

GSO Steering Committee Meeting

November 14th, 2017

SSW Room 104

Members Present:

Jennifer Lassman: Graduate Student Organization Secretary

Stephanie Luczak: Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee

Naomi Reid: Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative

Bree'anna Johnson: Graduate Student Organization Treasurer

Ariel Barber: Casework Chair

Sherise Truman: MSW Student

Samantha Lew: Just Community Representative

Michal Klau-Stevens: Administration Concentration Chair

Jenevieve Johnson- Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair / Field Education Advisory Committee Representative

Tara Butricks- ICAC Student representative

Nelson Veras- Interest Group Chair

Michelle Jefferson- OBSW Chair

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

I. **Call to Order**

- a. Meeting was called to order on November 14, 2017 at 6:02pm

II. **Culture Chest**

III. **Voting on New Leaders**

- a. Bre'anna Johnson requested to fill position as treasurer
- b. Jenevieve motions to approve Bre'anna as GSO treasurer
- c. Michal seconds motion

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- i. Discussed Bre'anna's previous experience which lead her to GSO position

10 in favor , 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

IV. **Voting on October Minutes**

- a. Samantha motioned to approve October minutes

- b. Nelson seconds motion

10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

V. **Voting on Expenditure Reports**

- a. Expenditure for November 2017

- i. Samantha motions to approve the November expenditure

- ii. Michal seconds motion

10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

- b. Expenditure to approve Dr. Klau's speaking engagement and workshop

- i. Michal steps out of room due to conflict of interest

- 1. Ariel motions to approve Dr.Klau as speaker

- 2. Jenevieve seconds motion

8 in favor , 0 opposed, 1 abstention

- 3. Floor opened for questions, comments and concerns:

- a. Jenevieve: Asked if this service would be in kind, stated her worry on amount of payment

- b. Ariel: Mentioned conflict of interest for Michal to pay her brother

- c. Samantha: States that Dr. Klau brings great insight but she is concerned about audience engagement
- d. Stephanie: Discussed that we should utilize resources already at school, also expressed concern about student turnout
- e. Milagros: Mentions importance of keeping group autonomy to pick topic of event

ii. Discussed expenditure adjustment by subtracting \$200

8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

c. Expenditure voids

1. GSO Mobilizing: New Park Pizza
2. Giveaways for academic year: Increased original amount
3. SAMI void for Giveaways and Bear's smokehouse

Lara Spero (MSW Student) entered at 6:35pm

d. Expenditures due November 27th

Michelle (OBSW Chair) enters at 6:39pm

e. Yearly Budget:

- i. Jenevieve motions to accept yearly budget
- ii. Ariel seconds motion

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VI. **Voting on Interest Group**

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- a. Pending interest group members were not able to attend. To be discussed at a later date

VII. **Updates**

- a. General Updates:
 - i. Discussed Mobilizing event:
 - 1. Positive reviews, decent turnout
 - ii. Possible Luncheon, date and time TBD
 - a. Expenditure form will be created
- b. The Color Purple at Bushnell: December 8th at 8pm
- c. Footwear With Care: Providing footcare for the homeless
 - i. Jennifer will be sending out Google Doc Sign up sheet for those who are interested in attending
- d. Sutra Restaurant: Event space available
- e. Giveaways will be delivered shortly:
 - i. Please request items in advance with Natalie in OSAS
 - 1. Include when items needed by and amount needed
- f. IGF Chair - Breanne Ferraro stepped down as IGF chair
 - i. Recruitment for position in progress

- g. Next Steering Committee meeting is December 5th, 2017

- h. Co-Chairs
 - i. Discussed letter sent to represent concerns regarding ERC achieving due process
 - ii. Discussed absence of safeguard in place before a student is considered for ERC
 - iii. Discussed email sent to dean Heller/ Dean Holsinger regarding ERC
 - 1. Create committee to review policies and procedure of ERC and create documentation
 - iv. Stephanie stated that the co-chairs need the support of the steering committee for ERC review committee
 - v. Opened floor for questions:
 - 1. Milagros: Stated that the school has a responsibility to be gatekeeper, discussed instances when ERC is necessary.
 - 2. Samantha: Stated that the ERC needs to be a fair process; giving clear reasoning, documentation, and records of services offered to help the student
 - 3. Milagros mentions that the ERC has a consultation stage before the student degree is up for question
 - vi. Vote for endorsement of ERC Committee will be delayed until december

1. Co-chairs will send out email with information regarding the context of the email to the GSO Leaders

i. Interest Groups

i. IHEART:

1. Nelson discussed event event regarding institutional racism
2. Possible speakers:
 - a. Superintendent of Hartford Leslie Tores
 - b. Director of Culture and Climate in Hartford

ii. LASO: Not Present

iii. Mindful Soul: Not Present

iv. OBSWS:

1. Will hold meeting this upcoming Thursday
2. Possible events:
 - a. mentoring program for next semester,
 - b. coat drive,
 - c. Black history month event next semester
3. Discussed Black history month Meeting with Assistant Dean Comer
 - a. Host video at spotlight theater
 - i. Would have to buy rights for video to any place other than UConn property .

1. Discussed possibility of using Public library
- ii. Suggested movie tickets for february
- iii. Co-chairs will reach out to further discuss plan for event

v. SAMI:

1. Collaboration with LASO for toy drive
2. Discussed Let's Talk Mass Incarceration Event that was held on October 31st
 - i. Jenevieve will forward powerpoint from event to leaders
3. Possible events for Spring Semester:
 - i. Criminal justice forum in Feb Date TBD
 - ii. Film showing
 - iii. Giveaway in December
4. Stephanie stressed the importance of utilizing break to plan for spring semester events

vi. DSO: Not Present

j. Concentrations

i. Casework:

1. Co-sponsoring "The Color Purple" event at Bushnell on December 8th at 8pm

2. Possible Events:

a. Richard Fisher to speak on suicide prevention and awareness, date TBD

ii. IGF: Not Present

iii. CO: Not Present

iv. Policy: Not Present

v. Group Work: Not Present

vi. Administration: Briefly discussed Field Meeting breakfast

k. School Committees

i. Field Education Advisory Committee:

1. Discussed October's Meeting:

a. Raised concerns about only meeting once a semester

b. No solutions seem to be given for problems

c. Discussed possibly establishing smaller group meetings

d. Concern that Field placements don't match with class timelines

e. Discussed need for fewer process recordings for certain concentrations

i. Contract documentation don't apply to all concentrations

1. Committee will look into making adjustments

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- f. Stressed importance of voicing concerns or problems with Field Placement to Field Advisor or Dr. Berthold
 - g. Received support from Dr. Berthold on the various topics
 - 2. Milagros suggested emailing Dr. Berthold about meeting more frequently
 - 3. Michal mentioned connecting ERC Committee with Field education changes
- ii. ICAC:
 - 1. International potluck postponed due to flooding, new date and time TBD
- iii. Just Community:
 - 1. Two remaining Solidarity Time Meetings
 - a. November 30th, time TBD
 - b. December 5th, time TBD
 - 2. Possible Events:
 - a. Collaboration with Policy concentration on how to engage as Social Worker's
 - i. Tentative date of December 5th
 - b. Lecture on racial justice in Spring semester
 - c. Program Proposal from Officer Barrett of Hartford
 - 3. Opportunities in community posted on website

VIII. Additional questions, concerns, recommendations

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IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm

Signatures:

Jennifer Lassman
GSO Secretary

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO Advisor

Date