

**SSW GSO Steering Meeting**  
**July 6, 2017**  
**5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**  
**School of Social Work Building – Room 104**

**Members Present: Student Organization/Interest Group Leaders**

**Milagros Marrero-Johnson** - Director of Student and Academic Services / GSO Advisor

**Stephanie Luczak**- Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair

**Jennifer Lassman**- Graduate Student Organization Secretary

**Cassandra Marrero** - Graduate Student Organization Treasurer, By Phone

**Michelle Jefferson**- Organization of Black Social Workers Chair

**Jenevieve Johnson**- Students Against Mass Incarceration Chair

**Michal Klau-Stevens** - Administration Committee Chair

**Nelson Veras** - New Interest Group Chair

**Michelle Wallen** – Interested student, possibly OBSWS Co-Chair

**Call to Order:**

- I. Meeting was called to order on July 6, 2017 at 5:12 p.m. by Stephanie
- II. Stephanie welcomed everyone and each student introduced themselves.
- III. Stephanie stated the purpose of today's meeting was to review, discuss and vote on the new constitution and revised by-laws. Last year leaders revised the by-laws to some degree but given the new structure that is being proposed for GSO, a recent sub-committee of members met to revise them further and develop the constitution.
- IV. Stephanie brought attention to the Roberts Rules of Order guide that will be used when GSO needs to make votes.
- V. Stephanie asked that all students present declare their leadership position.
  - a. Stephanie Luczak, Co-Chair
  - b. Cassandra Marrero, Treasurer
  - c. Jennifer Lassman, Secretary
  - d. Michal Klaus-Stevens, Administration Chair
  - e. Michelle Jefferson, OBSWS Chair
  - f. Nelson Veras, New Interest Group
  - g. Jenevieve Johnson, SAMI Chair
  - h. Michelle Wallen, Possibly OBSWS Co-Chair
  - i. Milagros noted that Naomi Reid officially submitted her interest and committed to GSO Co-Chair in writing
- VI. Michelle Jefferson motioned to approve the declaration of leadership positions
  - a. Nelson seconded the motion

- b. 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention
- VII. Michelle Wallen left at 5:29 p.m.
- VIII. Stephanie reviewed the new constitution with everyone
  - a. The main discussion focused on the language change in Article X. d.i. regarding the leave of absence. Milagros raised that the initial language of allowing 7 weeks may be a long time for a temporary leave for a student leader. Leaders discussed the pro and cons and agreed to change it from 7 to 5 weeks.
- IX. Cassandra motioned to approve the constitution
  - a. Jenevieve seconded the motion
  - b. 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention
- X. Stephanie reviewed the revised by-laws with everyone
  - a. Stephanie explained that the by-laws focus on the operational aspect of GSO and can be easily amended with the vote by the steering committee and not the overall student body
  - b. Language was added to clarify Article II.b. as All unused funds by its affiliates will be available under the GSO umbrella and can be used at the discretion of the executive committee
  - c. Clarification was given as questions were raised about article IV: Process for New Interest Groups
  - d. Cassandra hung up at 6:27 p.m. The following was added to the Article IV Section h: If an interest group is active over four consecutive semesters, not including summer, the interest group can apply to become a full year interest group.
  - e. Language was added to clarify Article VI.b.2. Implement at least one collaborative educational and social activity for the micro and macro concentration. At least one event should be held a semester, which includes co-sponsored events.
- XI. Jenevieve motioned to approve the by-laws
  - a. Nelson seconded the motion
  - b. 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention
- XII. Everyone was congratulated on the great work they did in a short period of time.
- XIII. GSO Leadership Training August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm- 7:00pm, location TBA

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

**Signatures:**

Minute Taker: Milagros Marrero-Johnson

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson  
GSO Advisor

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Date