presented.
      9. Each organization senators attend that meeting and needs to be voted next meeting.
      10. As soon as budget is decided, emails will be sent out to organizations to allow for negotiations with the Finance Committee (not on the senate floor).
      11. TSOS office closes in June and opens in July.
      12. Organizations this year will have time to have events planned, start planning for your events as soon as you know how much money is allocated.
      13. Will be working on streamlining PRs – working more directly with TSOS.
      14. End of this month, TSOS closing PR submissions (March 31st).
   4. Communications Director – Gaurav Gupta
      1. GSS Service Award announced at end of meeting.
      2. Looking for one person to be part of the GSS Community Service Award – currently short on one person and need that to be able to meet.
      3. Contact Gaurav after meeting to join the committee.
   5. Activities Director-Leo Gold
      1. Thoughts on what you want for food for next meeting let Leo know.
      2. Good events coming up –
         1. Tomorrow 4 – 7 PM event at Kathmandu
         2. April 9th – Department of Student Activities – Graduate Student Game Night
         3. Spring Formal working on being planned – May 3rd 9 PM – 1 AM at Kathmandu.
         4. Coffee Hour/Social Hour events ongoing – coffee hour in BUS 321 4 – 5:30 PM Friday
         5. GSC 6 - 8 PM Trivia at Corleone’s Café on Friday in Willimantic
   6. Parliamentarian – Noah Kravette
      1. New Senatorc, Bylaw and Financial Policy Updates we will be voted on next week.
7. **Old Business:**
   1. GSS Financial Policy Update Discussion (vote next meeting).
      1. Noah thanked procedures committee for their time and commitment for GSS.
      2. Procedure committee (Sandip) talked about the financial policy change.
      3. Mainly how to quantify the number of students for an event.
      4. The GSS funded event cannot have other funds from other sources.
      5. What does constituent mean, mainly the fee-paying events can attend the GSS sponsored event.
      6. Violators will be reported the organization can get frozen or suspended.
      7. Funding prioritization, GSS will prioritize his own events over tier-ii organization unless they have already announced it before the GSS, or they belong to remote campus.
      8. To approve the budget 2/3 votes are required from the present senator after the quorum is made.
      9. The treasurer shall explain the rules for allocation of tier-ii budget and the reasoning behind the decision.
      10. No, tier two should get the budget=total tier ii budget/Number of tier-ii organizations.
      11. Activities director will be added to financial committee.
      12. All committee chairs will have the voting rights.
      13. The financial committee will present the rules that are adopted for evaluating budgets.
      14. All tier-ii were referred as tier-ii, there will be no academic or non-academic tier-ii. This will not affect the budget in anyway.
      15. Only tier-ii will be eligible to ask for funding.
      16. GSS comm Dir will send out GSS funded events on Friday in the selected format by senate.
      17. The attendance should be modified that, the attended form needs the physical signatures and people soft id in the attendance list.
      18. If tier-ii raises any kind of funds (and keeps it) through the event funded by GSS will lead to suspension of funding for a year.
      19. Reimbursement will not be made for any cash expenses.
      20. GSS will not do any reimbursement except for satellite campuses.
   2. GSS Bylaws Update Discussion (vote next meeting).
      1. E-board meeting shall occur 14 calendar days before senate general meeting.
      2. There needs to be at least one GSS meeting every month and thy should be public and location and time should be posted seven days in advance on GSS website.
      3. Academic constituency will be termed as departmental constituency.
      4. Nonacademic to non-departmental constituency.
      5. The number of departmental senators shall be decided by Parliamentarian before the fiscal year meeting starts.
      6. Each department will be getting one senator for 40 graduate students enrolled in the department.
      7. Leo raised””
      8. For 250 fee paying student one at large senator is allowed.
      9. The elections for altarage senator will be conducted in the similar way as of e-board election.
      10. The quorum criteria have been changed.
      11. Tier two will have one senator seat only.
      12. In the recall process 2/3 votes are requires initiating the recall motion.
      13. Recall meeting will be held in the beginning of the senate meeting. There may is not a time limit for the defended and the senator.
      14. The initiation of recall motion required a close ballet vote.
      15. The loan amount should be increase in the case of any nationwide emergency.
      16. The E-board pay will not include summer anymore. Procedures committee explained further on this point about how the work part remained in the bylaws but pay part is removed.
      17. The procedure committee membership will be distributed at first come first serv meeting based on the communication to parliamentarian.
      18. GSS graduate community service award and service to GSS award have the fixed dollar amount as the prize namely $750 and $250 for winner and runner up respectively.
      19. The bylaws say the change in bylaws should apply in 1 year, this should be changed so effect can be instantaneous.
   3. Motion to extend the meeting by 20 min made by Sandip and seconded by Emma.
      1. Aye:13
      2. Nye: 0
      3. Abstain:1
   4. Motion to pay outstanding February monthly bill ($9586.93).
      1. Senator Emma Siegfried motions to pay whole February Monthly Bill, Senator Sandip Roy seconds.
      2. Motion passes with 10 Aye, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain
   5. Motion to pay outstanding GSS bill from October.
      1. The motion got tabled as it was unclear for which meeting the UCONN catering was charging GSS. Additionally, the reason for bill not paid seems unclear.
8. **New Business**
   1. Motion to amend the GSS Budget to correct improper Summer 2024 payments.
      1. Discussion, Current Budget, we were accounting for treasurer summer payments, but against the bylaws Amendment – Previous Summer Treasurer Wages added under Wages Section $2000.
      2. Amount has already been paid.
      3. Senator Matt Silverman motions to amend the GSS Budget, Seconded by Senator Kari Comstock
      4. Motion Passes with 13 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Abstain.
   2. Motion to pay Spring 2025 E-Board amounts (President-$2500, Vice President- $750, Treasurer-$2500,Comm. Dir.-$1500,Activities Dir.-$1500 and Parliamentarian-$750) per Budget and Bylaws, and have VP instead receive remaining GSS President Spring 2025 amount ($2500) for fulfilling the President’s duties.
      1. Includes the VP getting paid remaining GSS President’s stipend.
      2. VP is only getting the remaining President stipend and not the VP Salary – no double dipping.
      3. Senator Sandip Roy motions to pay salaries, Seconded by Senator Kari Comstock
      4. Motion Passes with 13 Ayes, 0 Nays and 0 Abstains
   3. Motion to reimburse E-Board parking expenses as allotted in FY 2024-25 budget.
      1. If an E-Board member has been a member for 10 months, they can have the parking reimbursed.
      2. 2023 – 2024 Parliamentarian served for 10 months as confirmed by Krista.
      3. Money from previous years rolls over but the budget does not.
      4. The money rolled over, but the budget did not.
      5. Discussion of 2023-2024 Parliamentarian parking expenses were tabled until next senate meeting.
      6. Senator Sandip Roy motions to pay the E-Board parking reimbursement, Senator Matt Silverman seconds.
      7. Motion passes with 11 Ayes, 0 Nays and 2 Abstains
   4. Motion to approve a special allocation of up to $1,500 for GSC, in line with the Tier-II 2024 special allocation guidelines.
      1. They have asked previously for an amount less than the allocated cap which was $1500. As their events is going on and more people are turning in they need more funding to hold additional events and want to extend their budget up to a cap of $1500.
      2. Motion made by senator Sandip Senator Emma Siegfried seconds.
      3. GSC is separate then GSS events.
      4. Motion passes with 10 Aye, 0 Nyes and 2 Abstains.
   5. Approve specific necessary GSS Technology as described.
      1. Details: Camera - $600, SD Cards (2) - $50, Card Reader (2) - $50, Extension Cord 92) - $40, Fast Chargers (2) - $60, Charging Cables (2 USB C, 2 Lightning) - $40, Wireless Mouse - $30, Laptop Stand - $30, 27 Inch Monitor - $300; Total - $1220
      2. A camera and Tablet are missing from the 2024 and there will be a police report will be filled for both the items.
      3. E-Board will convene to discuss ways to find ways to keep technology from being stolen in the future.
      4. Senator Matt Silverman motioned to approve purchase of technology, Senator Sandip Roy seconds.
      5. Motion passes with 10 Ayes, 1 Nay and 1 Abstain.
   6. Motion to approve $50/each for 32 Senators as gifts – total $1600 for UConn Bookstore Gift Cards.
      1. Motion can not be discussed in senate because of conflict of interest. E-board will be discussing it later in the monthly e-board meeting.
   7. Motion to approve $60 for E-Board office keys.
      1. Treasurer Maham wanted to have office hours but couldn’t access the office because she doesn’t have the keys.
      2. Senator Sandip Roy motions to approve $60 for E-Board keys, Senator Emma Siegfried seconds.
      3. Motion passes with 11 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Abstain.
9. **Good News :** Emma Siegfried have been awarded the service to GSS award.
   * 1. Emma Siegfried wins the Service to GSS Award.
     2. Last year’s winners AY Senators Antigoni Konstantinous and Sandip Roy for winning the GSS Community Award and the Service to the GSS Award.
     3. Graduate Student Poster Competition - $7500 First Prize – You should enter!
     4. 250 applications for 100 spots
     5. Hiring a new Director of Graduate Student Success – interviews start happening in the next few weeks.
10. **Adjournment :** Meeting has been ended by anonymous consent at 8.19PM.
11. **Attendees:** 
    * 1. Sandip Roy
      2. Kari Comstock
      3. Emma Siegfried
      4. Michael Griffth
      5. Gaurav Dutta
      6. Michael Jolly
      7. Yinyu Wang
      8. Mahjabeen Fatema Mitu
      9. Noah manuel
      10. Mandip Dahul (alternate)
      11. Joshua Lee
      12. Kayleigh Morse
      13. Hannah Cooke (alternate)
      14. Pravaal Yadav
      15. Quinn Packer
      16. Abu Hurayra Lizu
      17. Makduma Badhan
      18. Cindy Barreto (alternate)
      19. Abishek Dubey
      20. Chiamaka Nwabanne
      21. Jasmin Naher
      22. Ashwin Arun Abhang