

UConn SSW Graduate Student Organization
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Oct. 1 2019
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
HSSW room 229

Members Present:

Kayla Perkins – GSO Secretary
Krystina Jackson – GSO Co-Chair
Megan Krementowski – GSO Co-Chair
Sarah Dottor – GSO Treasurer

- I. Meeting called to order at 1:41PM
- II. Review of current GSO leadership interest and commitment
 - a. Voting on new interest groups:
 - i. Krystina requested a motion to approve Students for Environmental Justice (SFEJ) as a new interest group
 - 1. Megan made a motion, Kayla seconded
4 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed
 - ii. Krystina requested a motion to approve Providing Education, Empowerment, Resources, and Support (PEERS) as a new interest group
 - 1. Megan made a motion, Sarah seconded
4 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed
 - iii. Interest groups will be presented for a final vote at the next steering committee meeting
- III. Steering Committee Meeting
 - a. Debrief/ideas
 - i. Megan commented that leaders are still getting to know each other and settling in to the new school year
 - ii. Krystina and Sarah discussed some frequent questions from student leaders
 - 1. Sarah suggested reminding leaders about the materials given previously at the next steering meeting and giving members a time to ask questions. They also suggested email reminders
 - a. Co-chairs agreed to add this to the agenda for the steering meeting on October 8
 - b. Megan mentioned that a reminder email for the steering meeting on October 8 will be sent this afternoon
- IV. GSO Governance
 - a. Follow up on Constitution and voting

- i. Co-chairs have been in communication with administrative individuals about the voting process, plan is still to be determined. Co-chairs will follow up as appropriate and bring any updates to steering meeting
 - V. Operational Updates
 - a. Social Media updates
 - i. GSO leader profiles
 - 1. Megan discussed adding leader profiles to the steering agenda to plan posts in advance without having to nominate weekly via GroupMe. Megan also suggested asking steering committee members for any nominations for non-GSO member profiles
 - ii. BH365 videos and social media
 - 1. Krystina shared BH365 will create a promotional video, similar to GSO video created for the beginning of the school year. BH365 intends to have teachers play the video at the beginning of classes and will share on social media
 - 2. BH365 will advertise events on the website and provide marketing with a QR code to link to an RSVP for events
 - 3. Megan announced BH365 will be doing a big social media push in October to publicize kickoff event
- VI. GSO Events
 - a. Fall social ideas
 - i. Next celebration will be BH365 and OBSWS collaboration for Kwanzaa
 - ii. Co-chairs announced a Spring mixer that will be similar to start of school mixer and inviting GSO members, students, faculty, and BH365 speakers
- VII. Approval of expenditures
 - a. Sarah discussed they are still missing LASO voucher
 - b. Sarah discussed that they have the voucher request for steering meeting and need an invoice as soon as possible
 - i. Co-chairs will follow up
- VIII. Budget
 - a. Sarah discussed that there is some confusion around the budget process from leaders
 - i. Co-chairs will add time to steering agenda for clarifying questions
- IX. Community engagement (internal & external)
 - a. Climate Strike debrief
 - i. General consensus that it was a good event and well attended
 - b. No updates on collaborating with outside organizations
- X. Black History 365

- a. Ericka Hart kicking off campaign
 - b. Next steps/speakers/events
 - i. Co-chairs will share programming with steering committee when draft is completed to prevent conflicting events
 - c. Debrief meeting with Dean regarding BH365
 - i. Co-chairs have been working with administration on collaboration for BH365. The Dean is providing \$8000 from the School's budget to help support BH365 programming
- XI. Additional questions, concerns, or recommendations
- a. Krystina opened the floor for comments on the current state of GSO
 - i. Kayla commented that some aspects of GSO seem disorganized
 - 1. Sarah expanded on this point to return to the conversation regarding confusion around budget and voucher process and general process questions
 - 2. Megan asked for suggestions to improve
 - a. Sarah suggested allowing time at the beginning of the steering meeting to ask members what they are struggling with and make sure all leaders are aware of where they can find the resources
 - i. Group agreed, Co-chairs will add this to the agenda
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 2:05PM

Kayla Perkins, Secretary

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO Advisor

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