I. Call to Order – 5:04p.m. in the Student Union, Room 324
II. Roll Call
   a. Members Present – S. Vijay Sekhara (Chair), Paul Bloom (Vice-Chair), Joseph Kim (Asian American Cultural Center), Andrew Ritz (Club Sports Council), Maximilian Kort (International Center), Leah Pemberton (Nutmeg Yearbook), Hannah Cotton (OFSL), Gregg Corso (Student Union Managers), Jasseigh Ingraham (UConn PIRG), Amanda Price (UCTV), Joseph Mingrone (Undergraduate Student Government), Zach Savage (WHUS Radio), Amy Lu (Women’s Center);
   b. Members Absent – African American Cultural Center, Commuter Student Association, Native American Cultural Society, Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center. Rainbow Center
III. Public Comment
IV. Approval of the Minutes
   a. 20 April 2011 Minutes passed with 9 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
V. Reports of the Executive
   a. Policy Council Chair – S. Vijay Sekhara
      i. Chairman Sekhara will review goals and ongoing projects, asked if anyone was unsure of what the council does.
         1. Was asked exactly what the Policy Council does by the UCTV representative, Amanda.
         2. Went over the basic purpose of the council – recommending policy to the director of the Student Union to make the Student Union a better place for students.
      ii. Gave an example of a past project (Graduate Student Lounge bulletin board).
      iii. Current projects:
            1. RedBox/movie rental unit.
            2. Large display screen.
            3. Space request by RHA, will be working on space allotment review process;
            4. Policy council needs to outline criteria for who can maintain office space within the Student Union.
      iv. Asked for ideas.
      v. Nominated Paul Bloom to the position of Vice-Chair and asked for member’s approval.
         1. Yielded to Paul for a minute of detail about his interest in the position.
         2. Approved 9-0.
   b. Policy Council Vice-Chair – Paul Bloom
      i. No report was given by Vice-Chair Bloom
VI. Reports of the Administration – Chuck Morrell
   a. Associate Director Morrell was absent.
VII. Reports of the Representatives
   a. African American Cultural Center - Vacant
      i. No representative was present.
   b. Asian American Cultural Center – Joseph Kim
      i. Joe Kim introduced himself.
      ii. No report from the Asian American Cultural center.
Asiantation and mentoring program.
c. Commuter Student Association - Vacant
   i. No member was present.
d. Club Sports Council – Andrew Ritz
   i. Andrew Ritz introduced himself.
   ii. No reports.
e. International Center – Maximilian Kort
   i. Maximilian Kort introduced himself.
   ii. Coffee hours at International Center every Wednesday from 2PM-4PM.
f. Native American Cultural Society - Vacant
   i. No member was present.
g. Nutmeg Yearbook – Leah Pemberton
   i. Leah Pemberton introduced herself.
   ii. Yearbook will be finished by Friday, September 15th.
h. Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life – Hannah Cotton
   i. Hannah Cotton introduced herself.
   ii. Thanked Student Union staff for helping with Panhellenic Recruitment;
   iii. No more Panhellenic events for a while.
i. Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center - Vacant
   i. No representative was present.
j. Rainbow Center – Dramere Graham
   i. No representative was present.
k. Student Union Managers – Gregg Corso
   i. Gregg Corso introduced himself;
   ii. New managers at Student Union and excellent new staff.
l. UConn PIRG – Jasseigh Ingraham
   i. Jasseigh Ingraham introduced herself.
   ii. Tuesday September 13th at 7PM is the kickoff meeting in the student Union ballroom.
m. UCTV – Amanda Price
   i. Amanda Price introduced herself.
   ii. Reported on planning and advertising for UCTV.
   iii. UCTV has had approval from Chuck to install storage cabinets outside the UCTV office, waiting on Fire Department approval.
n. Undergraduate Student Government – Joseph Mingrone
   i. No representative was present.
o. WHUS Radio – Zach Savage
   i. Zach Savage introduced himself.
   ii. No report.
p. Women’s Center – Amy Lu
   i. Amy Lu introduced herself.
   ii. No report.

VIII. Old Business
   a. There was no old business.

IX. New Business
   a. There was no new business

X. Discussion
   a. No discussion occurred.

XI. Announcements
   a. UCTV has its general meeting at 9PM, asked for support.
      i. Wants to work with all 500 student organizations before graduating.

XII. Adjournment – 5:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Bloom
Vice Chair
Student Union Policy Council
I. Call to Order – 5:06p.m. in the Student Union, Room 324

II. Roll Call
   a. Members Present – S. Vijay Sekhara (Chair), Paul Bloom (Vice-Chair), Joseph Kim (Asian American Cultural Center), Zachary Julius (Commuter Student Association), Andrew Ritz (Club Sports Council), Maximilian Kort (International Center), Giovanna Torres (Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center), Leah Pembroton (Nutmeg Yearbook), Hannah Cotton (OFSL), Gregg Corso (Student Union Managers), Jasseigh Ingraham (UConn PIRG), Mateo Gonzalez (UCTV), Joseph Mingrone (Undergraduate Student Government), Zach Savage (WHUS Radio), Amy Lu (Women’s Center);
   b. Members Absent – African American Cultural Center, Native American Cultural Society, Rainbow Center

III. Public Comment
   a. Dennis Pierce, Director of Dining Services
      i. Student Union Cafe
         1. There are talks with a company named Freshens and contracts are being worked out to have them come to the café within the Student Union
            a. The company provides both healthy and less healthy options.
            b. The legalities are currently being worked out between Dining Services and Freshens.
            c. Contracts will have to be passed through the Attorney General’s Office.
            d. Freshens is expected to come in January 2012.
      ii. The Blue Cow
         1. Milkshakes are available from The Blue Cow.
         2. The Blue Cow also expects to have frozen yogurt by January.
            a. Flavors will include more tart flavors than sweet.
            b. Plenty of toppings will be available
            c. This operation will replace the slushies that have not performed well.
      iii. Dining Services Food Truck
         1. Food Truck will be available soon around campus that will offer international food
            a. Dining Services will work closely with Cultural Centers for ideas.
      iv. McMahon Dining Hall
         1. Construction for the dining hall renovation is on schedule.
         2. Hours of operation will return to seven days a week
            a. It will still remain open late night.
         3. The dining hall will be able to hold 200 more students.
         4. It will have an international theme.
      v. Chuck and Augie’s
         1. Outdoor seating is now available.
            a. This service has been well received.
      vi. Sustainability
1. Dining Services is looking to use cups that are manufactured from 24% or more of recycled materials, including soda bottles, etc.
   a. The idea stemmed from EcoCups in Boulder, CO

IV. Approval of the Minutes
   a. 22 September 2011
   i. Representative Mingrone motioned to approve the minutes from September 22, 2011.
      1. Representative Kort seconded the motion.
      2. There were neither questions nor debate.
      3. The motion clearly passed.

V. Reports of the Executive
   a. Policy Council Chair – S. Vijay Sekhara
      i. Chairman Sekhara discussed the 60th Anniversary of the Student Union.
         1. The 60th Anniversary actually takes place in October 2012.
         2. Chairman Sekhara, on behalf of SUBOG, is requesting that all student organizations, cultural centers, and groups within the Student Union participate in a celebration.
         3. Chairman Sekhara stated that he will create a committee in mid-Spring 2012 including students and administration to plan events with current and transitioning student leaders.
      ii. Chairman Sekhara requested that the Policy Council be open to ex officio appointments
         1. Historically, ex officio appointments have been extended to an alumni of the University and the Graduate Student Senate
         2. Chairman Sekhara suggested to include The Daily Campus
            a. The Daily Campus is a Tier-III group and will provide the Policy Council with the ability to disperse important information to the news outlet
         3. Chairman Sekhara suggested to include the Residence Hall Association
            a. The Commuter Student Association has always held a seat within the Policy Council
            b. This would allow balanced, equal representation of both groups of students.
         4. Representative Ingraham supported the four ex officio appointments
            a. Representative Ritz believed that those groups that are not housed within the Student Union should not hold voting powers
            b. Representative Corso believed that those groups that do not represent undergraduate students should not hold voting powers, as SUBOG represents undergraduate students only.
            c. The Policy Council came to a consensus that all four ex officio appointments should be non-voting.
            d. Chairman Sekhara stated he will contact the Chief Organizational Officers of each group and extend the position to them.
   b. Policy Council Vice-Chair – Paul Bloom
      i. Vice-Chair Bloom discussed the possibility of creating a Space Allocation Committee ad hoc to serve as a body of undergraduate students, reviewing student organizational space within the Student Union.
         1. Vice-Chair Bloom added that it would draft a report, and present it to the Policy Council every Spring semester.
         2. Vice-Chair Bloom stated the ad hoc committee would follow the current student organizational space policies outlined by the Student Union and passed by the Policy Council in the Spring of 2011.
         3. Vice-Chair Bloom urged the Policy Council that a list of policies must be completed by the end of the Fall 2011 semester, and passed by the Policy Council so that the ad hoc committee may begin its work.
            a. Representative Ingraham mentioned that the policies should focus partially on the office hours of each group.
i. Office hours ensure the proper use of the space and that the group is available to its constituents, thus fulfilling the mission of the Student Union.

ii. Representative Mingrone added that USG removed office hours from its bylaws.

b. Representative Mingrone asked how frequent the review of space would occur.

i. Vice-Chair Bloom answered that the groups will be split in half and alternated as to which is reviewed each year.

VI. Reports of the Administration
a. Associate Director of Operations – Chuck Morrell
i. Associate Director Morrell mentioned the status of the new Student Union terrace.
   1. Umbrellas and lights will be installed in the near future.
   2. The space will soon be available for reservation by groups on campus.
   3. Representative Mingrone asked if concerts could take place on the terrace.
      a. Associate Director Morrell answered in the affirmative, and that the last group to perform there was The Ramones where over 10,000 people were in attendance.
   ii. Associate Director Morrell stated that the contract to lease the vendor space next to the hair salon on the second floor of the Student Union will be presented to the Board of Trustees on September 28, 2011. Upon its approval, the name of the vendor can be released.
   iii. Associate Director Morrell mentioned the progress of the new Student Recreation Facility (SRF).
      1. He stated that President Herbst has mentioned that the completion of the SRF is a top priority and a mission of her term as President.
      2. The completion of the SRF can be expected in 4-5 years.
      3. An idea to place the SRF is behind Charter Oak Apartments near the new tech park.
      4. There are also plans to build a road from the end of North Eagleville Road to Route 44.
         a. Representative Mingrone asked how old the current SRF is.
            i. Associate Director Morrell stated it was built in 1946.

VII. Reports of the Representatives
a. African American Cultural Center - Vacant
i. No representative was present.

b. Asian American Cultural Center – Joseph Kim
i. Representative Kim provided no report.

c. Commuter Student Association – Zachary Lewis
i. Representative Lewis stated that Commuter Appreciation Week will start October 3rd, in the Student Union.
   1. There will be food.

d. Club Sports Council – Andrew Ritz
i. Representative Ritz provided no report.

e. International Center – Maximilian Kort
i. Representative Kort mentioned that the International Center holds Coffee hours at the International Center every Wednesday from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

f. Native American Cultural Society - Vacant
i. No representative was present.

g. Nutmeg Yearbook – Leah Pemberton
i. Representative Pemberton stated that the 2011 Nutmeg Yearbook is now complete
   1. Chairman Sekhara asked for the price of a yearbook if a student is not a senior.
      a. Representative Pemberton answered that it is $30.00

h. Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life – Hannah Cotton
i. Representative Cotton provided no report.

i. Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center – Giovanna Torres
i. Representative Torres mentioned that Latinfest will take place October 1st.
   1. Tickets are for sale at Jorgensen for $10.00 per student.

j. Rainbow Center – Dramere Graham
   i. Representative Graham was not present.

k. Student Union Managers – Gregg Corso
   i. Representative Corso provided no report.

l. UConn PIRG – Jasseigh Ingraham
   i. Representative Ingraham told the Policy Council that UConn PIRG is continuing to try to make UConn a zero-waste campus.

m. UCTV – Mateo Gonzalez
   i. Mateo Gonzalez represented UCTV on behalf of Representative Price, who was unavailable.
   1. Mr. Gonzalez provided no report.

n. Undergraduate Student Government – Joseph Mingrone
   i. Representative Mingrone mentioned that the USG Fall Elections went well and that special elections will be held for seats still vacant.

o. WHUS Radio – Zach Savage
   i. Representative Savage provided no report.

p. Women’s Center – Amy Lu
   i. Representative Lu provided no report.

VIII. Old Business
   a. There was no old business.

IX. New Business
   a. A Recommendation to Install a Series of Cabinets Outside of Room 409 in the Student Union for Use by UCTV
      i. Mr. Gonzalez presented the legislation, written by Representative Price.
      1. He highlighted that because UCTV is now producing in high definition, more equipment is needed and thus more space.
      ii. Representative Mingrone motioned to approve the legislation.
      1. Representative Kort seconded the motion.
      2. The motion clearly passed.
   b. A Recommendation to Install Power Stations within the Lounges of the Student Union to Provide Adequate Sources of Power and Address Safety Hazards
      i. Vice-Chair Bloom presented the legislation, written by him.
      1. Representative Ingraham asked if tables with outlets would suffice for this purpose.
         a. Vice-Chair Bloom stated that they would not be as space-efficient as the proposed power stations.
      2. Representative Corso asked if smaller tables would work, so that the stations could serve to provide power, but also as a space to place items.
         a. Vice-Chair Bloom stated that it can be investigated.
         b. Representative Corso mentioned he was concerned that the power stations do not provide enough space for items to be charged.
            i. Vice-Chair Bloom stated that they are meant to be used from a distance where cables can be run to a chair.
      3. Chairman Sekhara recommended that if the legislation passes, that it is investigated as to whether the power stations can be customized to a UConn theme.
      4. Representative Mingrone motioned to amend the sixth clause of the preamble so that it states, “…cell phone charger ports, but a preference should be made for electrical outlets during the purchase of the power stations;”
         a. Vice-Chair Bloom seconded the motion.
         b. There was neither questions nor debate
            i. The motion clearly passed.
      ii. Representative Mingrone motioned to approve the legislation.
      1. Representative Kort seconded the motion.
2. The motion clearly passed.

X. Discussion
   a. No discussion occurred.

XI. Announcements
    i. There were no announcements.

XII. Adjournment – 6:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Vijay Sekhara
Chairman
Student Union Policy Council
I. Call to Order – 5:05p.m. in the Student Union, Room 324

II. Roll Call
   a. Members Present –
      S. Vijay Sekhara, Chair
      Andrew Ritz, CSC
      Maximilian Kort, IC
      Salina Abid, RHA
      Joseph Mingrone, USG
      Paul Bloom, Vice-Chair
      Zachary Julius, CSA
      Giovanna Torres, PRLACC
      Gregg Corso, SU Managers
      Zach Savage, WHUS
      Joseph Kim, AsAAC
      Melanie Deziel, DC
      Hannah Cotton, FSL
      Amanda Price, UCTV
      Amy Lu, Women’s Cntr
      Gregg Corso, SU Managers
      Amanda Price, UCTV
      Amy Lu, Women’s Cntr
   b. Members Absent –
      Leah Pemberton, Nutmeg
      Jasseigh Ingraham, PIRG
      Dramere Graham, Rnbw Cntr

III. Public Comment
   a. No persons were present for public comment.

IV. Approval of the Minutes
   08 October 2011
   i. Representative Savage motioned to approve the minutes from October 08, 2011.
      1. Representative Ritz seconded the motion.
      2. There were neither questions nor debate.
      3. The motion clearly passed.

V. Reports of the Executive
   a. Policy Council Chair – S. Vijay Sekhara
      i. Chairman Sekhara mentioned that he, Vice-Chair Bloom, and the SUBOG Executive
         Board have brainstormed a re-organization of the Policy Council
         1. Chairman Sekhara stated that the idea of re-organization includes the creation of
            four committees to serve the Policy Council
            a. Space Allocation Committee
               i. This committee would serve to review the use of office space
                  by student organizations within the Student Union
               ii. The committee would conduct reviews on half of groups and
                   alternate between each group every year.
               iii. Recommendations approved by the Policy Council shall be
                    sent to the Director of the Student Union.
               iv. Vice-Chair Bloom has already expressed interest in leading
                   this committee.
            b. Facilities and Amenities Committee
               i. This committee would serve to further investigate projects that
                  the Policy Council is interested in pursuing, that relate to
                  operations, facilities, and services within the Student Union.
               ii. The committee would research and draft a report to present to
                   the Policy Council before the Council makes a decision.
               iii. Recommendations approved by the Policy Council shall be
                    sent to the Director of the Student Union.
            c. Aesthetics and Beautification Committee
i. This committee would serve to further investigate projects that the Policy Council is interested in pursuing that relate to increasing school spirit, cleanliness, and look of the Student Union.

ii. The committee would research and draft a report to present to the Policy Council before the Council makes a decision.

iii. Recommendations approved by the Policy Council shall be sent to the Director of the Student Union.

d. Student Organizational Advisory Committee

i. This committee would serve to work with the Department of Student Activities to review items such as SOLID, policies for fee-funded organizations, the Involvement Fair, etc.

ii. The committee would research and draft a report to present to the Policy Council before the Council makes a decision.

iii. Recommendations approved by the Policy Council shall be sent to the Director of Student Activities.

2. Chairman Sekhara expects each committee to be led by a student either currently in or not on the Policy Council and consisting of between 3-5 representatives on the Council.

   a. Chairman Sekhara is questioning whether the committees would be open to non-representatives.

ii. Chairman Sekhara nominated Melanie Deziel and Salina Abid to serve as non-voting ex officio representatives on the Policy Council, to represent the Daily Campus and the Residence Hall Association, respectively.

   1. Ms. Deziel accepted the nomination and introduced herself.
   2. Ms. Abid accepted the nomination and introduced herself.
   3. Vice-Chair Bloom asked both nominees who would play them in a movie of there was a movie about each of their lives.
      a. Ms. Abid responded with Chairman Sekhara.
      b. Ms. Deziel responded with Hillary Swank.
   4. Chairman Sekhara put the nominations to vote by the Policy Council.
      a. Both nominations clearly passed.

b. Vice-Chair – Paul Bloom

i. Vice-Chair Bloom brought up the Space Allocation Committee formerly mentioned by Chairman Sekhara and listed its basic responsibilities.

   1. Representative Ritz asked what would happen to a group should the Policy Council remove them from the Student Union. He also asked if the Policy Council would help the organization find space elsewhere.
      a. Associate Director Morrell stated that it is all up to the Policy Council to draft in the guidelines for this committee.

ii. Representative Kort inquired about the two pieces of legislation passed at the last meeting and if they were approved.

   1. Chairman Sekhara stated that the legislation concerning the cabinets for UCTV has been approved by Monica Rudzik, Director of the Student Union.
   2. Chairman Sekhara stated that the legislation concerning the installation of power stations was well received, but that Director Rudzik would like to meet with Chairman Sekhara and Vice-Chair Bloom to discuss this option further.

c. Policy Council Vice-Chair – Paul Bloom

i. Vice-Chair Bloom discussed the possibility of creating a Space Allocation Committee ad hoc to serve as a body of undergraduate students, reviewing student organizational space within the Student Union.

   1. Vice-Chair Bloom added that it would draft a report, and present it to the Policy Council every Spring semester.
   2. Vice-Chair Bloom stated the ad hoc committee would follow the current student organizational space policies outlined by the Student Union and passed by the Policy Council in the Spring of 2011.
3. Vice-Chair Bloom urged the Policy Council that a list of policies must be completed by the end of the Fall 2011 semester, and passed by the Policy Council so that the ad hoc committee may begin its work.
   a. Representative Ingraham mentioned that the policies should focus partially on the office hours of each group.
      i. Office hours ensure the proper use of the space and that the group is available to its constituents, thus fulfilling the mission of the Student Union.
      ii. Representative Mingrone added that USG removed office hours from its bylaws.
   b. Representative Mingrone asked how frequent the review of space would occur.
      i. Vice-Chair Bloom answered that the groups will be split in half and alternated as to which is reviewed each year.

VI. Reports of the Administration
a. Associate Director of Operations – Chuck Morrell
   i. Associate Director Morrell mentioned that he and others will be meeting with representatives from Dunkin Donuts on Tuesday to review the approved vendor space and construction plans.
      1. Associate Director Morrell mentioned that the franchisee is very excited to come to the Student Union and hopes to begin as soon as possible.
      a. He stated however that he does not expect the operation to start until January 15.
      2. Representative Kort asked as to whether the other Dunkin Donuts franchises will close down around campus.
      a. Associate Director Morrell stated that they will remain open, as they all belong to the same franchisee.
      ii. Associate Director Morrell also mentioned that the Veteran’s Oasis will soon be complete next to the C-Store.
      iii. Associate Director Morrell stated that the Student Union will have a small gathering on Wednesday, October 12, at noon to introduce the new Student Union Terrace.
         1. There will be food provided and there will be speakers, including Chairman Sekhara.

VII. Reports of the Representatives
a. African American Cultural Center - Vacant
   i. No representative was present.

b. Asian American Cultural Center – Joseph Kim
   i. Representative Kim provided no report.

c. Commuter Student Association – Zachary Lewis
   1. Representative Lewis provided no report.

d. Club Sports Council – Andrew Ritz
   i. Representative Ritz provided no report.

e. International Center – Maximilian Kort
   i. Representative Kort provided no report.
      1. Chairman Sekhara asked why the International Center calls their event, ‘Coffee Hour,’ when it lasts two hours long.
         a. Representative Kort did not know.

f. Native American Cultural Society - Vacant
   i. No representative was present.

g. Nutmeg Yearbook – Leah Pemberton
   i. Representative Pemberton was not present.

h. Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life – Hannah Cotton
   i. Representative Cotton provided no report.

i. Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center – Giovanna Torres
   i. Representative Torres provided no report.

j. Rainbow Center – Dramere Graham
i. Representative Graham was not present.

k. Student Union Managers – Gregg Corso
   i. Representative Corso introduced the iPad that was given to the Student Union Managers by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
      1. Only two were purchased.
      2. It will be used to record information and take pictures of the Student Union.

l. UConn PIRG – Jasseigh Ingraham
   i. Representative Ingraham was not present.

m. UCTV – Amanda Price
   1. Representative Price mentioned that this week is UCTV Premiere Week and that the organization will give out a free t-shirt to students who visit the office this week.

n. Undergraduate Student Government – Joseph Mingrone
   i. Representative Mingrone mentioned that the USG Special Elections will take place next week.
   ii. Representative Mingrone also mentioned that USG Vice President Lindsay Chiappa is looking to install a suggestion box for USG within the Student Union.
      1. Chairman Sekhara stated that if USG would like to have it placed anywhere other than within the USG office, legislation would need to be drafted and approved by the Policy Council for this to be possible.

o. WHUS Radio – Zach Savage
   i. Representative Savage provided no report.

p. Women’s Center – Amy Lu
   i. Representative Lu provided no report.

VIII. Old Business
   a. There was no old business.

IX. New Business
   a. There was no new business.

X. Discussion
   a. Representative Ritz asked if it were possible for the Policy Council to make suggestions to the Department of Dining Services and what power, if any, does Policy Council have over the Student Union Marketplace.
      i. Chairman Sekhara stated that he can speak with Dennis Pierce, Director of Dining Services if there is something that students would like to see.
         1. He also stated that if there is a position that the Policy Council feels strongly about, a statement of position could be drafted that reflects the opinion of the Policy Council, and have it send to Dining Services.
      ii. Representative Ritz stated that he would like to see food available for students 24 hours a day within the Student Union.
         1. Some students wake up early or go to bed late and because UConn is both rural and some students cannot afford a car on campus, there is no place to eat during those hours.
            a. He also mentioned that as a member of UConn Men’s Crew, he wakes up at 4:30 a.m. for practice and there are no places open.
         2. Representative Corso agreed, and that a Student Union building manager, he is unable to find anywhere to eat if he is the first shift of the day as he has to be at work the same time vendors first open.
         3. Chairman Sekhara asked Associate Director Morrell if the Student Union has figures of how much it would cost to keep the building open for each extra hour.
            a. Associate Director Morrell answered yes.
            b. Representative Deziel mentioned the possibility of raising the Student Union fee should enough students find it necessary to do so.
               i. Chairman Sekhara noted that the University Provost, COO, and CFO have asked the Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee (SASFAC), not to entertain new fees or increases for the next few years.
1. However, he mentioned that if all groups represented within the Policy Council were to campaign for a new fee and received enough student support during a referendum, it could happen.

4. Chairman Sekhara stated that the matter can be looked into further.

XI. Announcements
   i. Representative Abid announced that Dennis Pierce, Director of Dining Services would be attending the next Residence Hall Association meeting should anyone have concerns they would like to bring up.
   ii. Chairman Sekhara reminded all representatives to get in touch with their COOs and Directors concerning the Themed Room Project

XII. Adjournment – 5:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Vijay Sekhara
Chairman
Student Union Policy Council
I. Call to Order – 6:09 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 312.

II. Roll Call
   a. Members Present: Vijay Sekhara (Chair/SUBOG); Kate Kelley (Vice-Chair); Kimberly Chao (AsACC); Asia Manning (Club Sports); Maximilian Kort (Intl Center); Sarah Morton (Nutmeg); Andrew Taylor (OFSL); Dramere Graham (Rainbow); Greg Corso (SU Mngr); Marco _____ (UCTV); Jasseigh Ingraham (PIRG); Stephen Morris (WHUS); Rachel Janik (Women’s Center) 
   Elizabeth Hopkinson (Ex-officio); Monica Rudzik (Student Union Director)
   b. Members Absent: Representative (AACC); Representative (NACS); Tatian Solis (PRLACC); Representative (Commuter); Lori Gupta (USG);

III. Public Comment
   a. Salina Abid presented a request from the Residence Hall Association about their current office space and how if possible, they would like space in the Student Union.
      i. Salina explained that the Residence Hall Association is a student group that represents all students who live on campus. Their executive office is not complete. They currently have offices in the Putnam Refectory, but the building has inconvenient hours and is in an inconvenient location. Since RHA serves a large majority of UConn students, they would like to have a satellite office in the Student Union, which would be more accessible to students.
      ii. Salina explained that Club Sports has multiple storage facilities on the Depot Campus and she feels that they do not need the additional storage space they currently have in the Student Union.
      iii. Representative Manning responded that over winter break, some of Club Sport’s storage facilities suffered water damage, so currently storage is a huge issue for the organization and they do put their storage space in the Student Union to good use.
      iv. Chairman Sekhara, who is also involved in the Residence Hall Association, explained the organization just needs a space to hold office hours and so they could also be more involved in the student community. It would be up to the Policy Council if creating a space in the Student Union for RHA would be possible.
      v. Representative Graham asked if RHA is asking for Club Sport’s space.
      1. Chairman Sekhara said RHA is asking for any available space.
      vi. Chairman Sekhara explained that some of the RHA processes occur in Holcomb Hall on East Campus. It is very inconvenient to have to run back and forth from East to Hilltop.
      1. Representative Ingraham pointed out that it would still be inconvenient to have to run from the Student Union to East, or the Student Union to Hilltop.
      vii. Chairman Sekhara explained that they would like to have a more central location for Area Councils to meet. Right now, many Area Councils now meet in dorm rooms because they do not have anywhere to go.
      viii. Director Rudzik stated that currently there is no space for RHA to come into the Union. If they come in, someone else must leave.
      ix. Representative Ingraham asked what the purpose of office hours are?
1. Chairman Sekhara explained that office hours are a time when members of the executive board meet with different organizations, Area Council representatives and administrators. To be able to say that RHA has an accessible office would be helpful.

ix. Salina also explained that the Area Councils have certain deadlines to submit important paperwork. It would be easier if there was a central location where these forms could be dropped off.

x. Salina said RHA has explored the possibility of having an office in some other central location, but there is not a lot of open space, and if a space were to open up, it would most likely become a faculty office.

xi. Chairman Sekhara and Salina asked if the Policy Council would be interested in developing some system where they could investigate how the current organizations who have offices in the Union use their space. If a certain organization does not use their space efficiently, would the Policy Council consider removing them from the Student Union and giving that space to RHA?

1. Director Rudzik explained that the Policy Council does have a say in how space is used in the Student Union. If the Policy Council did give RHA space, that may start a trend of other groups wanting space in the Student Union.

2. Representative Corso asked how the organizations currently in the Union originally got their space.
   a. Director Rudzik said Tier 3 groups got space.
   i. Chairman Sekhara said that hopefully RHA will be a Tier 3 organization soon.

3. Chairman Sekhara asked Representative Hopkinson if in the past the Policy Council ever had any system about reviewing how space is used.
   a. Representative Hopkinson explained that as far as she knows, there was never a formal process.

4. Director Rudzik said the Policy Council needs to look at the Constitution under space allocation. Would this be a process like Priority Access where groups would have to reapply for space every year?

5. Representative Hopkinson asked if Holcomb Hall would consider giving RHA a space.
   a. Chairman Sekhara explained that having something like that in a residential building would go against the housing policy.

6. Representative Manning asked if RHA would have enough manpower to staff their office for office hours.
   a. Chairman Sekhara said RHA would like to get Area Councils and the RHA Executive Board involved.
   b. Salina explained that office hours could vary if RHA could not find enough people to work in the office.

7. Representative Ingraham said that it seems like it would be easier for Area Councils to meet in their own dorms since all of the members live in that area.

8. Representative Corso asked if RHA’s current location in the Putnam Refectory is their permanent location.
   a. Salina said it is supposed to be permanent, but it is never a sure thing.

9. Chairman Sekhara suggested that the Policy Council take 2 weeks to think about this idea and be ready to come back to the next meeting to discuss the usage to space.

IV. Approval of the Minutes
   a. The minutes from the February 16, 2011 meeting were approved by majority vote.

V. Reports of the Executive
   a. Policy Council Chair
      i. Chairman Sekhara recapped the research he did about getting the nutrition facts displayed on the menus in the Union Street Market.
1. Representative Manning said that there are cards at the soups station that give all the nutrition information for each soup that is served that day. She suggested they do something like that for all the different stations in the Union.
2. Representative Graham suggested that they put all of the nutrition facts on a poster and hang it in the entry of the Union Street Market.
3. Chairman Sekhara asked suggested that the information be posted closer to the food so people can see the nutrition information as they are ordering their food.
   ii. Chairman Sekhara said that SUBOG had their selection for the 2011-2012 Executive Board positions. There is still no one filling the Vice President of Policy position, is if any current Policy Council members would like to apply, they should.

b. Policy Council Vice-Chair
   i. Vice-Chair Kelley explained that she selected her photos from the Dodd Center and they are being reproduced and will be ready in a week or so.
      1. Representative Graham said he is just waiting for an email and then his photos will be all set as well.
      2. Representative Morton said she selected all of her photos except for the ones for the study abroad room. Representative Hopkinson said she could help with the study abroad pictures because she works in the study abroad office.
      3. Vice-Chair Kelley asked Chairman Sekhara when would be the best time to present the report for the Themed Room Project.
         a. Chairman Sekhara said it would be best to present the report at the March 16th or March 30th meeting.
   4. Chairman Sekhara said that he would like to look into continuing the posters on the walls of the student activities hallway.

VI. Reports of the Administration
   a. Director Rudzik was filling in for Associate Director Morrell. She asked Chairman Sekhara what happened to the LCD screen the Policy Council was investigating.
      i. Chairman Sekhara stated that Rohan has been trying to meet with Chuck, but they can never find a time to sit down and talk. They are working on it though.

VII. Reports of the Representatives
   a. African American Cultural Center
      i. No representative was present.
   b. Asian American Cultural Center—Kimberly Chao
      i. No report was given by the representative.
   c. Club Sports—Asia Manning
      i. No report was given by the representative.
   d. International Center—Maximilian Kort
      i. No report was given by the representative.
   e. Native American Cultural Society
      i. No representative was present.
   f. Nutmeg Yearbook—Sarah Morton
      i. All seniors should get their senior portraits taken.
   g. Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life—Andrew Taylor
      i. Phi Gamma Delta is being added to OFSL. They will be recruiting new members in the fall.
   h. Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center
      i. No representative was present.
   i. Rainbow Center—Dramere Graham
      i. No report was given by the representative.
   j. Student Union Board of Governors—Vijay Sekhara
      i. No report was given by the representative.
   k. Student Union Manager—Gregg Corso.
      i. No report was given by the representative.
   l. UCTV—Marco ______
      i. No report was given by the representative.
   m. UConnPIRG—Jasseigh Ingraham
i. ConnPIRG wants to know if they can paint their office.
   1. Director Rudzik explained that it can be painted if it needs painting, but it needs to be an approved color.
   2. Chairman Sekhara asked who he should contact if another office needs painting.
      a. Director Monica said if an office needs to be painted, a request can be submitted for it to be done over the summer.

n. Undergraduate Commuter Student
   i. No representative was present.

o. Undergraduate Student Government
   i. No representative was present.

p. WHUS Radio—Stephen Morris
   i. No report was given by the representative.

q. Women’s Center—Rachel Janik
   i. No report was given by the representative.

VIII. Old Business
   a. There was not any old business to discuss.

IX. New Business
   a. There was not any new business to discuss.

X. Discussion
   a. No discussion occurred.

XI. Announcements
   a. There were not any announcements.

XII. Adjournment—7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kelley
Vice Chair
Student Union Policy Council
I. Call to Order – 6:15 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 312.

II. Roll Call
   a. Members Present: Vijay Sekhara (Chair/SUBOG); Kate Kelley (Vice-Chair); Kimberly Chao (AsACC); Asia Manning (Club Sports); Sarah Morton (Nutmeg); Andrew Taylor (OFSL); Greg Corso (SU Mngr); Jasseigh Ingraham (PIRG); Lori Gupta (USG); Stephen Morris (WHUS); Rachel Janik (Women’s Center); Chuck Morrell (Associate Director)
   b. Members Absent: Representative (AACC); Maximillian Kort (International Center); Representative (NACS); Tatian Solis (PRLACC); Dramere Graham (Rainbow); Kristina Gillick (SUBOG); Gregg Corso (Union Manager); Mateo Gonzalez (UCTV); Representative (Commuter); Elizabeth Hopkinson (Ex-officio)

III. Public Comment
   a. No one was present for public comment.

IV. Approval of the Minutes
   a. The minutes from the March 30, 2011 meeting will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

V. Reports of the Executive
   a. Policy Council Chair
      i. Chairman Sekhara reported that he had emailed Rich from the Graduate Student Senate about the bulletin board he had previously requested from the Policy Council. Rich has not sent an email back.
         1. Chairman Sekhara asked what the Council’s final decision was on the bulletin board.
            a. The Council agreed that the Graduate Student Lounge can have a bulletin board just as long as it is monitored on a weekly basis.
   b. Policy Council Vice-Chair
      i. Vice-Chair Kelley said her Themed Room Project presentation will be ready for the next meeting. She would have had the presentation ready for this meeting, but she was not informed about the schedule change until 2 hours before the meeting.

VI. Reports of the Administration
   a. Associate Director Morrell explained that the terrace project will be done in July. This will be a nice performance area.
      i. Representative Ingraham said ConnPIRG is going to have a solar powered concert. Is this terrace a place they could have this concert?
         1. Associate Director Morrell said that is something they would have to figure out once the project is complete.
      ii. Associate Director Morrell said they are still trying to figure out what to do about grass for the terrace area.
   b. Associate Director Morrell said the vestibule project in the food court will be completed after commencement. The Student Union staff does not want to interrupt the flow of campus with this project and has decided to wait until the semester is over.

VII. Reports of the Representatives
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b. Asian American Cultural Center—Kimberly Chao  
i. No report was given by the representative.

c. Club Sports—Asia Manning  
i. No report was given by the representative.

d. International Center—Maximilian Kort  
i. No representative was present.

e. Native American Cultural Society  
i. No representative was present.

f. Nutmeg Yearbook—Sarah Morton  
i. One more week of senior portraits.

g. Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life—Andrew Taylor  
i. No report was given by the representative.

h. Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center  
i. No representative was present.

i. Rainbow Center—Dramere Graham  
i. No representative was present.

j. Student Union Board of Governors—Kristina Gillick  
i. Chairman Sekhara informed the Council that the Spring Concert is this Saturday. Tickets are still available.

k. Student Union Manager—Gregg Corso  
i. No representative was present.

l. UCTV—Mateo Gonzalez  
i. No representative was present.

m. UConnPIRG—Jasseigh Ingraham  
i. ConnPIRG elections are on Monday.
  
  ii. Representative Ingraham asked if ConnPIRG is allowed to replace the UConn filing cabinets that are in their office.
      1. Associate Director Morrell stated that the filing cabinets are University property and as long as ConnPIRG is willing to replace the cabinets themselves, they can arrange for the cabinets to be removed.
  
  iii. ConnPIRG is involved in a fundraiser that is happening at Carriage 14A this weekend. It is $5 per cup and all the proceeds go to help the homeless.

n. Undergraduate Commuter Student  
i. No representative was present.

o. Undergraduate Student Government—Lori Gupta  
i. USG just finished with their elections. There have been some hearings to deal with a few problems that developed during the elections. The results of these hearings should be known soon.

p. WHUS Radio—Stephen Morris  
i. There is a concert at Hillel this Saturday. Four or five bands will be performing.

q. Women’s Center—Rachel Janik  
i. There will be a Women’s Center event next week.

VIII. Old Business

a. Chairman Sekhara explained that the first course of action regarding the space allocation process should be to review all current space. The Policy Council should find out how often each organization uses its office.

  i. Representative Manning said the Council should look into how many students each office services.
      1. Chairman Sekhara said that it might be crossing the line if Policy Council judged the mission of the organization.
      2. Representative Gupta said that she thinks Policy Council has every right to judge if the organization is serving its purpose. It should be following its mission statement.

  ii. Chairman Sekhara asked if the Council thought it would be appropriate to give all new groups a time frame of supervision by the Council.
1. Representative Ingraham said that having a trial time would be too much work. Action should only be taken if the new group grossly misuses the office space.

iii. The Council decided that all organizations should be monitored on a yearly basis.

iv. Associate Director Morrell reminded the Council that these offices are only 90 square feet.

v. Representative Morton asked how would the Council monitor the use of space?
   1. Chairman Sekhara said the Council would have to make several trips to each organization and just observe how the space is being used.
   2. Representative Gupta said the Policy Council should find the mission statement of each organization and use that to make sure they are fulfilling their obligations.

vi. Chairman Sekhara assigned Representative Ingraham, Representative Taylor and Representative Gupta to a committee to investigate the current use of space in the Student Union.

IX. New Business
   a. Chairman Sekhara explained that last year’s Policy Council ordered frames for the group photo and each member was given one. He asked SUBOG for additional funding for these frames, but they decided the frames were not an appropriate use of student fees. Therefore, the Policy Council will not be able to frame the group photo.

X. Discussion
   a. No discussion occurred.

XI. Announcements
   a. There were not any announcements.

XII. Adjournment– 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kelley
Vice Chair
Student Union Policy Council