

**Draft:**

**The special emergency E-Board meeting is called to discuss summer, and AY 2025-26 events, and make final decisions. We have not received updates regarding events so this meeting to finalize Summer events and for the upcoming year.**

Attendance: Sandip Roy (President), Leo Gold (Vice-President), Maham Liaqat (Treasurer), Noah Kravette (Communications Director), Kari Comstock (Activities Director), and Matthew Silverman (Parliamentarian)

- I. Call to Order – 5:38 PM**
- II. Executive Committee Report**
- III. Old Business**
  - a. Parking Reimbursement
    - i. Sandip: Waiting to hear back from Comms AY 24-25 and VP AY 24-25 on parking.
    - ii. Maham: Parliamentarian for partial AY 2023-24 asked for \$713.53 originally (first email to TSOS stating \$788) for parking reimbursement without an official receipt and has been incredibly persistent and aggressive to the Office Assistant. Claiming this to be the proper amount and to give the requested parking reimbursement immediately. The values kept changing. Maham went through all emails and there was still no receipt, all while the information was ambiguous and changing. He was incredibly pushy, and so Maham added Comms and the President to emails. Comms replied stating we need an official receipt with the full listed amount from UCONN parking services, and Parliamentarian AY 23-24 was still being pushy. Maham states she will not reply anymore to Parliamentarian AY 23-24.
      - 1. Note: Later when provided an official receipt after months of Parliamentarian AY 23-24 consistently emailing and harassing the office assistant and GSS officers, the reimbursement value requested dropped by half.
    - iii. Noah: Parliamentarian AY 23-24 stay at GSS is below 10 months if you start during their official transition in May or during start of FY (July 1), below 10 months. So, per bylaws he should not be eligible for reimbursement. Procedures Committee will evaluate.
    - iv. Matt: By the way, TSOS are not members of GSS and was trying to weigh in on internal GSS decisions. We need to be clear this is not acceptable.
    - v. Noah: TSOS uniquely reached out for parking records on Parliamentarian AY 23-24 behalf too.

- vi. Maham: This seems like a double standard from TSOS. Also, if someone is harassing me, I will not engage. These emails with Parliamentarian AY 23-24 have affected me badly and this is not acceptable.
- vii. Sandip: TSOS at the beginning said official transition date is last meeting in April. However, her latest email contradicts that and seems to agree with my earlier email that transition date is set internally by each org. Official transition date is a date GSS decided internally. Official start date could be interpreted as first E-Board meeting in May normally. The Procedures Committee should decide based on our GSS policy.
- viii. Matt: Procedures committee will convene and consider Parliamentarian AY 23-24 eligibility.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **a. Summer Events**

- i. Kari: Will have a meeting with Sue and Jose to reserve rooms.
- ii. Sandip: Let's start with planning for Summer, Fall, and then Spring.
- iii. Kari: Movie night, BBQ (need good team), Picnic, Retro dance at Kathmandu (music and outfits different time periods), Corleone's event such as Trivia or open mic.
- iv. Matt: For all events we should keep things simple. Instead of discussing abstract ideas, we should discuss concrete details. In this situation a themed dance may act as a barrier to entry--stay to just a happy hour for now. **Everything is logistics for Activities Director.** *For example, for the Picnic where do you get supplies, costs, location, etc.? Where will we serve from and who will manage it?*
- v. Kari: We can do rental at place we did the BBQ.
- vi. Sandip: We can do on campus too.
- vii. Leo: We can rent student union Terrance.
- viii. Sandip: Yes, ask Sue, and look into it.
- ix. Matt: How much did food cost at GSS BBQ in May?
- x. Sandip: Roughly \$500 for about 70+ people.
- xi. Kari: Concerned about who manages logistics such as who manages grill and such.
- xii. Sandip: Doing anything within university requires huge amounts of permissions and logistics.
- xiii. Maham: We need permission such as safety, a list, and so on. Where stuff will be, plates, where people sit, need to design a comprehensive plan.
- xiv. Sandip: We need to know who will be checking in people the entire time. Do not rely on your committee though (to Kari) committees do not do

much normally. Sometimes have one or two good people, but many don't show up and you can't hold people accountable. The Activities Director must do *everything* for logistics and management for activities.

- xv. Matt: In new business of Senate can always ask people during the Fall to help.
- xvi. Noah: Grad Feedback Form has people who stated were interested in helping with Activities, and they stated in the form they would be interested in helping.
- xvii. Sandip: Okay let's make concrete plans. The closer to campus is the better so Mansfield Park is better, so we need to figure out how to book that for a BBQ.
- xviii. Noah: We should plan our exact dates, times, logistics now, etc.
- xix. Sandip: When can you report to us about all logistics for these events. Tomorrow talks to Sue on how to book theater. So, movies, BBQ, what else?
- xx. Noah: Can just do rebranding for a Happy Hour such as a Summer Festive Event at Kathmandu with very basic designs that happens during Summer.
- xxi. Leo: We have the scanner now so it's easier for people to get checked in!
- xxii. Matt: We need music at the beginning now too. Should we also try to discuss on how much will cost during Summer?
- xxiii. Sandip: One large event when should we have it? August is best for big event such as 2<sup>nd</sup> week August.
- xxiv. Kari: Will not be here until Friday August 15, 2025.
- xxv. **MOTION: Big Summer Kathmandu event August 15, 2025, TBD by June 15, 2025, all PR filed and finished. Sandip motions and Matt seconds.**
  - 1. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- xxvi. **MOTION: Three BBQ this Summer 2025 for \$2000 total. Sandip motions and Leo seconds.**
  - 1. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- xxvii. Sandip: Kari, when will know all PRs and locations, dates, and logistics by?
- xxviii. Kari: Will be talking to Sue and sorting things out.
- xxix. Sandip: Prefer Mansfield Park. Maybes Patriots Park. So, by next week Monday when will you have this?
- xxx. **MOTION: By Monday, May 26, 2025 via email to entire GSS E-Board, will have concrete details on for BBQ only for now that Kari comes back. Sandip motions, Matt seconds**
  - 1. **Motion passes unanimously.**

- xxx. **MOTION: Allocate \$300 towards facilities to BBQ. Sandip motions, Noah seconded.**
  - 1. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- xxxii. Sandip: Fridays are also best to have these events.
- xxxiii. Maham: people have stuff to do on Saturdays, yes.
- xxxiv. Sandip: Kari, when can you give us details for Movie Nights.
- xxxv. **MOTION: Kari should give all PRs logistics and filing by Monday May 26, 2025 via email to entire GSS E-Board. Motion by Sandip, seconded by Matt.**
  - 1. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- xxxvi. **MOTION: \$2000 for 3 movie nights, but if we must pay for Licensing then we skip movies. Sandip motions and Leo seconds.**
  - 1. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- xxxvii. Sandip: Yoga would be good, and we should email somewhere to ask. Let's put a pin on this. Coffee hours we can do Dunkin or Starbucks and bring it somewhere--nothing formal. Kari, please ask about Yoga and bring in Chemistry lounge coffee hour. What are the other 3 events? Like 3 bar nights.
- xxxviii. Leo, Maham, Matt: We can do them at Corleone's, Square Peg, Kathmandu etc.
- xxxix. Sandip: Can get Tacos in Willimantic or Willington pizza.
  - xl. Sandip: Let's start off with Bar Night and will need to talk to Ryan today to file PR.
  - xli. **Dates set for summer events:**
    - 1. **May 30**
    - 2. **June 6**
    - 3. **June 13**
    - 4. **June 27**
    - 5. **July 11**
    - 6. **July 18**
    - 7. **Aug 1**
    - 8. **Aug 8**
    - 9. **Aug 15**
    - 10. **Aug 22 (End of Summer Event)**
  - xlii. Sandip: Maybe talk to Corleone's we can do like \$250 facilities cost for only us from 5 PM to 8 PM. So, we do not have non-graduate students there.
  - xliii. **MOTION: Allocate \$2000 for all 3 bar nights' total facilities and food. Sandip motions and Maham seconds.**

**1. Motion passes unanimously.**

xliv. Kari: Will let us know all the logistics soon.

**b. Fall 2025 Events**

i. Orientation week:

1. Will try to make an event with Grad School to make event after.

ii. Sandip: Welcome back event could be Sept 12 Kathmandu or Husky's.

iii. October Event:

1. **Halloween event Friday, October 31, 6 PM at ROME or SU.**

2. Check SU ballroom otherwise does ROME ballroom.

iv. **Formal: Dec 6, 2025, ROME Ballroom. But book ROME for Dec 6 and November 21. GSS will decide later.**

v. One big event in Fall

vi. **Coffee/Social Hour: SU 104 start from 3pm to 6pm (book room to 6pm).**

1. **Aug 29,**

2. **Sept 5,**

3. **Sept 19**

4. **Sept 26**

5. **Oct 3,**

6. **Oct 10**

7. **Oct 17**

8. **Oct 24**

9. **Nov 7**

10. **Nov 14**

11. **Nov 21**

12. **Dec 5**

13. **Dec 12**

vii. **Yoga: SU 104 ~ expect 40 people. Or SU 304 if need be (for bigger space).**

1. **Thursday (day before Coffee hour always) day 5pm to 6pm.**

viii. Professional development with Grad school.

ix. **Wellness Wednesday Sept 10, SU 104, 12pm to 2pm. Meet with SHAW and maybe give free UCONN hand sanitizer and condoms (maybe lube too), and dental dams.**

**c. Spring 2026 Events**

i. February: Welcome back event Kathmandu and Husky's. Feb 13, day before Valentines Day, with love theme.

- ii. **March: Spring festival March Festival of Color. How to reserve field by Beach Hall (great lawn) or SU lawn. Book both and cancel one when decide.**
- iii. **Formal: April 18 ROME ballroom.**
- iv. **If have money after somehow, we do a Kathmandu event.**
- v. **Coffee Hours: SU 104; 3pm to 6pm.**
  - 1. **Jan 30**
  - 2. **Feb 6**
  - 3. **Feb 20**
  - 4. **Feb 27**
  - 5. **March 6**
  - 6. **March 13**
  - 7. **Mar 20**
  - 8. **April 3**
  - 9. **Apr 10**
  - 10. **Apr 17**
  - 11. **Apr 25**
  - 12. **May 1**
- vi. **Yoga: SU 104 ~ expect 40 people. Or SU 304 if need be (for bigger space).**
  - 1. **Thursday (day before Coffee hour always) day 5pm to 6pm.**
- vii. **Wellness Wednesday:**
  - 1. **Meet with SHAW, Feb 11, SU 104, 12pm to 2pm.**
- viii. **Professional Development: Do and coordinate with Grad school.**
- d. **Surplus the Old whiteboard from the GSS Office**
  - i. **MOTION: remove the large, huge whiteboard to surplus it and Matt will take care of. Sandip motions and Matt seconds.**
    - 1. **Motion passes unanimously**
- e. **Purchase new whiteboard - \$200**
  - i. *Sandip says we don't need a whiteboard. Better to save money for events. Sandip motions to strike from agenda the new Whiteboard vote. Matt seconds.*
    - 1. *Motion passes unanimously.*

**V. Good News**

**VI. Adjournment - 7:26 PM via unanimous consent.**