

Minutes December 4, 2018

GSO Steering Committee

1:30-2:30

HTB Room 216

Members Present:

Bree'Ana Johnson- GSO Co-Chair

Laura Salerni- GSO Co-Chair

Ciara Velazquez- GSO Secretary

Sarah Dottor- PRIDE Co-Chair

Krystina Jackson- OBSWS Co-Chair

Milagros Marrero-Johnson- GSO Advisor

Johana Schubert- Just Community- Student Representative

Natalie O'Connor- OSAS staff

Aliyah Henry- SAMI, Chair

Barbara Fasulo- EPC Student Representative & Field Education Student Representative
arrived at 1:40pm

Morgan Reiss- Field Education Student Representative & POPR Chair

Erika Mott- EPC Student Representative

Nadine Brennan- Associate Campus Director left at 1:53pm

I. Meeting called to order at 1:37pm

II. Nadine Brennan, Associate Campus Director, UCONN Hartford

- a. Nadine is interested in collaborating with GSO leaders, on a few service projects that she feels would be great for the campus students in the Hartford community
- b. One of the projects mentioned were assistance for after school tutoring with area high school students, helping with the food pantry that will hopefully be developed for students with food insecurities and projects related to the homeless with officer Barrett
- c. Morgan questioned if these projects could possibly be on going field placements, if not for the spring but for the fall 2019. She will make a proposal to field.
- d. Sarah states UCONN Hartford could benefit from Vista Ameri Corp
- e. Sarah stated that Manchester Community College has a food pantry on their campus and it serves as a good model
- f. Milagros will share this information with Nadine
- g. There will be follow up conversations in the spring meetings to see how GSO will participate

III. Next Semester Meeting Dates

- a. Laura reviewed the upcoming spring committee meetings, dates, times and locations
- b. Aliyah commented that she had an event on Tuesday that conflicts with one of the meeting but will work to reschedule it.
- c. Laura requested a motion to vote for the November minutes

- i. Johana motioned the approval for the November minutes
- ii. Krystina second the motion
10 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

IV. Treasurer Report

- a. Approval of Voucher Requests
- b. Natalie reviewed the Treasurer report
- c. Laura requested a motion for the approval of the December monthly report
 - i. Morgan motioned for the voucher request report
 - ii. Krystina second the motion
 - iii. Floor is open for discussion or questions
- iv. Milagros explained that the transition of the treasurer leaving, some how it was missed that a voucher request was not on the budget report for November
- v. Storrs stated if the committee moves forward with accepting the changes and follow through with this reimbursement and it will be a onetime exception
- vi. Natalie asked if anyone at the moment is checking the treasurer's email
- vii. Milagros stated she is the back up person at the moment until Sarah begins as treasurer
10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

V. Updates

A. Co-chairs

- a. Bree'Ana stated that the end of the semester gathering was a good turnout, there were 24 students present. Photos will be uploaded to the Q Drive and social media
- b. Students gave feedback on what they would like to see on upcoming semesters
Some of the ideas were: Macro Panel, hosting an educational forum, and a movie night.
- c. Laura stated that the leadership dinner went well, and the feedback received was that everyone enjoyed being able to mingle and talk outside of campus
- d. Sarah Stated that it would have been nice to see Milagros there
- i. Milagros stated that she respected everyone's space and it gave everyone an opportunity to discuss anything they may want to bring up, questions or concerns, but would love to be at the next event if invited

B. Interest Groups

- a. LASO, vacant
- b. OBSWS
 - i. Culture night is being prepared for the next semester and will be in collaboration with PRIDE and SAMI
 - ii. They would also like to work on promoting their events and seeing more black students connected and involved

- iii. Milagros stated that is great self-reflection and to keep in mind that through feedback GSO has been looked upon as cliquish and there are also some challenges students may face with socializing.
- iv.
- v. Johana states that simply reserving a room that is more accessible and in a common space would possibly help bring in more students
- vi. Krystina states she was inspired by the holiday dinner and wants to make ways for OBSWS to feel more inviting and bring flyers to classrooms
- vii. Laura gave Sarah a shout out for bringing it to student's attention about the end of the semester gathering
- c. PRIDE
 - i. There was a good turnout in last week's panel, 4 people in attendance
 - ii. The last meeting for PRIDE will be Thursday 12/6/2018, it will be a board game night, come out and have some fun! Time: 6:30pm-8pm
 - iii. Meetings for next semester will be held in HTB Room 138, Tuesdays starting at 6:30pm Biweekly
- d. SAMI
 - i. Aliyah states that their last meeting was a small turnout, but she feels it was a good semester overall
 - ii. Milagros states that the CLICC event was a great turnout and there were some of undergrad students present
 - iii. Next semester there will be a panel presentation on Tuesday 3/12/2018 at 11am
 - iv. Other events will follow, TBD
 - v. Krystina stated that there is a smart justice project that will be on display in the legislative building. The display is to help humanize the idea of those that were once incarcerated. "People, Not Prisons" taking place on 1/17-30, 2019 (LOB North Corridor)
 - vi. Milagros discussed the question Liz brought up last meeting regarding minors attending school events
 - i. The question was brought up in the Executive meeting and there were talks about the fairness of one bringing a minor vs. one bringing a spouse, there was also discussion around the protection of minors and the protocol around attending a mandated training
 - ii. Milagros spoke with Sylvie and Sylvie stated fees cannot be applied
 - iii. Johana inquired about a possible family picnic that can include the minors
 - iv. Milagros stated to take the proper training that the GSO umbrella would be responsible if they did decide to move forward with any incidents that occur
 - v. Everyone agreed to revisit this in the spring semester 2019
- C. Concentrations
 - a. IGFP-No updates
 - b. ADMN- No updates
 - c. CORG- Vacant

d. POPR

- i. Friday's meeting went well, 12 people were present
- ii. Today's discussion will be brought to field regarding the collaboration with Nadine

D. School Committees

a. Educational Policy Committees

- i. Last EPC meeting discussed continuing CO fall block as an option
- ii. This will be brought back to faculty and voted on in the spring
- iii. There will be deadlines within the 1st year if applying to switch concentrations, the vote was passed to have a deadline of 11/1/2018 of each year
- iv. The meeting did not discuss pronouns due to lack of timing. But it was briefly brought up during the meeting that they need to know specifics regarding the changes
- v. Sarah explained there were no changes, this is all new, they are just looking to add the new language to the syllabus
- vi. Erika and Barbara will review this during the next meeting and clarify
- vii. The changes will not take place this Spring semester
- viii. Meetings for educational policy committee take place every 3rd Monday @ 1:30pm

b. Educational Review Committee- No updates

c. Field Educational Advisory Committee

- i. Field Reps will email Dr. Berthold to meet and discuss students concerns
- ii. Dr. Berthold sent an email to 15-hour students about their financial aid being at risk because of their grade not being posted by the end of this semester
- iii. Milagros stated if you have questions or concerns to contact Financial Aid

d. Just Community

- i. Solidarity Hour was held on election day and 1 person was in attendance
- ii. Just Community will likely change locations to be present and accessible
- iii. July and Dr. Lloyd are working on the website
- iv. Just Community was Preparing goody bags on 12/6/18, 2-3:15 feel free to drop in and help
- v. In the spring there will be a field trip to the Chrysalis Center to tour of the facility and lunch will be provided. The date is TBD
- vi. Saturday 12/15/2018 there will be a gun buyback event from 9:00am-3:00pm at CRT 555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT.
- vii. There will be gift card giveaways, amount specific to the type of weapon

E. Additional Questions, concerns, recommendations

- i. Milagros stated there will be a Lobby Day for school of social work students
- ii. Morgan expressed that she is organizing this event, if anyone is interested let Morgan know
- iii. The diversity program in January will be about the Parole Reform in Ct. OSAS will be organizing the event

- iv. Next semester Milagros will be discussing graduation details with GSO. However, there are two graduation leaders that are chosen by their peers to do a welcome, one in English and one in Spanish
- v. There is no Spanish speaking GSO leader. Alisha Soto who was the LASO chair last year is willing to do the welcome.
- vi. During graduation there will be 2 speeches, one in English and one in Spanish
- vii. Alicia an alumn c/o 2018 is willing to do the opening speech in Spanish

F. Adjournment at 3:01 pm

Signatures:

Ciara Velazquez, Secretary

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson, GSO Advisor

Date