

SSW GSO Overview Meeting
June 15, 2017
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
School of Social Work Building – Room 101

Members Present: Student Organization Interested Leaders

- Milagros Marrero-Johnson, Director of Student and Academic Services / GSO Advisor
- Natalie O'Connor, OSAS, Minute Taker
- Michal Klau-Stevens, ADMN student
- Jennifer Lassman, IGFP student
- Nelson Veras, ADMN student
- Naomi Reid, ADMN student
- Stephanie Luczak, POPR student
- Marc Tardiff, IGFP student
- Kenyatta Thompson, POPR student
- Michelle Jefferson, GRWK student
- Jenevieve Johnson, POPR student
- Michelle Wallen, CSWK student
- Aliyah Henry, CSWK student

Those that expressed interest in certain positions

- Michal Klau-Stevens: ADMN rep
- Jennifer Lassman: Secretary
- Nelson Veras: PAC sub-org
- Naomi Reid: PAC sub-org – *since changed to GSO co-chair*
- Stephanie Luczak: POPR concentration – *since changed to GSO co-chair*
- Kenyatta Thompson: POPR concentration
- Michelle Jefferson: OBSWS rep
- Jenevieve Johnson: SAMI rep
- Michelle Wallen: OBSWS rep, possibly executive committee

Welcome and Introductions

Milagros provided an overview of GSO in order for interested students to learn more about GSO and make an informed decision as to whether or not they can pursue a leadership position

- Mission of Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
- Goals of GSO
- GSO Membership
 - Executive Committee – Milagros indicated that only the treasurer position was filled at this time
 - Members
 - GSO Chair or Co-Chairs
 - Secretary

- Treasurer (will be Cassandra Marrero)
 - GSO Steering Committee
 - Leaders of GSO Sub-Organizations
 - Concentration Committee Representatives
 - School Wide Committee Representatives
 - GSO Executive Committee
 - Sub-Organizations
 - Asian and Asian-American Student Organization (AASO)
 - Latin American Student Organization (LASO)
 - Organization of Black Social Work Students (OBSWS)
 - PRIDE
 - Progressive Action Committee (PAC)
 - Social Workers for Global Justice (SWGJ)
 - Students Against Mass Incarceration (SAMI)
 - Student Health Organization (SHO)
 - Student Veterans and Supporters Alliance (SVSA)
 - Women's Caucus
 - Doctoral Student Organization
- Roles
 - Sub-Organizations Leaders
 - Aim for 2 co-chairs for each but on chair will work
 - Concentration Chairs
 - IGFP will be added as a concentration
 - Aim for 2 co-chairs for each but on chair will work
 - School Wide Committees
 - Educational Policy Committee – 2 advanced year students, usually one micro and one macro – meet monthly
 - Educational Review Committee – 2 advanced year students – meet up to twice a month
 - Field Education Advisory – one student – meet once a semester
 - International Center Advisory Committee – one student
 - Just Community – one MSW student and one doctoral student
- GSO Structure
 - Inactive sub-organizations can be deactivated
 - Inactive leaders can be dismissed
 - By-Laws – how should these be modified?
 - Committee was set up to look into the revising of the By-Laws
 - Will meet on June 29 at 5:00 pm
 - Those who volunteered:
 - Michal Klau-Stevens
 - Jenevieve Johnson
 - Jennifer Lassman
 - Stephanie Luczak
 - Things to Discuss
 - Should students be allowed to hold multiple leadership positions?

- Removing inactive sub-organizations
 - Merging concentration committees into micro and macro track
 - CORG & POPR combined to Macro?
 - Should there be a broad topic where leaders can change their focus year to year based on their passion/what they want to get done?
- GSO Budget
 - Beneficiaries of GSO activities
 - Although faculty, staff, ND students, and community members can participate in GSO events, students MUST be the main target for all GSO events
 - Sub-Organizations and Concentration Committees can collaborate for events and split costs for events collaborating accordingly
 - Funds do not roll over from year to year for each group
 - Funds cannot be donated from one organization/concentration to another
 - Cannot fundraise to raise funds as we are operating under state laws
 - Cannot donate money from funds as we are operating under state laws
 - Must be sure to follow all UConn Student Activity procedures
 - Importance of submitting materials for events (i.e. attendance sheets, receipts, etc.)
 - GSO can be audited
- Next Steps
 - Change of By-Laws
 - How can attendance be increased at GSO events?
 - Sub-Organizations and Concentration Committees come together to coordinate dates of events
 - Allotted amount of events each month
 - Decide together which orgs/committees will use allotted time
 - Will allow to one org/concentration committee to be highlighted at a time
 - More Self-Care events needed
- Leadership training for all interested students – planned to schedule for August
- Meet & Greet Event – will take place after convocation at spotlight theater
 - GSO Co-Chairs are needed to organize this
- Next Meeting
 - Committee on By-Laws: June 29 at 5:00 pm
 - Second GSO Meeting: July 6 at 5:00 pm
 - Leadership Training: August date TBA

Minute Taker: Natalie O'Connor

Natalie O'Connor
OSAS Program Assistant

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO Advisor

Date