

## **GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**

University of Connecticut
GSS Marketing and Communication Policy
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(All events with GSS funds must be advertised per FP 4.1.5. and follow policies below.)

# **Required for All GSS-Funded Events**

- 1. **GSS Calendar** Event must be on the monthly calendar (sent within ∼1 week prior to each month).
- 2. Weekly Events ListServ Email Event must appear in the weekly email. Large/high-cost events may also get a dedicated email.
- 3. **Poster for events** Have a basic poster for the event with necessary information.
- 4. Marketing Scale Larger or higher-cost events receive broader promotion.

### Optional/Additional Promotion (As Needed)

- Instagram posts/stories/reels
- Facebook posts/stories
- GSS WhatsApp Channel updates
- GSS website event listing
- Cross-promotion via departments/student orgs
- Flyers/posters in lounges and campus hotspots
- Promotion at other GSS events

### Responsibilities

- Organizers send details to GSS Communications Director by calendar/email deadlines.
  - o All Tier-II events must complete the GSS Marketing Form.
- The Communications Director selects promotional methods.
- All messaging follows GSS brand, university, and state/federal guidelines.

### **Tier-II Event Reminder Requirements**

- 1. Senate Attendance Record.
  - a. A Senator representing their organization may miss no more than one Senate meeting per Semester (FP 4.1.4.).
- 2. Advertise to entire Graduate Student body (see above).



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# 3. Record attendance at events.

a. Must use a pre-approved attendance sheet with Student ID (not NetID) and physical signature of attendees. Failure to provide attendance record and/or post purchase documentation within 10 days of event occurrence will result in suspension of Tier-II funding for 1-year (FP 4.1.6.).

### 4. The event must be open and accessible to all graduate students.

a. All events must be accessible to all graduate students (FP 1.3.) on a "first come, first serve" basis (FP 4.2.1.).

#### 5. Tier-II Senators must be on a committee.

a. At least one representative per academic year must serve on a committee (Bylaw III, Section E (iv)).

# 6. Events cannot be scheduled on the same dates as other GSS funded events.

a. Tier-II's cannot hold events when GSS is holding another event at the same time (FP 1.10.).

### 7. Events must be filed 40 calendar days in advance.

- a. The event must be scheduled, and PR completed 40 days prior to the event (E-Board Minutes May 13, 2025).
- b. Events until Sept 30, 2025, may be filed only 21 calendar days in advance (special E-Board minutes August 02, 2025).
- c. GSS collaboration event proposals deadline is Sept 30.

## 8. No prohibited expenses.

a. Tier-II's may not use funding to prohibit expenses such as alcohol (FP 4.2.5.).

### 9. GSS funds can only benefit fee-paying graduate students.

a. *Only* graduate activity fee-paying students may benefit from GSS funding (FP 1.3.; FP 1.9.).

#### Reminder

Failure to follow these steps may limit event visibility to graduate students and affect future funding eligibility under Financial Policy Section 4.2.8. The GSS Marketing form QR is below.

