

GSO Steering Committee Minutes  
April 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
HTB Room 216

**Members Present:**

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

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

**Bree'ana Johnson** – Graduate Student Organization Treasurer

**Cassandra Marrero** – Mindful Soul & She's Like a Star

**Sam Lew** – Just Community

**Rebecca Yungk** – Community Organization

**Erika Mott** – MSW student

**Sherise Truman** – International Center Advisory Committee Student Representative

**George Leboeuf** – Group Work

**Michal Klau-Stevens** – MSW Student

**Marcus Spinner** – Students for Social Justice

**Kenyatta Thompson** – Policy Practice (joined via phone at 6:18 pm)

**Michelle Jefferson** – OBSWS (arrived at 6:21 pm)

**Jenevieve Johnson** – SAMI (arrived at 6:21 pm)

**Ariel Barber** – Casework (joined via phone at 6:23 pm)

**Natalie O'Connor** – OSAS Program Assistant

**Milagros Marrero-Johnson** – GSO Advisor

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order on April 19, 2018 at 6:15 pm

**II. Ice Breaker**

What are your plans for summer/after graduation?

**III. Voting on Expenditure Reports**

**A. Vote:**

- Sam Lew motioned for a vote to approve expenditures
- Bree'ana Johnson seconded the vote
- 12 Voted In Favor, 0 Voted Opposed, 0 Abstentions

**B. Sam Lew** – DSO expenditure was questioned

**C. M.M.J.** – This may be an institutional responsibility and will follow up with DSO & Bruce

**IV. Updates**

1. S.L. – 50 RSVPs for Banquet
2. M.S. – Event on 4/24/18 from 6-8pm at Hartford Public High School
3. Sam L. – New people joined Just Community

- A. BSW, MSW, PhD – New chairs and student reps will be a part of Just Community
- B. Last solidarity hour Sam & Kenyatta Tues 2–3:15pm
- C. Climate survey will be done in fall, talk about curriculum, interactions
- D. May 21st last Just Community Meeting
- E. Micro aggression skills workshop maybe offered as a program or part of a seminar
- F. Engaging more micro students as a goal next year
- G. Jo Schubert as possible for Co-Chair Just Community

#### V. ERC Ad Hoc Committee Updates

1. ERC last meeting Thursday
  - A. Draft government documents to implement any concerns, go to Milagros as SL & KT leaving
  - B. KT – Misconception that ERC always leads to dismissal, a lot of consultation before review
  - C. SL – Make sure doc clarifies step-by-step procedures. ERC here to support
  - D. MMJ – Any suggestions
  - E. SL – Open dialog on ERC direct any concerns, etc. to MMJ
  - F. KT – Recommend looking over student handbook
  - G. Michal – Any issues raised on accountability/training for faculty advisors?
  - H. KT – How limited, put this concern up again next year for returning students. Not feasible to address this year.
  - I. Michal – We won't be here next year
  - J. KT – Time sensitive nature, have returning student address
  - K. MKS – Process already brought up why can't it continue
  - L. MMJ – GSO didn't include her, her role is to fill in new leaders on work done but since she was not involved, cannot guide on this subject
  - M. KT – Time restraints prevented addressing all 3 recommendations
  - N. MKS – Field course work intersection
  - O. MMJ – This involves EPC not up to ERC to handle not always related to ERC
  - P. MKS – What happens to all this work if returning student doesn't address
  - Q. Sam L. – Meet with Milagros for direction
  - R. SL – Subcommittee meet once or twice semester. Maybe meeting more frequently can address more.
  - S. R.Y. – New leader should get involved for voice to be heard.

#### VI. Recruitment & Students Declaring Interest for 2018-2019 GSO Positions

1. MS – Who will be on GSO next year?
2. MMJ – Any interested student needs understanding of organization. Meeting will be in June

#### VII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm.