



Student Government Association Eastern Connecticut State University

Fall 2025 Senate Session • General Board

Student Government Association General Board Minutes

Monday, September 8th, 2025

3:00 pm, Student Center 107

E-Board: Mia Sommers, Devin Greene, Mathew Biadun, Molly Hinrichs

Senators: Vianney Escobedo Herrera, Randy Madore, Gabrielle Papale, Jack Luby, Jack Morico, Alex Saranich

Advisors: Casey Kensey

Absent: Cassidy Irwin

Guests: Josiah Cook

- I. **Call to Order:** 3:04pm
- II. **Roll Call:**
- III. **President Report:**
 - a. Guest Josiah Cook from the Intercultural Center:
 1. The IC is looking to create a fund that will help students get more professional experience, such as attending conferences and meetings. In order to lessen the financial burden on these students, the IC is looking to create a fund so students can attend these events without having to use excessive personal funds. The funds would be controlled by the IC, and students could request funding, which would be doled out as the IC sees fit. As of now they estimate asking for \$5,000-8,000.
 2. Discussion: How will this be funded? We discussed the possibility of this coming out of reserves instead of general board. Are there other funding options available? It seems that this fund would fill a gap where there is no extra funding. The general consensus seems to be that we would like to contribute to this fund, although we would like to know more information about all the small details first. We also discussed having this be a pilot program to see if it was used, what worked, and what didn't. Discussions of how much money we want to give will come after we have more details.
 - b. Welcome and introductions
 1. Connectivity
 - c. SGA Powerpoint- Get to know everyone's roles!
 - d. Student Issues and PR Committee Chair Interest
 1. If you have served as a senator for a consecutive year and are interested in being Stissues or PR chair, reach out to Mia or Molly!
 - e. UPASS is here! Go to the Bursar's Office with your student ID to pick it up. Every student can receive one at no additional cost (it is already factored into tuition). Be sure to tell your friends!
 - f. Review SGA Constitution and bring suggestions for any updates! This could be a great activity during office hours which start **next week!** More information and details on office hours to come.

IV. Vice President Report:

- a. Internal Committee Reports

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1. BAM

- a. There's no BAM committee yet, but they are trying to arrange a meeting this week. 4 senators are needed from General Board to create a temporary committee.

2. Student Issues/Public Relations: Nothing to report.

b. External Committee Reports:

- 1. University Senate meeting last Tuesday went well, focused mostly on introductions and basic starting information. The President of the Board of Regents will be in attendance at the next meeting.

V. Treasurer Report:

- a. Beginning of year motions and SGA Account Updates
 - 1. Moved to emergency email motions due to lack of quorum.

VI. Secretary Report:

- a. University Senate Representatives
 - 1. Every other Tuesday, 3:30-5pm, Science 301: Reach out to the SGA email if you can attend! We need at least 2 representatives per meeting, but we have 3 voting seats.
- b. SGA Calendar Signup: Be sure to check the excel sheet and signup for events! Involvement is very important to get our name out! There's no pressure to work or attend an event in full, any amount of time works, but be sure to specify on the sheet. Working an event **does** count towards office hours!

VII. Advisor Report:

- a. Casey Kensey is our advisor, working alongside us as a support role!
- b. Sam Fagerquist is the grad intern for clubs and orgs and can also be used as a resource!
- c. STU360 (previously the Block Party) is coming up next week! 1-4pm in the SGA suite we need students to help give out popcorn and give the SGA elevator pitch! It's a laid-back event and a great way to start getting involved with SGA. More information to come.

VIII. Old Business:

IX. Open Floor:

X. New Business:

Motion #1 to adjourn the meeting at 3:56pm, M. Biadun, R. Madore, all approve.