

SSW GSO Steering Committee

September 12, 2017

HSSW Building -104

Members Present

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

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

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

Cassandra Marrero- Graduate Student Organization Treasurer

Jennifer Lassman - Graduate Student Organization Secretary

Brianna Mangano - Center for International Social Work Studies Advisory Committee Representative

Samantha Lew - Just Community Representative

Rebecca Yungk- Educational Policy Committee Representative / Community Organization Concentration Chair

Kenyatta Thompson - Policy Practice Concentration Chair

Mayra Cruz – LASO Co-Chair

Alisha Soto - LASO Co-Chair

Michal Klau-Stevens - Administration Concentration Chair

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

Ariel Barber – MSW Student

Sherise Truman – MSW Student

Breanne Ferrara – MSW Student

Tara Butricks- MSW Student

Call to Order

- I. Meeting was called to order on September 12, 2017 at 6:04 by Stephanie
- II. Culture Chest Icebreaker
 - a. The Culture Chest activity is an opportunity for each member of GSO to bring in an item who represents who they are
 - b. Each member described their item and how it relates to them personally
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Stephanie asked for a approval of minutes from April as well as summer minutes (7/15/17, 7/6/17, 8/16/17).
 - b. Cassandra made a motion to approve minutes, Jenevieve seconds the motion to approve minutes
12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention
- IV. Approval of Voucher Check Request Form
 - a. Discussed giveaways for academic year
 - i. Will buy giveaways in bulk (335 pens, coffee mugs / 100 T-shirts)

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- ii. Will request \$2000
 - iii. Naomi asked for a motion to approve expenditure for giveaways
 - iv. Michal made a motion to approve expenditure, Kenyatta seconds motion
 - b. Fall Social Voucher Request Forms
 - i. Will request \$700
 - ii. Discussed appetizers (5 orders each of buffalo chicken, wings, fries), alcoholic drinks can be purchased separately, non-alcoholic drinks will be provided
 - iii. Members brainstormed on other places to have events in future (UConn Football, Basketball and Hockey games, movie night, bowling, science center, Bushnell Theater)
 - iv. Cassandra made a motion to approve expenditure for Fall Social , Samantha seconds motion
 - v. 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
 - c. Voided Expenditure
 - i. Due to the new policy of not having food in classrooms, Cassandra voided the expenditure form for the food for this steering committee meeting
- V. Co-chair Goals
 - a. Networking/Communication
 - i. Utilizing Just Community
 - ii. Encouraged building gap between Micro and Macro Foundations
 - b. Self Evaluation for GSO Leaders
 - i. Naomi and Stephanie will complete self-evaluations at the end of the year
 - ii. A public survey will be available to the student body to evaluate GSO as a whole at the end of the year
 - iii. A form can be provided for any Leaders who are also interested in self-evaluation
 - c. Planning an additional Leadership Training for any members interested in becoming leaders
- VI. GSO Discussion
 - a. GSO Mobilizing Event
 - i. Stephanie put forward the idea of calling local legislators to make a difference
 - ii. Discussed various ways for students to widen their reach in the community, and ways for students to get connected to agencies (FiveCalls.org)
 - b. Leadership and Interest Group Recruitment/ Advertising
 - i. Leaders are still required for Micro concentrations and PRIDE
 - ii. The television in the HSSW entrance is currently the only way other than advertising downstairs to broadcast events, there is no posting on walls
 - iii. Milagros will send instructions on how to submit events soon. If anyone is interested in using the conference room G11 they must

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- get in touch with Marvyann Duncan
(Marvyann.Duncan@UConn.edu) with date, and time of event.
Food is allowed in G11.
 - iv. If you would like to have an event anywhere else on campus
contact Event Services for the required forms.
 - c. Fall Social
 - i. Will be held on October 5, 2017 from 6-8pm at City Steam
 - ii. Approval of space still in process
- VII. Update on Policies and Procedures
 - a. As stated above there is a new policy where food is no longer allowed
within classrooms, Milagros will keep all the leaders updated on the
progress of this new policy.
- VIII. Budget Discussion
 - a. Cassandra discussed the budget for the sub groups (see handout from
meeting)
 - i. The deadline for the next set of vouchers is due September 26th and
those will be for events from October 11th to November 14th.
 - 1. Final vouchers should be typed and submitted to Cassandra
 - 2. See examples of completed vouchers on GSO website
 - ii. Yearly budgets are due October 10th
- IX. Updates and Announcements
 - a. Opportunity for Interest Group Chairs and Concentration Chairs to discuss
upcoming events, meetings, ideas
- X. GSO Open Discussion
 - a. Opportunity for Leaders to discuss any issues, challenges, successes
 - b. Leader brainstormed on various event ideas
 - i. Just Community Chair spoke of Solidarity Hour that is held
Tuesdays in the HSSW and Thursdays in the Hartford Public
Library
 - ii. Community Organization Chair spoke of the CT Students for
Dreamers meeting held in the International Office (October 19th)
 - 1. DACA Workshop held October 12th 1:30-3
 - 2. International Potluck dinner held in lounge area (potential
date of October 19th)
 - iii. Policy Chair spoke of the idea of Study-Ins and asked for co-
sponsors for event
 - 1. Suggested Halloween event on October 31st
 - iv. SAMI Chair discussed a possible Meet and Greet and asked for co-
sponsors for event
 - v. Administration Chair discussed guest speaker to speak on race and
social change, asked for co-sponsors
- XI. Milagros excused at 7pm
- XII. Voting on any new leaders
 - a. Alisha Soto declared LASO Co-Chair

- b. Mayra Cruz declared LASO Co-Chair
- c. Cassandra made a motion to approve new leadership position, Kenyatta seconds motion
- d. 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO –Advisor

Date

Jennifer Lassman
GSO-Secretary

Date