

# ASG Waterbury Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024 at 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Held: Student Services Conference Room

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Meeting ID: 286 232 215 705

Passcode: QBMQXW

- Previous Meeting Minutes
- Current Budget
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- Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 8:06am

## Attendance:

1. Bendy Al Zaatini
2. Erjona Zhuta
3. Emma Pidlipchak
4. Wilmarie Velez-Ramos
5. Sanya Ademiluyi
6. Henry Mertyl
7. Mahmoud Fahez
8. Salvi Shkempi

Previous meeting minutes (10.9.24): 8:04 am – 9:03 am

Motion by: Bendy Al Zaatini

Seconded by: Erjona Zhuta

Yes: All

No: None

Abstain: None

## Current Budget:

**\$47,068.44**

## Unfinished Business:

- I. ASG motions up to **\$350.00** for 20 large pizzas from Dominick & Pia Pizzeria for 10.31.24 for the Halloween Celebration
  - o 10 large cheese pizzas: \$160.00
  - o 10 large pepperoni pizzas: 190.00

Motion by: Bendy Al Zaatini  
Seconded by: Emma Pidlipchak  
Yes: All  
No: None  
Abstain: None

II. ASG motions **\$102.00** for items from Stop & Shop and BJ's for general Halloween event necessities for the rest of the month of October

- o \$18.99 16ct pack of AA Batteries
- o \$18.99 16ct pack of AAA Batteries
- o \$7.99 50ct pack of Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate x2
- o \$11.99 40ct assorted paint brushes x4

Motion by: Bendy Al Zaatini  
Seconded by: Erjona Zhuta  
Yes: All  
No: None  
Abstain: None

III. ASG motions **\$745.00** for the movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas" for Pumpkin Carving, S'mores, and outdoor movie night on 10.30.24 from 5-8pm

Motion by: Bendy Al Zaatini  
Seconded by: Salvi Shkembri  
Yes: All  
No: None  
Abstain: None

IV. Lebanese Red Cross Fundraiser Updates:

- o Visited different restaurants and bakeries, will be receiving donations from Lebani Restaurant, International Bakery, Sultan's, Las Delicias, Brooklyn Baking Company, and Ami's Crispy Bagels
- o Spoke with the owner of Sultan's very supportive of the cause and want to donate money and food, connected us with the Middle Eastern Dance Company who will use their online platform to collect donations, connected us with the owners of Lebani Restaurant, connected us with Alderman George Noujaim who is staying in contact and willing to help, spoke with a retired Lebanese mayor for connections as well
- o Online donations are ready, info about the Lebanese Red Cross is ready, Trifold not needed but can still do it
- o Reached out to MSA and other friends to help volunteer
- o Friend spoke with her aesthetician who offered a free facial for a silent auction, all earnings go toward the fundraiser (alternative to Pie-in-the-face)

- o Will try to go to Banana Brazil and Green Deli

V. Lisa: Career Readiness

- o Seeking some ideas for collaborative events
- o LinkedIn Profiles, Resume workshops, etc.
- o Career Closet: 2-day pop up the week before Thanksgiving. Free clothing for students. Currently, in the collection phase. Need volunteers to help out during those two days.
- o Lisa would love ideas for how to get students to the Career Closet to take advantage of the event.

VI. We can start collecting items for donations toward Hurricane relief- plan is needed

- o Where, when, and by who will the donations be collected
- o Can open it to the public to have non-UConn donations as well
- o Need to speak to UConn police dept. regarding campus visitors

New Business:

- I. Riley Louis – Coordinated Campaign Organizer for Waterbury, working out of Jahana Hayes’s office, and UConn Alum – wants to collaborate with ASG to brainstorm ideas for an event that aligns with our goals to represent the diverse voices of our community. She will be joining our meeting at 8:30 am via Webex.
  - a. UConn Stamford alumni and working with the campaign.
  - b. Jahana Haye’s seat is an important seat to keep in the national election.
  - c. Information on Congress and House of Representatives
  - d. Expand and preserve educational funding
  - e. Renegotiation of the Farm Bill to preserve nutrition programs
  - f. Seeking to create events such as tabling? Early voting for Waterbury (early voting is close to the campus).
  - g. Early Voting: regardless of political affiliation
- II. The Muslim Student Association is requesting **\$85.00** for a Calming Calligraphy event on 10.22.24 from 1-3pm
  - o Supplies from amazon \$55.00
  - o Cookies and water from BJs \$30.00

Motion by: Bendy Al Zaatini

Seconded by: Wilmarie Velez-Ramos

Yes: All

No: None

Abstain: None

III. K-pop Fusion Club is requesting **\$220.00** for items from Amazon for a Ramen Party on 10.30.24 from 5-6pm

Motion by: Bendy Al Zaatini

Seconded by: Erjona Zhuta

Yes:

No:

Abstain:

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IV. Hannah Halloran—the Student Support Services & Bystander Initiatives Coordinator—asked if ASG was interested in her providing Title IX Training from the Protect Our Pack student leaders.

V. Elena Tamayo Heitz for SHaW received the quote from Spirit Cafe for the Fries bar for the FRIES for Consent tabling event on 10.21.24 from 11 am – 2 pm

- o **\$472.40** for assorted French Fries bar: Chili, Bacon, Cheese, & Garlic Parm for 60 servings

Motion by: Bendy Al Zaatini

Seconded by: Wilmarie Velez-Ramos

Yes: All

No: None

Abstain: None

VI. Cultural Festival (11.20.24) funding plan

- o Around 10 booths (culture/country representation) so far have signed up
- o There is still time to sign up to represent your culture/country
- o How much food funds per booth: November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for some quotes
- o How much decoration/supply funds per booth: \$100/booth
- o Total budget for the event (including general decoration and supplies): \$3,000 until quotes are provided

Upcoming Events:

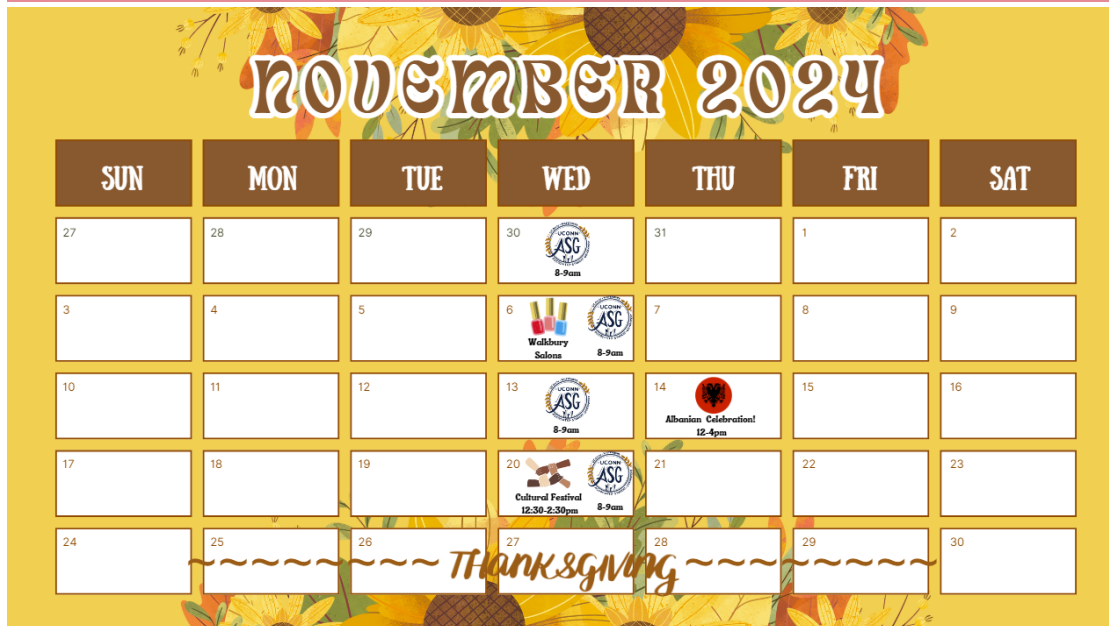
**October:**

- Mini Pumpkin Painting – Thursday 10.17.24 12-2 pm Lobby
- Lebanese Red Cross Fundraiser – Tue-Thur 10.22, 10.23, 10.24 12-2 pm Lobby
- Halloween Movie Night – Wednesday 10.30.24 5-8 pm Courtyard

- Halloween Celebration Day – Thursday 10.31.24 11-3 pm Courtyard & Lobby

**November:**

- Walkbury beauty services – Wednesday 11.6.24 time TBD MPR
- Albanian Independence Day Celebration – Thursday 11.14.24 MPR
- Cultural Festival – Wednesday 11.20.24 12:30-2:30 pm MPR



Meeting adjourned at 9:18am