

**Minutes February 5, 2019**

**GSO Steering Committee**

**1:30-2:30**

**HTB Room 216**

**Members Present:**

**Bree'Ana Johnson-** GSO Co-Chair

**Ciara Velazquez-** GSO Secretary

**Sarah Dottor-** PRIDE Co-Chair/Treasurer

**Krystina Jackson-** OBSWS Co-Chair

**Johanna Schubert-** Just Community Student Representative

**Elizabeth Halla-Mattingly-** Administration Chair arrived at 1:34pm

**Aliyah Henry-** SAMI, Chair

**Isabella Randazzo-** IGFP chair

**Morgan Reiss-** Field Education Student Representative & POPR Chair

**Milagros Marrero-Johnson-** GSO Advisor

- I. Meeting called to order** at 1:39pm
- II. Updates**
  - a. Johana Shubert talked about Gun safety; she talked about the upcoming event for criminal justice reform at the state capital, and if anyone is interested in these topics can browse the legislative website
  - b. IGFP had a welcome back event, it was small but nice
- III. Graduate Student Speaker**
  - a. Milagros reviewed the email sent to graduate students regarding the speaker, Maria Cosgrove will be speaking in Spanish.
- IV. SSW Faculty Search, Meetings with Students**
  - a. Milagros expressed the importance of the SSW faculty search and the student's involvement with the student interviews
  - b. Milagros explained there has been an addition to the candidates and the date has been posted as 2/14, time is TBD; Bree'Ana will send out the updated information via email
- V. Approval of December minutes**
  - a. Bree'Ana requested for a motion, Krystina made a motion, Elizabeth second the motion  
9 in favor, 0 abstention, 0 opposed
- VI. Treasurer Report**
  - a. Bree'Ana requested a motion to review the monthly voucher report, Johanna made a motion, Morgan second the motion
  - b. Sarah reviewed the Treasurer Report
  - c. Floor was open for discussion, questions or concerns  
9 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

**VII. Propose New Meeting Date for March**

- a. March 12- was proposed as a new date
- b. Aliyah is having an event on this day from 11-1:30 pm, so the meeting date will be changed
- c. Bree'Ana confirmed 2/26 for the next meeting
- d. Bree'Ana wanted to know if the voucher check request dates are still fine
- e. Sarah will check and everyone with this information
- f. Bree'Ana requested a motion for the new meeting, Krystina made a motion, Morgan second the motion  
9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- g. Milagros stated voucher requests should be submitted early

**VIII. Updates**

**A. Co-Chairs**

- a. Constitution Voting
- b. Bree'Ana stated the deadline to vote for the constitution is 2/8 and explained why it was reopened, she will be sending out a reminder email for those who have not voted

**B. Social Media**

- a. GSO will be implementing social media more and like for everyone to be a part of the process, Laura will be overseeing the Facebook account and Bree'Ana will oversee the Instagram account

**C. Headshots at Social Workers Network**

- a. Bree'Ana explained the importance of the headshot for all students but in particular graduating students
- b. There will be 30-50 student slots for sign up. The flyers will be made by the end of the week, people have to RSVP by 3/5. It will be held between 12:30-3:30pm at the Hartford Public Library
- c. Milagros explained that social workers network event will be taking place at CCC room at the Hartford public library and the convenience of having the head shots during the event since everyone will be dressed professionally
- d. Students will be emailed a link with headshot to save

**D. Human Trafficking**

- a. Bree'Ana explained the Human Trafficking training and what it entails for students and professors
- b. The Human Trafficking training will be held on 3/7 in the lower level of the SSW building from 1:00-3:00pm
- c. Students will become qualified to become a trainer but will have to take additional steps after this first training; Those who are interested in becoming trainers will have to do a live teach back which takes 2-hours on a separate day. This training is open to all.
- d. This will be another event for professors to get engaged with the student body

**E. Community Service**

- a. Bree'Ana explained the Urban Alliance-event will be held sometime in March

- b. Milagros asked for Bree'Ana to come up with an exact date as many students will be preparing for spring break, graduation and many other things
- c. Bree will have a proposed date by 2/26 and will send out an email to everyone

#### **F. Interest Groups**

##### **A. OBSWS**

- a. Krystina stated OBSWS will be having a HIV/AIDS family discussion Thursday 2/7; two professors will be in attendance one from CCSU and the other from Storrs
- b. OBSWS will be having an International Pot luck Wednesday 2/20 from 11:00 am -1:00 pm in the basement
- c. This semester OBSWS have decided to focus on communicating to the black students to recognize them and bring awareness to the black community
- d. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was successful. OBSWS focused on community building

##### **B. PRIDE**

- a. PRIDE had their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting last Tuesday. 3 people attended.
- b. Their sweat shirts are in and look amazing
- c. This semester PRIDE will be focusing on activism, gender inclusive language in the syllabi and would like to do something around gender neutral bathrooms in the SSW
- d. They will also collaborate with OBSWS at the end of the year
- e. PRIDE will hopefully have a stuff a husky event in April

##### **C. SAMI**

- b. SAMI will have their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Monday 2/18 and their following meetings will be on Wednesday's
- c. They will be conducting a prison visit to McDougal Walker
- d. They will host a panel presentation 3/12 with Smart Justice and CT Juvenile Justice Advantage
- e. They will also like to try to travel to NY, Columbia University, for a conference to see a speaker Tony Lewis whose an Activist in DC; they will also like to invite him to the university and have a speeding event.

#### **G. Concentrations**

##### **D. IGFP**

- a. IGFP will have another mixer, coffee & doughnut during the next field advising seminar
- b. ADMN & policy are working on doing a Networking event in March after field advising day, updates will be given when the event is finalized
- c. They will have to talk to Kim about using the Hartford Club around 11:30-1:30 pm, the event is to tailor to primarily graduates who are doing community work and policy
- d. Bree'Ana asked if she should send names of macro alumni, Elizabeth stated they have a list, but she is welcomed to add to it.

##### **E. POPR- No updates**

##### **H. School Committee**

##### **F. Educational Policy Committee**

- a. Their last meeting was in December 2018

- b. They went over different class courses, what was active or discontinued
- c. They discussed the pronoun language for the syllabus and submitted a request to Dr. Garran for Sarah to join the conversation to discuss this more in-depth, Sarah will be attending next meeting

**G. Educational Review Committee**

- a. One of the representatives had to step down, Victoria is only one representing this committee at this time

**H. Field Education**

- a. There has been no motion since last update, they will send an email today

**I. Just Community**

- a. Marilyn Cardone went to Chrysalis and met with Adria and Marlene for students to receive a tour and learn about the programs within. The possible date is 3/14 @ 12pm

**IX. Additional Questions**

- a. Milagros thanked everyone for bringing visibility to the SSW and building community
- b. She also wanted to inform everyone who is graduating to think of students who they would like to recruit for their positions in GSO for the following year
- c. There will also be some great information going out via email regarding some upcoming professional development opportunities such as licensing, dismantling systemic racism, NASW conference, movie trauma and recovery ft. Darryl, campaign school., don't miss out on the opportunity
- d. Emails will be sent out no later than next week. Graduate students will be first to rsvp and then they will be open to fill for returning students

**X. Adjourned- 2:25pm**

**Signatures:**

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Ciara Velazquez, Secretary

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson, GSO Advisor

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