

**SSW Graduate Student Organization
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
February 19th, 2019
1:30-2:30pm
SSW RM 229**

Members Present:

Laura Salerni - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair

Bree'Ana Johnson - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair

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

Sarah Dottor- Graduate Student Organization Treasurer, PRIDE Co-Chair

I. Call meeting to order at 1:37pm

A. Updates/Announcements

- i. Milagros would like PRIDE to give an update at the steering committee meeting about gender inclusive language in syllabus
- ii. At the EPC meeting yesterday Professor Peter Papallo introduced Sarah and used the incorrect pronoun
- iii. Seems like from EPC meeting they will be putting PRIDE's gender inclusive language in syllabi starting in summer session, expressed wanting to get future training
- iv. Milagros said that the length of section in the syllabi was a concern to the faculty on EPC, but this was not brought up until Milagros raised it
- v. Milagros would also like OBSWS to give an update at the steering committee meeting about meeting with administration about lack of Black History Month events offered on campus
- vi. Bree'Ana said students of color have been expressing concern about lack of Black History Month events
- vii. Wrote a letter to administration about how that impacts students of color
- viii. Met in person with Edna Comer, Nina Heller & Milagros who said that the person that was assigned it had dropped the ball
- ix. Established proposed plan for future years which would include collaboration with Greater Hartford Alliance for Black Social Workers and including leader representation from OBSWS
- x. Requesting a formal apology from the University
- xi. Milagros complimented Bree'Ana and the other students on their professionalism and confidence at meeting

II. Treasurer Report/Update

- i. Sarah reviewed the March Expenditure Report for the spring semester 2019
- ii. DSO
 - i. Sarah needs to email Alberto to let him know that the items may not necessarily be approved by University (Keurig, microwave, K cups)
 - ii. Should not be purchasing items until they are approved
- iii. PRIDE & OBSWS Collab Event – Stuff a Husky
 - i. 18 will be paid for by PRIDE
 - ii. 6 will be paid for by OBSWS

- iii. OBSWS will be purchasing candy
- iv. SAMI
 - i. Aliyah doing Smart Justice Event, along with end of semester meeting
- v. Policy & Admin splitting cost for Macro Networking Event
- vi. Beyond Bars Conference on March 9th at Columbia University
 - i. Inquiring about possibility of reimbursing students for Metro North tickets
 - ii. Sarah will send email to Sylvie to make sure it is an allowable expense
- vii. Milagros & Bree'Ana met before executive meeting to talk about ensuring that vouchers for summer are included on last voucher expenditure report of spring 2019 semester

III. Recruitment of 2019-20 Leaders

- i. Should hold a recruiting event for interested leaders (or they can come to steering committee, etc.)
- ii. Will ask leaders at next week's meeting which current leaders plan to continue and in what capacity
- iii. Ciara cannot be Secretary next year since it always has to be an incoming student
- iv. Bree'Ana/Laura will submit a voucher for recruitment event

IV. GSO Spring Activities Update

- A. Intro to Human-Trafficking Training
 - i. 16 registered so far
- B. Professional Headshots for Graduating Students
 - i. Possibility of posting a sign at the event that says that this was paid for using your student fee
 - ii. Milagros will talk to Kim about using open space near CCC Room in HPL for photographer
 - iii. Milagros will also talk to Bruce about possibility of using one of the rooms in Community Room
 - iv. Next week Bree'Ana/Laura will send a final email to ListServ to specify which slots are still available
 - v. Currently have approximately 35 registered
- C. Macro Social Work Panel
 - i. Bree'Ana sent an email to Morgan about holding an additional panel in April sometime, where there can be collaboration with GSO
- D. Soiree & Leadership Dinner
 - i. Bree'Ana & Laura will be meeting this Sunday 2/24 to discuss events & submit vouchers

V. GSO Government and Other Documents

- viii. Obtained 16% of votes, when we needed 20% of class
- ix. Milagros will talk to Sylvie about any suggestions
- x. Technically old Constitution is still the default document, which is not reflective of current structure
- xi. Sarah suggested going into classes and getting people to vote on their laptops
 - 1. Could email professors to make announcements
 - 2. Concern about students not actually completing it
 - 3. Would have to pick a specific week/s
- xii. Having computers available for students to vote at each event
- xiii. Laura will email Krista O'Brien to ask her to re-open the vote from March 1st to March 31st

- xiv. Tell everyone at steering committee meeting to have people vote in classes and in at events
- xv. Students will be picking up graduation tickets on seminar date – using that date?

VI. Additional questions, concerns, or recommendations

- i. Milagros said to keep up the good work and to keep in mind that Co-Chairs are needed for next year
- ii. Bree’Ana expressed everyone doing good work and that we have collaborated effectively this semester as a team

VII. Adjournment

- i. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Signatures:

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| Laura Salerni, GSO Co-Chair | Date |
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| Milagros Marrero-Johnson, GSO Advisor | Date |