

SSW GSO Executive Meeting
July 21, 2016
SSW Building – Room 344

Members Present: Student Organization Officers / Representatives

Jasmine Rosado – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair

Savitri Horrigan – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair

Eleanor Muirhead Szmurlo – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Treasurer

Cassandra Marrero – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Secretary

Milagros Marrero-Johnson – Graduate Student Organization Advisor

Call to Order:

- I. Meeting was called to order on July 21, 2016 at 4:10 p.m. by Savitri
- II. Committee reviewed welcome letter and when it should be disseminated
 - a. Savitri & Jasmine asked if there were any comments/ questions regarding the welcome letter.
 - b. Some grammatical errors were mentioned
 - c. Milagros asked if the letter should speak to what is currently happening in society. Jasmine explained that she didn't want to focus on a specific group when speaking about current events. Therefore she took a general stand when writing the welcome letter
 - d. Jasmine said she would like to send it the week before school starts
 - e. Milagros said the letter is usually sent the first day of school
 - f. Eleanor mentioned it can be uncomfortable to include current events
 - g. Committee discussed modifications for the welcome letter
 - h. Jasmine said letter will be finalized the first week of August
 - i. Savitri mentioned Executive Committee should have pictures so people can know who we are.
- III. Committee discussed who will be sending the meet and greet invite to faculty
 - a. Discussed ways to invite faculty as a committee
 - b. Eleanor will write up invite to faculty
 - c. Milagros will send invite to faculty
- IV. Committee reviewed Meet and Greet Agenda
 - a. Committee discussed modifications for meet & greet agenda
 - b. Committee discussed who will be the volunteers for the event
 - c. Leadership Recruitment- Discussed possible returning students that can participate in organizations
 - d. Milagros asked for supplies list for event

- e. Milagros discussed concern with the amount of over ordering of food that goes to waste for events
 - f. Discussed event set up/clean up
 - g. Committee discussed ways to increase RSVP for Meet & Greet
- V. Committee discussed whether or not the Executive Committee will propose having a by-law committee
 - a. Milagros expressed concerns/importance for the by-laws being reviewed this year given the upcoming changes in the curriculum that will impact the GSO structure
- VI. Discussed arrangements for Steering Committee meetings:
 - a. First week of every month
 - b. 5:30pm or 6pm
 - c. Doodle option will be posted
 - d. Executive Meeting
 - e. One week ahead of Steering Committee Meeting
- VII. Milagros expressed the following concerns:
 - a. GSO Website is lacking interaction – Milagros will ask for leaders input
 - b. Insight from a student group
 - c. Kimberly Miller from the Storrs Student Activities Office will attend the leadership training
 - d. Milagros will touch base with Bruce about the current budget balance
 - e. Purchase giveaways for students and give them at field placements seminars
 - f. Amusement/carnival people + Cupcakes
- VIII. Eleanor mentioned the Walk for Freedom (A21.org) as a volunteer option
 - a. October 15th Walking for human trafficking (worldwide)
 - b. GSO may buy shirts- \$12 Generic printed T-Shirts for participants
 - c. Make flyer by next week
- IX. Social/self care:
 - a. Paint night
 - b. Wood & Tap
 - c. Holiday Party- cultures coming together & bringing their own cultural food and displaying their traditions
- X. Monthly Newsletter:
 - a. Events GSO has/will be having
 - b. Update students on what GSO does
 - c. Building communities/student involvement
 - d. Brainstorming ideas for newsletter

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Signatures:

Cassandra Marrero
GSO Secretary, Incoming

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO Advisor

Date