

Minutes April 9, 2019
GSO Steering Committee
1:30-2:30
HTB Room 216

Members Present:

Milagros Marrero-Johnson- GSO Advisor

Bree'Ana Johnson- GSO Co-Chair

Laura Salerni- GSO Co-Chair

Ciara Velazquez- GSO Secretary

Sarah Dottor- PRIDE Co-Chair/Treasurer

Kristina Carvalho- PRIDE Co-Chair

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

Aliyah Henry- SAMI, Chair arrived at 1:39pm

Isabella Randazzo- IGFP Co-Chair

Morgan Reiss- Field Education Student Representative & POPR Chair

Erika Mott- Educational Policy Committee, Student Representative

Megan Krementowski- MSW Student

Krystina Jackson-OBSWS Co-Chair

Johanna Schubert- Just Community, Student Representative

Natalie O'Connor- OSAS staff

Barbara Fasulo- Educational Policy Committee, Student Representative

Kelsey Hust- Student

Patricia Wallen, Community Organizing

Odette White Eagle- MSW student

I. Meeting called to order at 1:34pm

II. Updates/Announcements

- i.** Kelsey Hust discussed an interactive event coming up on Thursday, April 22 at the HTB from 11-3:30pm regarding climate change. Kelsey stated she hoped this event would be picked up by the School of Social Work to support the movement of helping to educate others about climate change. The event will provide a thrift shop and “Blue Earth” composting will also be in attendance to talk about donations of leftover food from the school to package and bring to homeless shelters.
- ii.** Laura Spoke about the upcoming event for the graduates called the “tassel is worth the hassle.” Lara stated there is only 25 slots left so if interested should RSVP ASAP.

A. Meeting with UCONN SSW Administration

- i.** Bree'Ana reached out this morning to administration and feels that at this point students concerns around faculty of color retiring is not a priority and that student should get together and form an agenda and reach out to the larger student body to try to gain the attention from administration to hear their concerns.

- ii. Morgan wondered if using this platform and involving other students, there can also be other issues addressed alongside concerns of recruitment for faculty of color.
- iii. Bree'Ana will begin a google doc for the students to draft an agenda and not bombard administration with students concerns but to make them aware there are things going on in the school that students would like feedback on and how they are working to address these concerns.
- iv. Bree'Ana suggested an open hour solidarity, to the student body to discuss issues raised. A letter would then be drafted to guide the representation of students concerns and sent to Administration.
- v. Johanna stated it would be helpful and concrete to propose solutions to administration.
- vi. There will be a google docs letter drafting sent to the student body addressing issues and concerns and allowing students to add to those concerns. The Letter will include issues, outcomes and invite student and admin to participate in discussion.
- vii. Morgan stated it could be helpful to ask the dean to include other faculty that may be interested to sit in this meeting.

B. Leadership Interest for 19-20 School Year

- i. The students listed below are interested in the following positions to commit to during the 19-20 school year:
Kristina- GSO Co-Chair, Megan- GSO Co-Chair, Odette White Eagle-SAMI Co-Chair, Armani- SAMI Co-Chair, Morgan- Field Ed and EPC, Sarah- Treasurer and PRIDE Co-Chair.
- ii. Milagros acknowledged the graduating students for all of their contributions. They will be missed.
- iii. Milagros stated for returning students with interest in leadership positions, she holds high standards for these positions and wants everyone to be informed of the requirements of the positions before fully committing to them. If the positions do not fit due to any circumstances, there are chances to still be part of GSO in other positions.

C. Incoming Student Orientation Sessions

- i. Natalie asked for GSO volunteers to give tours during orientation to admitted students. She passed around a list of the tour times, if anyone is interested in volunteering to give tours to sign up. The tour will take place on April 27, 2019 at the following times: 10:15-11am, 12:15-1pm, 2:45-3:30pm.

III. Voting

A. Approval of February 26th Minutes

- i. Laura asked for a motion for the approval of February 26th minutes
- ii. Liz made a motion, Krystina second the motion
13 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

IV. Treasurer Report

- i. Sarah reviewed the approvals for the voucher request forms
- ii. Laura requested a motion
- iii. Morgan made a motioned, Krystina second the motion
- iv. Floor was open and Laura spoke about the soiree for graduating students; she wanted to incorporate a photo booth but wasn't sure what the available funds were.
- v. Sarah reviewed available funds
- vi. Laura would like to request a voucher for \$800.00 (photobooth TBD). For photo booth on May 3, 2019
- vii. Kristina is also requesting \$150.00 TBD for refreshments for last OBSWS event.
- viii. Laura requested a vote for the following changes
13 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed

V. Updates

A. Co-Chairs

- a. Debrief professional Headshot/ Human Trafficking
 - i. Everyone stated their headshots were great and they would recommend it for future years.
 - ii. Everyone who attended the Human Trafficking event stated it was very informative.
- b. Community Service
 - i. Laura checked in regarding responses to survey for the community service event and there are 3 people interested.
 - ii. Elizabeth discussed a brief description of the event.
 - iii. Elizabeth stated if there is anyone who hasn't signed up and may later be interested can reach out to her. There is a small training you would have to take before volunteering.
- c. GSO Recruitment/Spring Social
 - i. Current leaders interested can attend the event next Tuesday from 1:30-3pm at the Front Street Bistro.
- d. Soiree for Graduating Students
 - i. There has been 26 RSVP's for the Soiree event for graduating students. This event will be buffet style. The event will take place on Friday May 3 at 6:30pm. There will be dinner/dessert, a photo booth for pictures and keepsake giveaways.
 - ii. There are only 60 available slots. For those who have not RSVP's please do so before the slots are filled.

e. Leadership Dinner

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- i. The leadership dinner will take place on Tuesday Apr 30, 2019 at the City Steam from 1:30-3pm.
- f. Constitution
 - i. Future leaders will take over.
- B. Interest Groups**
 - a. OBSWS
 - i. Bree'Ana and Krystina will be attending the national conference for black social workers in Atlanta
 - ii. Last week of classes OBSWS will have a small event presenting things learned in the workshops. There will be food included and OBSWS will be ordering graduation stoles.,
 - b. PRIDE
 - i. PRIDE will be having an event on Tuesday April 23 from 2-3pm called Stuff a Husky at SSW. There will be a candy bar included. There are only 20 slots available, first come, first serve basis.
 - ii. PRIDE sent an email to EPC re: gender inclusive language back in November. There has been no updates and no feedback.
 - iii. Sarah attended EPC meeting and they thought faculty on the committee was on board. EPC faculty chairs submitted a revised version to STORRS without PRIDE's knowledge/permission to include room for conversation. Revised version is totally off from the version that PRIDE had submitted.
 - iv. Sarah had drafted a new email regarding the submission of the revised version sent to STORRS and received a quick response from Dean Heller stating, they are looking into it.
 - c. SAMI
 - i. Aliyah stated things are winding down for the year. There was a meeting on April 8, 2019 regarding solitary confinement.
 - ii. SAMI's last meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2019. It will be an end of the year celebration with food.
 - iii. Friday SAMI will take a field trip to MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution and speak with incarcerated individuals
 - iv. Odette introduced herself and stated her interest in the position as a Co-Chair for SAMI, alongside Amani whom was not present in this meeting.
- C. Concentrations**
 - a. IGFP
 - i. Not sure if there will be a lot of students participating for the last event. Isabella has decided to switch the event to Thursday May 2nd from 1:30-3:30 pm for a better outcome of participants.
 - b. ADMN

- i. ADMN had a networking event with policy that went well.
 - ii. ADMN will be hosting an end of the semester luncheon for the cohort and Liz will be buying them UCONN sweatshirts.
- c. POPR
- i. The last event was a macro networking event that included 9-10 faculty members and 20 students. The event was a good turnout.
 - ii. Structured professionals stood at tables while students rotated around talked with the professionals. There was good feedback on the event.
- d. School Committees
- i. EPC- last meeting was cancelled for unknown reasons.
 - ii. Ciara brought up feedback from students suggested around possibility to attend events that will give students the opportunity to experience different types of advocacy in place of a paper around client advocacy because it seems redundant.
 - iii. Milagros proposed for student to start with IGFP rep faculty meeting group, get a proposal together and start there
 - iv. EPC needs an IGFP rep
 - v. CO- 1st yr. representative is needed for CORG concentration. Milagros stated CO hasn't been represented for 2-3 years
- e. Educational Review Committee
- i. No updates
- f. Field Education Advisory Committee
- i. Last meeting was held on 3/29 and there were different topics that were touched upon. There had been goals made to accomplish them
 - ii. The Advisory committee is working on Field orientation to incorporate:
 - iii. 2 hours before or after, Orientation evening option, Faculty staff brought up option of webinar to have access to orientation for those who cannot attend.
 - iv. They are also working on integrating field courses with field that are concurrent and align with classes.
- g. Just Community
- i. Johanna stated email went out this afternoon to Dr. Lloyd around planning a social justice luncheon, to learn more about social injustices.
 - ii. Had event few weeks ago, Elizabeth helped coordinate tour at Chrysalis Center. The tour went well, and students gave great feedback
 - iii. Armenian students joined the event and talked about what social work meant to them.
 - iv. Just Community applied to Hartford campus for a grant and was awarded \$1000 which help pay for transportation and lunch.
 - v. Just Community also held a solidarity hour in the conference room at HTB. There was conversation around what the last few weeks of school felt like for them. Cookies and coffee were included.

