

**Student Activity and Service Fee Submission Form  
for  
Trustee Organizations (all campuses)**

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Please provide your Organization's Mission and a brief history

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The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) was established in 1979 and acts as the main advocate of undergraduate students at the Storrs campus. USG voices students' opinion to the University administration, community, and State Legislature. Leaders are democratically elected by the student body to work for and improve the undergraduate experience. The structure of USG promotes maximum reach to students and facilitates communication of ideas and issues. USG funds myriad student-led and designed initiatives and programs that are fundamental to each Husky's experience at UConn, notably funding for Tier-2 Registered Student Organizations.

At the end of June 2022, UConn Praxis, formerly UConnPIRG, was dissolved by the Board of Trustees, on recommendation from General Counsel. USG has been entrusted with their fund balance with the mandate to spend it according to the mission of UConnPIRG. UConnPIRG focused its resources on running student-led campaigns chosen by voting members each semester. Campaigns run by UConnPIRG addressed food and housing insecurity, climate change, sustainability, education affordability and access, and youth voter mobilization.

We, the Undergraduate Students of the University of Connecticut, in affirmation of our inherent rights and responsibilities as citizens who have selected, of our own accord, membership in this University, do hereby affirm this Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government. In demand that our rights and interests be upheld, we entrust their defense and protection to our representative leaders, elected on our behalf under the provisions of this Constitution. We therefore charge all members of this student government to passionately defend our rightful stake in our University. Recognizing the need to balance enduring traditions with the dynamic academic and social environment, we call

upon our leaders to facilitate our active partnership with the University of Connecticut faculty, staff, administration, and Trustees. It is the will of the students that our collective voice be heard.

Please upload a PDF of your current Organization-  
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Please upload a PDF of your Supplemental Excel  
Sheet.

[USG Org Chart FY24 - For Gov Board 5-18 \(2\).pdf](#)

[USG Supplemental Org Chart FY24 - Effective  
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What are your organization's current goals and how do they align with your mission?

USG has two core missions: advocacy and club funding. On the advocacy side, we continue to have student staffing expenditures commensurate with the large number of areas in which USG advocates. These student staff regularly discuss with constituents, USG members, University departments, administration, and outside entities to address the issues students face. Our programmatic spending is built around the need to engage with students, educate them on their rights, and provide forums through which their voices can be heard. Our involvement on food insecurity issues is decreasing as the Administration does more. We hope to pivot this attention into concerns of sexual violence and domestic abuse on and off campus. We are engaging with our members and stakeholders on where the need is and how we can meet it.

We also hope to further engage and advocate for career and life preparedness skills. These are high priorities for students as shown in the recent student priorities survey. The money and time that students spend here at UConn must be effectively leveraged into real-world success. This is especially true for students from historically marginalized backgrounds. We believe that USG advocacy can help ensure resources are directed to the right place.

A number of USG initiatives, including our support for Community Outreach (CO) Alternative Breaks and our funding of Plan B, are achieved through partnerships with other 3-ledger funded University departments. This means that certain benefits are only available to Storrs undergraduates, to the detriment of regional campus and graduate students. We have already communicated to those departments that, in the long term, we may not have the funds to continue these. We believe that an increase in the GUF to cover these costs, allowing for benefits to accrue to all students, is the best path forward to ensure that students continue to have their needs met.

On club funding, we hope to have enough funding to bring club funding back closer to FY23 levels. For FY24, we placed additional caps on how many students we would fund for a given activity, which we know is causing hardship, especially for clubs that compete. Even with these caps, we hit our fall funding cap of \$450,000. Without that cap, we estimate that we would have spent \$485,320.94 on club funding in the fall semester (waiting on response from Funding Supervisors). The spring is always busier than the fall, and ideally, we would have at least \$1mm available to RSOs every year (increasing with inflation). However, we are also aware that club funding can be the most flexible, at the cost of student engagement. If our request for a fee increase is not granted, or if the Administration refuses to meet pressing student needs, we will be forced to make even more drastic cuts to Tier-II funding, which has the potential to hurt student engagement, increase barriers for low-income students, and decrease prospective student interest in UConn. This is not our desired outcome, but we consider it to be the most preferable. Alternatively, if the Administration wants USG to continue covering menstrual products, printing, alternative break support, and Plan B, all while keeping club funding near FY23 levels, we would require a larger fee increase (roughly \$21 instead of \$10) in order to keep all of these initiatives while not hurting our support for students in other areas.

1) Briefly describe the programs and services you provide for your constituents that serve as the primary focus of your organization.

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USG spends our student funds on a broad array of programs and advocacy designed to benefit the UConn Undergraduate Student Body. We employ roughly 70 students to carry out our bookkeeping, administration, and advocacy. One primary mission of USG is Tier-II funding and support. We have 10 students who work solely on funding with the help of five professional staff, and we have budgeted \$900,000 this year for direct Tier-II support. Last year, we spent over \$1.2mm on Tier-II funding. USG's funding of RSOs, including over \$500,000 in FY23 to club sports, benefits the entire student body by providing equal access to enriching experience and is a major selling point used by tour guides and admissions officials in order to draw students to UConn. In addition, our support of Tier-II organizations runs through the Student Organization Center, which offers free photocopying, supplies, and meeting space to Tier-II RSOs. As of 11/16/23, USG has provided printing services to 39 RSOs in the Fall 2023 semester. We are working on ways to expand offerings through the SOC, saving USG money on equipment while allowing for easier and more efficient access to the common needs of RSOs.

USG's programming and advocacy focuses on providing necessary resources and information as well as being a bridge between the administration and the students. Our staff advocates on behalf of students in front of administrators, the Board of Trustees, and the Legislature. Many of our resources are provided in an effort to support the administration where they are unable to meet student needs. Our numerous initiatives include leading the charge on food insecurity advocacy on the Storrs campus, applying pressure that culminated in the opening of the Husky Harvest food pantry last spring. We continue to push for an additional pantry in central campus, as well as ensuring that the existing pantry is stocked with a variety of wholesome, nutritious, culturally conscious food to ensure student needs are met. We continue to work on mental health advocacy by partnering with SHaW to provide students with information about UConn resources. We have led initiatives promoting decarbonization, and we are continuing to follow up on last year's common curriculum changes and successful University Senate vote on the Anti-Black Racism course. Our high-profile, high-spend initiatives include providing free printing to all students through our partnership with Wepa, exhausting our budget on providing free Plan B through a partnership with SHaW (roughly 1000 student uses in FY23), and more affordable alternative breaks through partnership with Community Outreach. We also throw a number of events every year in the hopes of educating our peers and fostering diversity and inclusion on campus. These include our Cultural Fair, College Talks, and other speaker and town hall events, which are generally lower-budget but incredibly impactful in terms of fostering dialogue and informing our advocacy. We advocate on the legislative level for increased funding for the University, because increased funding from the state block grant decreases the need for tuition, making UConn more affordable for its students. USG's wildly successful #SaveUConn push brought over 750 students to the state Capitol and helped the University avoid a budget disaster in FY24. We continue to make the student body more politically engaged, registering about 750 students to vote in the 2022 midterms and about 200 students in the 2023 municipal elections. Led by USG's External Affairs team, USG has been diligently working to steward the legacy of UConn Praxis and UConnPIRG before it. We are planning community service initiatives to get students more involved in the community. We are working hard on voter registration; we have already begun planning for the 2024 presidential, US Senate, Congressional, and state legislative elections. We hope to register over 1,000 students to vote, and we are exploring options to bring elected officials and candidates to campus in order to increase student and community engagement and further raise the profile of the University.

Throughout all of USG's work is a common mission to support our constituents and the broader UConn community and create a happier, healthier, and more sustaining environment here in Storrs.

Who is eligible to participate in your activities?

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## Financials

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Please note that items 3-5 should total 100%

2) For what purpose do you spend any portion of your budget on the operations of your organization?

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We compensate student and non-student staff, which is explained more below.

We lease computer equipment and pay for software through SAIT; computer access and the ability to use QuickBooks for expenditure tracking through work computers is essential to the operation of the organization. Likewise, we pay ITS for three telephone lines.

We purchase food for committee and Senate meetings. The majority of attendees at these meetings are uncompensated student volunteers, and we are aware that our meetings often run long and overlap with mealtimes. We consider this a low-cost incentive to get more students in the door (as all undergraduate students can vote in our committees) as well as an accessibility concern, as otherwise our Senators would have to choose between dinner and USG. We also have a budget for repaying the Union for meeting space and A/V related expenses.

We have a budget for conferences, and we make an effort to include both existing leaders and newer members who we consider to be potential future leaders in the organization. These conferences provide dedicated time to think about the future of the organization together and for individualized and small-group mentoring, all of which helps ensure the next generation of USG leadership is prepared to lead.

Graduation stoles provide a thank-you to all members who have dedicated their time to USG over the years. We see them as a low-cost way to recognize those members, many of them volunteers. This is in-line with the practices of other Trustee organizations. For similar reasons, we have a budget for member uniforms, given to all members regardless of payroll status, and we hold one recruitment and retention event each Spring where members can socialize, discuss the organization's past and future, and have fun together.

We hold one to two training retreats, at the beginning of the Fall semester and occasionally in the Spring, where we educate our members on policies and procedures, brainstorm new ideas, and facilitate team-building.

We have a small budget for office equipment, to be purchased as new systems require new technology or as existing equipment reaches end-of-life.

3) What percentage of your budget is to support your organization's operations?

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Does your Organization pay any elected or appointed student leaders?

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Yes

If so, please list and provide a brief explanation of student payroll.

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Right now, there are currently roughly 70 students on the USG payroll. For a full listing, see our supplemental org chart.

Student leaders have been compensated for their work since 2019. Compensation increases the attractiveness of holding an elected position, providing a better pool of candidates, and increases the productivity of elected officers. Compensating members makes participation in USG more

accessible to all students, regardless of socioeconomic backgrounds. Before compensating our leaders, we found that the only people who ran were people who could afford to work for free. This kept many otherwise qualified students from being able to serve as elected student leaders. Compensation changed the workplace dynamic from a casual volunteer space to a more professional environment. The productivity of appointed students has increased; as an example, before compensation, our Speaker's office had five or more paid positions, now it functions much more efficiently with just three. Positions in USG that demand the most work are paid. These positions include the elected offices, committee and subcommittee chairs, chief and deputy justices, and the SOC and Funding staff. Paying minute takers allows us to have extremely detailed and transparent minutes, far beyond what is required under FOIA or typically seen from deliberative bodies. Each of these positions are integral to the function of USG and its service to students. Each year, we actively discuss which positions should be paid and how to utilize the efforts of both paid staff and volunteers in a way that is productive, inclusive, and equitable.

Does your Organization pay for any non-student staff?

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Yes

If so, please list and provide a brief explanation of non-student payroll.

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TSOS requires USG to pay for the non-student staff that support our purchases. USG has made strides toward emphasizing student control over student financial decisions whenever possible, and we continue to expand our use of student secondary ProCard usage, Big Y charge cards, and student drafting of requisitions and PSAs where appropriate. However, University systems access controls prevent us from directly utilizing most KFS and HuskyBuy functionality, so we continue to need non-student staff.

4) What percentage of your budget is for programs and services for students sponsored by your organization (do not include expenses that are for members only)?

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a) How do you determine if these programs and services meet your organizational goal/priorities?  
b) How do you know if the program, and services you provide meet the needs/expectations of your constituents?

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Every event that includes a USG giveaway (e.g. the merchandise for Finals Care Fair, the menstrual products for Period Box, and the gift cards for Husky Market) includes a survey where students can tell us about their needs. We ask a few questions about upcoming USG advocacy to ensure we are focusing our efforts on the areas that students care. We regularly seek feedback on these forms, in-person at events, and through comments and messages on social media. In addition, our 63 Senators are tasked with communicating regularly with constituents to ensure that we are meeting their needs and faithfully representing their interests.

We review our budget twice a year, and we use that process as an opportunity to think about our goals and priorities as an organization. Our programmatic budget and programmatic budget projections serve as our values document. Our Senators review and question our budget at these times, and they are involved in every disbursement vote that goes through committee.

5) For groups that fund Tier II student organizations, what percentage of your budget is allocated to them?

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6) Please explain significant changes in the overall budget (spending plan) for this fiscal year since starting July 1, 2023, when compared to the previous year's budget and this year's original budget.

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First, clarifying the answer to #5 above, since the form only lets us input a number: In FY23, 50.6% (\$1.22mm) of USG's spend was directly in support of Tier-II RSOs. In addition, significant USG student and non-student staff time, as well as our software, IT, and office supply purchases, were in support of Tier-II RSOs. It is difficult to quantify exactly how much time was spent focusing on Tier-IIs vs. Trustee purchases, but we believe that when all is factored in, more than 60% of USG's FY23 budget was in support of Tier-IIs. We anticipate that amount to decrease slightly this year but to stay above 45% of USG's budget going directly to Tier-IIs. During FY23, our funding went to 148 unique RSOs. So far in FY24 (as of December 2023), we have funded 122 unique RSOs.

The largest change is the elimination of Husky Market, our COVID-era program giving grocery store gift cards to students in need. USG was informed by Tax Compliance and Financial Aid that continuing Husky Market into 2023 would lead to negative tax and financial aid implications for students. This nearly \$425,000 spend has disappeared, and in its place are different and less expensive food insecurity initiatives, especially surrounding nutrition and culturally conscious food. We continue to meet regularly with UConn Dining and the Office of the Provost to ensure we are doing all we can to support food insecure students.

We appreciate and applaud the University taking on the responsibility of the Husky Harvest. USG believes firmly that the responsibility for meeting essential student needs lies with the University. To that end, we secured a commitment from AVP and Head of Facilities Mike Jednak in early 2022 to ensure tampons and menstrual pads are readily available to all students around campus, just as toilet paper and soap are available free of charge. Since AVP Jednak's departure, USG has had difficulty getting follow-through on that commitment. Director Barber of the Student Union told USG that the SU would not supply menstrual products in the SU dispensers, and that USG would need to purchase these products if we wanted them supplied. USG considers this lack of action to be a severe shortcoming of the University administration, and we believe that we can fix this through advocacy. As a result, our projections include a sunset of the Period Box initiative. However, if we are unable to get the University to make good on its commitment, we will need to reassess to ensure basic student needs are met. Likewise, USG has stepped in for two years to provide free printing to undergraduates. Unfortunately, some professors still require printed assignment submissions. We have demonstrated for two years that providing free printing is relatively inexpensive and beneficial to students. We continue to advocate in the hopes the University will decide to simply make printing free, knowing that it can find additional

efficiencies and cost-effectively give students an accessible and free way to print necessary academic materials.

## Revenue

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7) What is the current Fee amount per semester/year?

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Storrs Undergraduate [Fees](#)  
Regional Undergraduate [Fees](#)  
GSS Graduate [Fees](#)  
Law Graduate [Fees](#)  
SSW Graduate [Fees](#)

8) Does your organization receive income from any source other than student fees?

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Yes

- a) What are the sources of revenue you currently collect and how much is it that you receive?  
b) Are these sources consistent or variable from year to year?  
c) How is this revenue reflected in your organization's projected budget? Please explain.
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We receive a small amount of income from interest each year. Interest varies based on our current account balance, so it is lower when we are on-time in paying our bills, which is USG's intention moving forward. Due to the variation and small size, we typically do not project interest income past the current year. Rarely, we collect very small amounts of money for copies that are requested from Tier-I or Tier-III RSOs (Tier-II RSOs can print free). That amount does not exceed \$50 per year, so we do not see value in projecting it.

## Expenses

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9) What are the top organization operational expenditures?

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Student payroll was \$330,000 in FY23, Non-Student payroll was roughly \$234,000, and our spend for SAIT support was \$47,000.

10) How are these expenses similar to or different from the previous year?

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From FY22 to FY23, non-Student payroll and SAIT support were flat, while student payroll increased. This was a part of an intentional strategy by USG leadership last year. In FY22, USG did not have enough professional staff, and the staff we did have were unable to process the requests going through their queue. As a result, the USG leadership of the time made the decision to deny funding requests en masse to allow our limited professional staff the time to process their backlog. This artificially deflated the FY22 spend on Tier-II funding (just 40% of spend that year) and also limited USG's ability to program. Instead of hiring additional professional staff, we expanded our Tier-II funding staff and our Comptroller's Office. We gave additional responsibilities to those student staff members and our elected leadership. Beginning in FY23, students have been primarily

responsible for gathering the information needed to make a purchase, tracking documentation, vendor setup in HuskyBuy, and other tasks that had been historically taken by the professional staff. This allows us to minimize our need to rely on more expensive professional staff while getting everything done on time, returning more fees to our constituents in the form of paychecks, and giving additional professional development opportunities to our student members and staff. We anticipate similar numbers for FY24.

11) What are the top organization expenditures for programs and services that you fund?

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In FY23, we spent:

\$426,892 on Husky Market, assisting 1416 food insecure students with \$300 gift cards  
\$96,253 on our Finals Care Fair initiative  
\$44,453 on menstrual supplies for students  
\$36,243 on a kickoff event in collaboration with HuskyTHON.  
\$34,404 funding CO alternative breaks, increasing their accessibility to students  
\$27,882 on buses to the state Capitol as a part of #SAVEUCONN  
\$12,767 (despite budgeting \$60,000) for free printing for students

12) How are these expenses similar to or different from the previous year?

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Line by line, in FY22:

We spent \$173424 on Husky Market, enough to fund 578 \$300 gift cards. Praxis also used part of its budget on Husky Market. In FY24 Husky Market no longer exists due to Federal pandemic restrictions expiring and the University opening Husky Harvest. We have a small budget available for assisting Husky Harvest during its transition period.

We budgeted \$80,000 for Finals Care Fair and spent \$63391. In FY24, we have also budgeted \$80,000, and we are working on ways to improve the event to provide additional support during exams, possibly in collaboration with departments including the AAC and CSD.

We spent \$39,474 on menstrual products. In FY24 we expect this number to increase as we work to identify the scale of this student need and as we continue to advocate for the University to meet this need.

We budgeted \$37,000 for the kickoff event and spent \$23440. In FY24, we have decided that such a large-scale event is not the best way to engage with our constituents. We are focusing instead on events where we can engage with constituents in some form, collect data, and grow as advocates and representatives.

We budgeted \$35,000 for alternative breaks and spent \$18543, a number deflated by COVID restrictions still in effect. In FY24 we have \$40,000, and we have notified Student Activities that long-term, they should look for a GUF increase to cover these expenses.

#SAVEUCONN was not a USG initiative; at the time, UConn Praxis still existed and was more involved

in legislative advocacy. In FY24 and beyond, as we have stated elsewhere, we plan to remain involved and ensure our constituents are given the opportunity to engage in the political process. This will change from year to year depending on what is happening in the local, state, and national political landscape.

Free printing was not a USG initiative. In FY24, we have budgeted \$60,000, but we do not expect to spend all of it. Moving forward we expect to ask the University to simply make printing free.

13) What are the top expenditures for Tier II organizations (if applicable) that you fund?

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624 Travel - \$428,016  
615.2 Contractual Services - Events/Programs \$371,219  
625 Equipment - Durable Goods \$116,364

14) How are these expenses similar to or different from the previous year?

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In FY22, USG's top three Tier-II funding categories were the same, with amounts  
624 Travel - \$237,246  
615.2 Contractual Services - Events/Programs \$237,452  
625 Equipment - Durable Goods \$92,602

In light of the spending in the past two years, USG has placed new caps and limitations on travel. USG believes that on-campus events provide the best value for USG's more limited fund balance, so we have placed caps of \$300 per ticket on airfare, 16 competitors per competition, and 4 attendees per conference. In addition, we have provided new caps on contractual services based on the category of contractual service. We hope that these will maximize the benefit provided through our funds. We continuously seek feedback from RSOs to ensure we are responding to the needs of our constituents.

### Future Year Spending Plans

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15) What are your Organizational priorities, as reflected in your projected budgets, for the next two fiscal years?

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Overall, the response to the question, "What are your organization's current goals and how do they align with your mission?" summarizes our current and future priorities well. To summarize: USG seeks to continue advocacy and club funding at a high level. You see increases in the club funding line under the fee increase projection category. You also see maintenance of our student payroll line item with slight increases for minimum wage, reflective of the value that we believe our student employees provide to the organization and the student body at large.

On basic student needs, including menstrual products and printing, we are funding these in FY24 with the hope and expectation we will not need to do so moving forward. You can see this through decreases in the line item 615.2.

On club funding, you see increases in FY26 after a brief decrease in FY25, necessary due to USG's current budget situation. I will note that the estimates provided in our budget sheet are conservative; if there is additional money available, USG hopes to use that to keep club funding at the \$850k-900k level for FY25. However, we are also aware that if costs continue to rise, or the University fails to meet pressing student needs (which may evolve over time), and without corresponding increases to USG's revenue base, we will unfortunately need to cut club funding, with the understanding that this would have strong negative effects to the student body and the University community, but with the belief that other cuts would cause even more damage and jeopardize USG's ability to carry out its mission.

16) Is your Organization seeking a fee increase? What dollar amount are you requesting per semester/year?

Yes 55

What is the rationale for the requested increase (i.e., for what is the additional revenue to be spent?). Please be sure to represent this in the Proposed Budget.

We go into significant detail below. USG's spending increased in response to the decrease in club funding demand during the COVID pandemic, which left us with a significant cushion. We set out to spend that, and we have. In the process, we were able to spend significantly on student needs as well as meet the huge FY23 demand in club funding. We have scaled back on student needs, in response to the University taking on food insecurity through Husky Harvest, but we feel it is worthwhile to continue the increased club funding amounts as well as some of our events. Through discussions with multiple University departments including SHaW and Student Activities, it is evident that student engagement is still down significantly compared to pre-pandemic. This has worrying implications for student mental health moving forward, and some initiatives like this year's Spring Involvement Event and Cultural Fair are dedicated to solving this in collaboration with the University.

Finally, it is simply the case that USG's costs have increased. Student payroll began just before the pandemic, and it is a major cost for USG. Inflation has led to a significant increase in costs that we face while planning events and while funding clubs. In addition, with the dissolution of UConnPIRG / UConn Praxis, we were charged with spending that fund balance in concordance with the mission of UConnPIRG. We are committed to continuing the mission of UConnPIRG / UConn Praxis, including voter registration and sustainability advocacy, and we require a permanent funding increase to go with these additional programs. We are not able to sustain this without an increase to our revenue base and ongoing increases year-over-year. Ideally, USG would ask for a larger fee increase in order to bring up club funding further, but we are aware of budget pressures facing our constituents and the University. We plan to continue advocating in the future for the additional funds we need in order to right-size the RSO funding budget.

What steps have you taken to reduce expenses and what was the outcome?

USG has worked hard to minimize extraneous expenditures. We have expanded student control and access over purchasing, and students now are active participants in every step of the purchasing process, including through direct purchasing methods like student Big Y cards and Procure-

What steps have you taken to increase revenue and what was the outcome?

Unlike the media-focused Trustee student organizations, USG does not have the ability to sell ads or rent tower space. Our options for revenue are more modest. We are discussing partnerships and sponsorships to cover some programmatic lines, as we did with Coca-Cola and water bottle refill

ment Cards. This has led to an expansion of student payroll but has allowed us to avoid hiring additional professional staff, which would cost more. Our expansion of student payroll has allowed USG to fill important advocacy spaces that have gone unfilled for many years, such as our seats on University Senate committees. Through our seats there, we amplify student voices in more spaces. This has led to additional advocacy opportunities on far-reaching topics, from the University's budget to the academic calendar to the University's syllabus repository. Our advocates work with other departments to identify unmet needs and find ways to fill them. Paying our advocates is important to USG. While we continue to reassess which positions need to be paid and how to best save students money, we believe that significant cuts to student payroll would either lead to increased professional staff costs to fill in the slack (in spaces like funding and administrative tasks) or else severely damage our ability to passionately and accurately reflect the needs and desires of our constituents. When we began compensating our members, the minimum wage was \$10.10/hr. As of this writing, it is \$15/hr, and by the time we present, it will be \$15.69/hr. USG's work is so staff- and people-focused that there is simply no sustainable way to achieve long-term savings in this category.

We have cut our long-standing tradition of sending USG members to the COSGA conference in Texas and are replacing it with closer, cheaper alternatives (one in New Jersey, another in Rhode Island) to enrich, educate, and train our student leaders. We recognize that spending for the benefit of USG members must be carefully managed. At the same time, USG's mission relies on dozens of unpaid Senators, Justices, and committee members, including their attendance at meetings which often run into mealtimes. We spend intentionally on food, merchandise, and team-building, knowing that our volunteers need to feel like members on equal footing to compensated leadership. We feel that with the FY24 budget, spend on USG members is close to its minimum.

On club funding, we have the most flexibility. We can impose harsher caps or choose not to fund certain expense categories. However, this comes at the expense of student enrichment. USG's

stations. However, these would likely not cause revenue increases, but merely decrease some event-focused costs. However, in most spaces, taking "sponsorships" would hurt USG's independence, damage our ability to advocate, and likely damage our image. Previous USG administrations charged surcharges on Tier-II funding, but USG knows that those charges significantly increase staff burden (making most of them not cost-effective) while decreasing accessibility. The only significant sources of revenue for USG are student fees and a small amount of interest. Increasing our fee is the only reasonable way to increase revenue.

funding allows cultural groups to hold events increasing community; it allows club sports and sport clubs to practice and attend competitions; it provides equipment for STEM-focused clubs to learn and explore. We could cut any one of those, but the effects on students would be strongly negative. FY23 showed that USG is able to disburse more than \$1.2mm for RSOs in a single year, and those costs continue to increase with inflation. We have spoken to Nathan Feurst and Cyndi Costanzo about the possibility of UConn Rec taking on responsibility for club sport funding. If that happens, USG would not need a fee increase. However, without that change, USG believes that decreasing club funding to fit into our current budget would damage students as well as hurt enrollment, as a major selling point for prospective students would evaporate.

What will the outcome/consequence be if you do not receive the fee increase?

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USG will be forced to decrease spend in all areas. Cuts to staffing will hurt our ability to communicate with and advocate for our constituents. Cuts to our programming threaten to leave students without basic necessities and leave us without the flexibility to support offerings by the University that enrich students' lives. We will additionally have to cut staffing in our support roles, including student funding staff (making club funding slower and less accessible to students) or in our minute takers, hurting transparency. We will also be forced to cut club funding even more drastically, as that is the area where USG has the most flexibility. This threatens to make students pay more out-of-pocket in order to be in clubs, which in turn makes involvement less accessible and closes doors especially for low-income students. At a time when multiple departments are seeing less student involvement, it is unwise and would be extremely damaging to put up additional barriers to entry.

What (if any) are the timing anomalies with regard to the reported income/expenditures?

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This year, at the Committee's request, TSOS has provided FY23 numbers to the Committee based on actual bank account transactions. At the beginning of FY23, USG had a significant number of outstanding bills from FY22. While those were actually deducted from USG's account in FY23, they represent spending from FY22 and are not an accurate reflection of USG's FY23 spending and priorities. I compiled last year's SASFAC placing these expenditures in our FY22 spend, so adding the numbers from last year's SASFAC to this year's SASFAC will result in a double-count the second half of FY22. In addition, the TSOS numbers do not differentiate between Tier-II funding and other USG funding, which I separated out last year. To that end, I am including columns breaking out actual FY23 expenditure (using only the funds committed in FY23) into Tier-II and non-Tier-II spend by expense code as well as budgeting by programmatic line item.

**The Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee will be in touch about additional steps and documentation that your Organization will need to provide along with this packet as a result of seeking a fee increase.**

Fund Balance

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17) If your Organization should carry over funds from one year to the next, what is the ideal (minimum) level of that fund balance and what is the justification for that amount?

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USG hopes to carry forward approximately \$50,000 to replace equipment in the case of a catastrophic loss.

18) If your organization is carrying a fund balance above the ideal/minimum level - what planned expenditures are budgeted (in which upcoming fiscal year) with the intention to bring down the fund balance to ideal levels?

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As you can see in the budget and as explained above, USG's new base-level spend on our operations, programming, and club funding will exhaust our fund balance by the end of FY25.

Include what your projected balance will be at the end of this year as well as the next two projected years.

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At the end of F24 we estimate having roughly \$200,000, with just under \$50,000 by the end of FY25.

Other

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Is there any additional information that the Committee should be aware of when reviewing your Organization's budget documentation?

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The FY23 "Refreshments" line item (608.2) includes our spending on Husky Market (roughly \$250k from the USG account and over \$400k total), making 608.2 our largest expenditure category by far last year.

Financials

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Please upload the Fee Increase SASFAC Excel Sheet

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[USG FY24 SASFAC Budget FINAL.pdf](#)

Advisor & FO Review and Commentary

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1. Is the financial document (specifically the columns 'FY23 Actuals' and 'FY24 Updated', including the fund balance), as presented, an accurate record of the organization's financial status?

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No

1.a. If not, for what component(s) of the budget would you like to provide information?

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fund balance at start of FY24 Original is missing, should be \$507,048

Additional Documentation Upload

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[USG Student Activity Fee Budget Projection Form-23-25.xlsx](#)

2. Do you have comments regarding the FY25 Updated or FY26 Projected Budgets?

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No

3. Please provide a narrative on the advising and compliance discussions you have had to date with the Org leadership regarding their finances.

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TSOS has worked very closely with USG over the past few years to find appropriate ways of spending down the pandemic surplus; a major area of increase expense and efficiency has been Tier II funding, and USG has been able to maximize their impact in funding.

Advisor/FO signature

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Electronically Signed by O'Brien, Krista (krista.obrien@uconn.edu) - January 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM (America/New\_York)

### Organization Review and Vote

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You've got through and made any necessary edits:

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Yes

Date of formal Organization Budget approval

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December 18, 2023

Please upload a copy of your Organization's meeting minutes reflecting an affirmative SASFAC packet vote.

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to submit the correct spreadsheet

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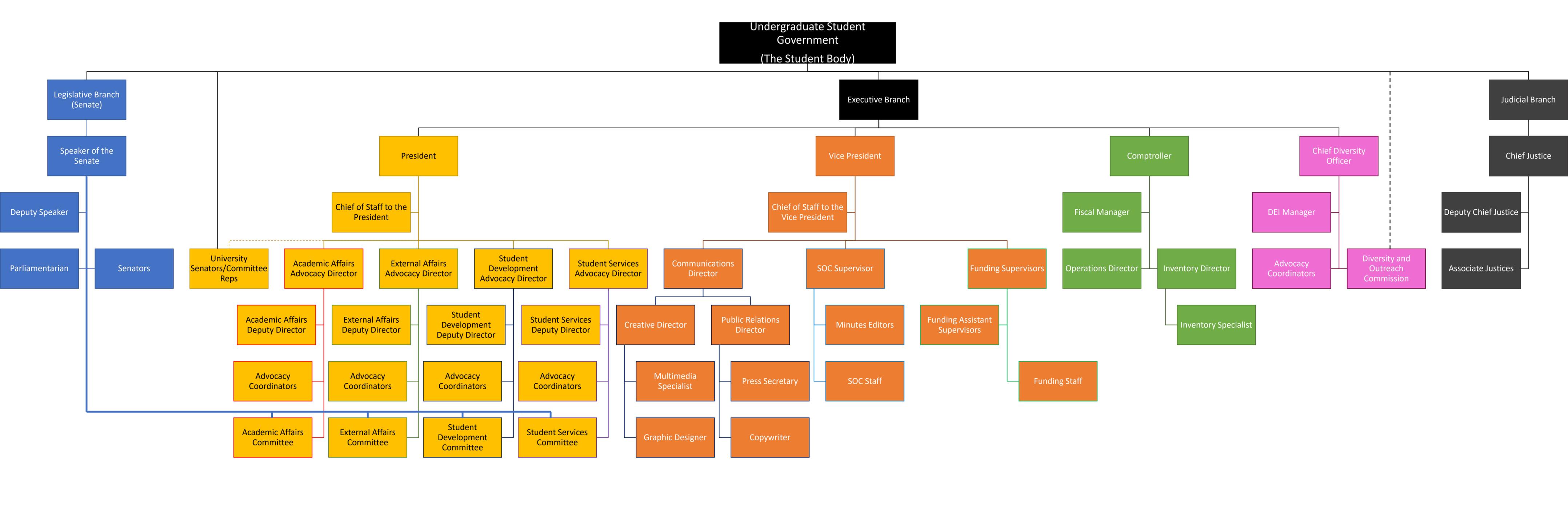
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### Notification

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Code	Description	FY23 Actual Amount (prov by TSOS)	FY23 Actual Amount (prov by USG)	FY24 Original Amount	FY24 Updated Amount	FY25 Original Amount	FY25 Updated Amount	FY26 Projected W/O Increase	FY26 Projected W/ Increase
R	501.1 General Donations	10.96	10.96						
e	501.2 Foundation Donations								
v	501.3 Benefit Fundraiser Donations								
e	502 Dues								
n	512 Advertising								
u	513 Awards and Prizes								
e	514 Vendor Commissions								
s	515 Contractual Services								
	516 Co-Sponsorship								
	520.1 Admissions Sales								
	520.2 Food Sales								
	520.3 Merchandise Sales								
	520.4 Participation Sales								
	520.5 Services Sales	18.91	3.00						
	522 Registration/Entry Fees								
	523 Rental								
	524 Travel								
	530 Penalties and Fines								
	531 Miscellaneous Revenue	1,430.00	198.50						
	533 Change Fund Returns								
	540 Business Taxes								
	546 Interest	63,277.42	63,277.42	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000		
	547 Student Fees	1,665,923.47	1,665,923.47	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	2,090,000
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,730,660.76</b>	<b>1,729,413.35</b>	<b>1,655,000</b>	<b>1,660,000</b>	<b>1,655,000</b>	<b>1,660,000</b>	<b>1,650,000</b>	<b>2,090,000</b>
E	0 Tier II Funding		1,221,441.52	800,000	900,000	800,000	800,000	750,000	1,050,000
x	601 Donations								
p	602 Dues	12,032.56							
e	603 Gifts	8,156.51	1,529.15	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
n	604 Photocopying								
d	605 Postage	6,878.69	199.63	10,000	2,000	10,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
i	606 Printing	9,009.09	24.60	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
t	607 Promotional Items	210,125.82	78,488.81	50,000	50,000	50,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
u	608.1 Refreshments - Organization	7,083.77	3,052.05	5,000	4,000	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
r	608.2 Refreshments - Events/Programs	383,434.87	275,955.69	25,000	25,000	25,000	20,000	20,000	25,000
e	609 Subscriptions	18,907.30	1,209.90	20,000	1,000	20,000	20,000	1,000	20,000
s	610.1 Supplies - Organization	1,067.43	1,833.70	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
	610.2 Supplies - Events/Programs	227,829.19	58,114.58	90,000	70,000	90,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
	611 Telephone	4,615.80	3,251.98	4,000	2,500	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
	612 Advertising			500	-	500	-	-	-
	613 Awards and Prizes	2,893.94	3,593.18	4,000	5,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	615.1 Contractual Services - Organization	72,866.49	50,978.46	60,000	52,000	60,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
	615.2 Contractual Services - Events/Programs	770,550.62	56,567.60	150,000	75,000	150,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
	616 Co-Sponsorships								
	617.1 Cost of Food Sold								
	617.2 Cost of Merchandise Sold								
	617.3 Cost of Participation								
	617.4 Cost of Services Sold								
	622.1 Registration Fees	105,053.50	4,720.00	6,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	622.2 Entry Fees	25,382.66							
	623 Rental	173,079.73	7,044.59	10,000	8,000	10,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
	624 Travel	641,112.12	76,760.59	46,000	50,000	46,000	40,000	30,000	50,000
	625 Equipment/Durable Goods	207,917.59	1,079.15	15,000	10,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
	626 Equipment - Capital	8,170.00	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	627 Insurance	3,519.04	-						
	628 Repairs and Maintenance	13,235.62	2,439.45	10,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	629 Utilities								
	630 Penalties and Fines								
	631 Miscellaneous Expenses								
	633 Change Funds								
	640 Business Taxes								
	642 Wages - Student	450,182.87	330,045.38	270,000	350,000	270,000	360,000	320,000	360,000
	643 Wages - Non-Student	296,973.56	231,052.73	170,000	167,598	170,000	167,598	139,665	173,185
	645 Wage Taxes - Non-Student	50,603.49	2,858.50	120,000	132,402	120,000	132,402	110,335	136,815
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,710,682.26</b>	<b>2,412,241.24</b>	<b>1,875,500</b>	<b>1,921,500</b>	<b>1,875,500</b>	<b>1,814,500</b>	<b>1,645,500</b>	<b>2,089,500</b>
	<b>Revenues-Expenditures = Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>(1,980,021.50)</b>	<b>(682,827.89)</b>	<b>(220,500)</b>	<b>(261,500)</b>	<b>(220,500)</b>	<b>(154,500)</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>500</b>
	<b>Fund Balance at Start of Year</b>	<b>2,443,635.05</b>		<b>507,048</b>	<b>463,614</b>	<b>286,548</b>	<b>202,114</b>	<b>47,614</b>	<b>47,614</b>
	<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>463,613.55</b>	<b>463,613.55</b>	<b>286,548</b>	<b>202,114</b>	<b>66,048</b>	<b>47,614</b>	<b>52,114</b>	<b>48,114</b>

<b>Code Description</b>		<b>USG Tier-II Expenditure FY23</b>	
<b>E x p e n s e</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,545.60</b>
	601 Donations		
	602 Dues	\$	6,280.38
	603 Gifts		
	604 Photocopying		
	605 Postage	\$	6,502.29
	606 Printing		
	607 Promotional Items		
	608.1 Refreshments - Organization		
	608.2 Refreshments - Events/Programs	\$	55,903.35
	609 Subscriptions		
	610.1 Supplies - Organization		
	610.2 Supplies - Events/Programs	\$	44,327.90
	611 Telephone		
	612 Advertising		
	613 Awards and Prizes		
	615.1 Contractual Services - Organization		
	615.2 Contractual Services - Events/Programs	\$	371,218.61
	616 Co-Sponsorships		
	617.1 Cost of Food Sold		
	617.2 Cost of Merchandise Sold		
	617.3 Cost of Participation		
	617.4 Cost of Services Sold		
	622.1 Registration Fees	\$	56,807.43
	622.2 Entry Fees	\$	23,573.79
	623 Rental	\$	109,687.21
	624 Travel	\$	428,016.07
	625 Equipment/Durable Goods	\$	116,364.04
	626 Equipment - Capital		
627 Insurance	\$	48.00	
628 Repairs and Maintenance	\$	-	
629 Utilities			

630	Penalties and Fines	\$	39.41
631	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	4,218.64
633	Change Funds		
640	Business Taxes		
642	Wages - Student		
643	Wages - Non-Student		
644	Wage Taxes - Student		
645	Wage Taxes - Non-Student		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		\$	1,222,987.12
<b>Net</b>		\$	(1,221,441.52)

Office/Committee	Name/Description	FY24 Final - USG (122)	FY24 Final - PIRG (10)	FY 24 Final (TOT)
Office of the President	Membership Events, Giveaways, and other Cabinet Needs	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
	Conferences	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
	Member Uniforms	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	Committee Meeting Food	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
	Recruitment and Retention Events	\$500	\$0	\$500
	Graduation Stoles and Cords	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
	Office Renovations, Equipment Upgrades, and Decorations	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
	Staff Meetings and Snacks	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	Spring Involvement Event	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$84,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$84,500</b>
Office of the Comptroller	Non-Student Payroll	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
	Student Payroll	\$385,000	\$0	\$385,000
	Alternative Breaks Partnership	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
	Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	SAIT Support	\$46,339	\$0	\$46,339
	Office Telephone Charges	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
	Software	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$777,839</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$777,839</b>
Office of the Chief Diversity Officer	Cultural Fair	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
	Outreach Events and Collaborations	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000
	Natural Hair Vending Machine	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
Office of the Speaker	Space Reservations	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	Meeting Food	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
	Senate Rewards	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
	Senate Retreat	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	Senator Outreach Events	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
	Senate Mentorship Program	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
The Judiciary	Judiciary Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500
	Election Expenses	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
Communications Team	Equipment Upgrades and Training	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	Promotional and Advertising Items, Internal and External Outreach Events	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
	Tabling Expenses	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>
	Finals Care Fairs	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
	Free Campus Printing	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
	Newspaper Subscriptions	\$0	\$18,382	\$18,382
	College Talks and Panels	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000

Office/Committee	Name/Description	FY24 Final - USG (122)	FY24 Final - PIRG (10)	FY 24 Final (TOT)
<b>Academic Affairs Committee</b>	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$78,382</b>	<b>\$143,382</b>
	Voter Registration Incentives	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Community Service Expenses	\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500
	Community Ride Day	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Capitol Transportation	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Environmental Events	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>External Affairs Committee</b>	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>
	Networking Events	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
	Financial Literacy Events	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
	Educational Events	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
	Finding Your Purpose	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
	Educational Skills Workshops	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
<b>Student Development Committee</b>	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>
	Husky Harvest	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Period Box	\$47,000	\$53,000	\$100,000
	Tampon Dispensers	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Student Health Fair Collaborations	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
	Mental Health Initiatives	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
	Mental Health Booth Co-Sponsorships	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000
	Snack Pantry	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Disability x Mental Health	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
	Cooking Supplies and Lessons	\$0	\$13,500	\$13,500
	Plan B	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Student Services Committee</b>	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$74,500</b>	<b>\$135,500</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>
<b>Funding Staff</b>	Tier-II Registered Student Organization Funding	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,068,839</b>	<b>\$234,382</b>	<b>\$2,303,221</b>
	<b>Total Available (Comptroller's Estimate)</b>	<b>\$2,069,081</b>	<b>\$234,704</b>	<b>\$2,303,785</b>

Office/Committee	Name/Description	USG - \$10 Increase
Office of the President	Membership Events, Giveaways, and other Cabinet Needs	\$5,000
	Conferences	\$15,000
	Member Uniforms	\$4,000
	Committee Meeting Food	\$4,000
	Recruitment and Retention Events	\$3,000
	Graduation Stoles and Cords	\$3,500
	Office Renovations, Equipment Upgrades, and Decorations	\$5,000
	Staff Meetings and Snacks	\$500
	Spring Involvement Event	\$10,000
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	
Office of the Comptroller	Non-Student Payroll	\$310,000
	Student Payroll	\$385,000
	Alternative Breaks Partnership	\$5,000
	Office Supplies	\$1,000
	SAIT Support	\$48,000
	Office Telephone Charges	\$1,500
	Software	\$1,000
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$751,500</b>	
Office of the Chief Diversity Officer	Cultural Fair	\$20,000
	Collaborative and Outreach Diversity Events	\$20,000
	Natural Hair Initiatives	\$5,000
	Title IX Educational Events	\$5,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Office of the Speaker	Space Reservations	\$2,000
	Meeting Food	\$2,000
	Senate Rewards	\$1,000
	Senate Retreat	\$2,000
	Senator Outreach Events	\$1,000
	Senate Mentorship Program	\$2,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
The Judiciary	Judiciary Supplies	\$500
	Election Expenses	\$1,500
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
Communications Team	Equipment Upgrades and Training	\$1,000
	Promotional and Advertising Items, Internal and External Outreach Events	\$15,000
	Tabling Expenses	\$2,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>
Academic Affairs Committee	Finals Care Fairs	\$20,000
	Educational Events	\$10,000
	Newspaper Subscriptions	\$20,000
	College Talks and Panels	\$10,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
External Affairs Committee	Voter Registration and Political Engagement	\$5,000
	Community Service Expenses	\$3,000
	Community Ride Day	\$2,500
	Capitol Transportation	\$2,500
	Annual Tree Planting	\$500
	Sustainability Events and Initiatives	\$3,000
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$16,500</b>	
Student Development Committee	Educational Skills Workshops	\$4,000
	Financial Literacy Events	\$4,000
	Purpose Workshops	\$4,000
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
Student Services Committee	Cooking Supplies and Nutrition Lessons	\$15,000
	Student Health Fair Collaborations	\$10,000
	Mental Health Town Halls and Education Initiatives	\$15,000
	Sexual Violence Prevention Initiatives	\$10,000
	Drink Top Pilot	\$10,000
	Plan B	\$10,000
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	
Funding Staff	Tier-II Registered Student Organization Funding	\$1,050,000
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,090,000</b>
	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,090,000</b>

Code Description		FY23 Actual Amount	FY24 Original Amount	FY24 Updated Amount	FY25 Original Amount	FY25 Updated Amount	FY26 Projected Amount	
Revenues	501.1 General Donations							
	501.2 Foundation Donations							
	501.3 Benefit Fundraiser Donations							
	502 Dues							
	512 Advertising							
	513 Awards and Prizes							
	514 Vendor Commissions							
	515 Contractual Services							
	516 Co-Sponsorship							
	520.1 Admissions Sales							
	520.2 Food Sales							
	520.3 Merchandise Sales							
	520.4 Participation Sales							
	520.5 Services Sales							
	522 Registration/Entry Fees							
	523 Rental							
	524 Travel							
	530 Penalties and Fines							
	531 Miscellaneous Revenue							
	533 Change Fund Returns							
	540 Business Taxes							
	546 Interest		13,933.74					
	547 Student Fees		214.15					
	<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>14,147.89</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	Expenditures	601 Donations						
		602 Dues	34,586.76					
		603 Gifts						
604 Photocopying								
605 Postage				300				
606 Printing			40,000	40,000				
607 Promotional Items								
608.1 Refreshments - Organization		(85.50)						
608.2 Refreshments - Events/Programs		180,561.46		30,000				
609 Subscriptions		(15.23)		18,382		22,000		
610.1 Supplies - Organization								
610.2 Supplies - Events/Programs		1,952.55	20,000	100,000		11,468		
611 Telephone		159.04						
612 Advertising								
613 Awards and Prizes								
615.1 Contractual Services - Organization		12,767.98						
615.2 Contractual Services - Events/Programs			20,000	2,000				
616 Co-Sponsorships								
617.1 Cost of Food Sold								
617.2 Cost of Merchandise Sold								
617.3 Cost of Participation								
617.4 Cost of Services Sold								
622.1 Registration Fees								
622.2 Entry Fees								
623 Rental								
624 Travel					4,500			
625 Equipment/Durable Goods					-			
626 Equipment - Capital					6,000			
627 Insurance								
628 Repairs and Maintenance								
629 Utilities								
630 Penalties and Fines								
631 Miscellaneous Expenses								
633 Change Funds								
640 Business Taxes								
642 Wages - Student	1,880.30							
643 Wages - Non-Student	2,947.00							
645 Wage Taxes - Non-Student								
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>234,754</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>201,182</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,468</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Revenues-Expenditures = Change in Fund Balance</b>		<b>(220,606)</b>	<b>(80,000)</b>	<b>(201,182)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(33,468)</b>	<b>-</b>	
Fund Balance at Start of Year		455,256.91	88,226	234,650	8,226	33,468	0	
Fund Balance at End of Year		234,650	8,226	33,468	8,226	0	0	



**Undergraduate Student Government  
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**6:00 PM, 12/18/2023**

Meeting #12

- I. Call to Open at 6:00PM
  
- II. Attendance ([Attendance Form](#))
  - a. Present: Amaree Love, Josh Schulman, Vita Munoz, Araceli Tello, Bailey Quigley, Haritha Subramanian, Tanner Marchese, Kara Aldonza, Sean Dunn, Deborah Kyerematen, Giuliana Judge, Ruveyda Maras, Jada Lexie, Rori McCarthy, Nina Lemash, Kenneth Nguyen, Ava Paquette, Ali Villano, Arunima Chaturvedi
  - b. Non-Voting - Angelo Montes, Lani David, Lorien Touponse, Ben Keilty, Jess Lockwood
  
- III. Public Comment - N/A
  
- IV. Reports
  - a. [Academic Affairs](#)
  - b. [External Affairs](#)
  - c. [Student Services](#)
  - d. [Student Development](#)
  - e. [Chief Justice](#)
  - f. [Comptroller](#)
  - g. [Chief Diversity Officer](#)
  - h. [Vice President](#)
  - i. [President](#)
  - j. [Speaker of the Senate](#)
  
- V. Voting Items
  - a. Approval of the [Minutes from 11/29/23](#)
    - i. *Discussion*
    - ii. Minutes 11/29/23 are: **passed** by **unanimous consent**

*Undergraduate Student Government*

*Committee Name: Senate*

*Time, Date: 6:00 PM, 12/18/2023*

*Presiding Officer: Ali Villano (Speaker of the Senate)*

*Minute Taker: Lani David (Minutes Editor)*



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6:00 PM, 12/18/2023

Meeting #12

1. Abstentions:
- b. Motion to approve [An Act Concerning Student Staff Pay Rates](#)
  - i. *Discussion*
    1. *B. Keilty* - This legislation concerns minimum wage increase that is set to go in effect on January 1st. Because of the way that the University does student pay rates, most USG pay rates will see their pay rate increase. Taking no action will create inequities and widen the gap between the elected officials and the Advocacy Directors. It would be most appropriate for the highest paid member of USG to not accept a pay increase. This would mainly affect the elected officials. Hoping to have conversations to have everyone's pay increase be a percentage of the increase. Another option could be introducing stipends instead of hourly pay.
    2. *A. Villano* - Any questions or comments?
  - ii. An Act Concerning Student Staff Pay Rates is: **approved** by the following vote {**20-0-3**}
    1. Abstentions:
      - (a) *A. Villano*
      - (b) *D. Kyerematen*
      - (c) *G. Judge*
- c. Motion to Approve the [2023-24 SASFAC Packet](#)
  - i. *Discussion*
    1. *B. Keilty* - This is USG's submission to a panel of University students and administrators that oversee all Trustee organization fees. This year, USG is requesting a fee increase to \$55 per semester, or \$110 per year.
    2. *J. Schulman* - Is this version different from the one posted in Slack?
    3. *A. Villano* - Yes. There are some updates from *K. O'Brien*.

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4. *B. Keilty* - Any questions?
  5. *L. Touponse* - What changed from the last time this was discussed?
  6. *B. Keilty* - Since Senate, the questions this year have changed. The information hasn't changed, but how it's organized has. The changes today are extremely minor and are highlighted in either yellow or red. Some of the changes were grammatical. Some changes were more focused on language, but there wasn't anything that substantially changed the meaning of what was discussed within USG.
  7. *A. Villano* - Someone mentioned that USG was founded in 1894, not 1979.
  8. *B. Keilty* - Angelo actually brought this up when reviewing the SASFAC Doc, the Undergraduate Student Government in its current legal form was established in 1979 based on a heritage of student governments funding clubs that go back to 1894. Some previous forms of USG include a student government that consisted of only men while making a separate women's student government. If that specific clause should be changed to USG being established in 1894, any discussion about it is welcome.
  9. *J. Schulman* - Under total revenue, why was \$15.03 spent on advertising?
  10. *J. Schulman* - Is Tier-II funding being increased with this fee increase?
  11. *B. Keilty* - Yes. Also referring to the advertisement question, this was about subscriptions which were mistakenly charged to the UConnPIRG account.
- ii. Motion to Approve the 2023-24 SASFAC Packet is: **approved** by vote **{22-0-2}**

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1. Abstentions:

*(a) A. Love*

*(b) J. Lexie*

VI. Discussion

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VII. Announcements

a. **2023-2024 SENATE AND CAUCUS DATES**

VIII. Call to Close at 6:19PM

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