

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

University of Connecticut Special Executive Committee Meeting Draft May 15, 2025 | 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM Virtual (see Webex link below)

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A change in cost for the One Card Swipe System that GSS plans to use for checking in attendees at GSS events, necessitates this special executive committee meeting.

Join using Webex Link: Meeting link: https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/meet/sar20009

Attendees: Sandip Roy (President), Leo Gold (Vice President), Maham Liaqat (Treasurer), Noah Kravette (Communication Director), Kari Comstock (Activities Director), Matt Silverman (Parliamentarian)

1. Call to Order 17:06 PM

2. Executive Committee Report

- a. Vice President:
 - i. Former Activities Director closed all PRs.
 - ii. Closed all PRs as former Activities Director AY24-25.
- b. Treasurer:
 - i. Paying bills and preparing training TSOS slides.
- c. Communication Director
 - i. Sent over new Senator application form to be discussed.
- d. Activities Director:
 - i. Has Keys
 - ii. Locksmith could not contact Leo and encountered serious issues. Too much time was lost when the locksmith couldn't reach him, which caused problems.
 - iii. Leo: The locksmith called at 7 AM and stated they had not emailed him. He noted the locksmith could have called at another time and that he had previously emailed a list of all involved individuals. Believes the issue lies on the locksmith's side.
 - iv. Sandip: Emphasized that everyone should be more proactive.
- e. Parliamentarian
 - i. Has access to email.
 - ii. Still needs keys

3. Old Business

4. New Business

- Vote on GSS Equipment
 - Updated Cost of One Card Swipe system up to \$500



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- MOTION: Motion to approve One Card Swipe system up to \$500. Motion by Sandip, second by Kari.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
- Display Port to USB C Cable up to \$50
 - MOTION: Approve display port USB C Cable up to \$50. Motion by Sandip, seconded by Maham.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
- \circ Shredder up to \$100
 - MOTION: Motion to approve shredder up to \$100. Motion by Sandip, seconded by Matt.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
- MOTION: Approve speakers up to \$500. Motion by Sandip, seconded by Leo.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
- USB-C Hub and Cable Converter \$70 and \$20 respectively
 - MOTION: Approve USB-C hub for \$70 and USB-A to USB-C converter for \$20.
 - Motion by Sandip, Kari seconds.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
- MOTION: Up to \$20 to hang things on the wall. Motion by Matt, seconded by Sandip.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
- Collaborating Events
 - Matt: Expressed concern regarding Tier-II event management and logistics.
 - Sandip: Shared that the Tier-II collaborator for the GSS Summer Kick-Off BBQ submitted a comprehensive list, but logistical concerns remain. Reliance on academic Tier-II's unfamiliar with large-scale events presents challenges and discusses it may be a bad idea to rely on academic or department-specific Tier-II's.
 - Discussion: Collaborating with academic or department-specific Tier-IIs is discouraged. Cultural or full-graduate-student organizations are more effective as they have more experience and knowledge of handling large campus wide events like what GSS hosts.
 - Matt: Proposed the need for standards and documentation outlining the process and requirements for collaborations.
 - Sandip: Reiterated the value of partnering with campus-wide, experienced organizations like GSC and Tarang. Collaborations should not be with a single discipline, department, small group, or even a couple disciplines, but rather organizations that serve the entire graduate student body for maximum impact.



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- 5. Good News
- 6. Adjournment 17:32 via unanimous consent.