

**UConn SSW Graduate Student Organization**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019**  
**1:30 to 3 p.m.**  
**SSW room 229**

**Members present:**

Megan Krementowski- GSO Co-chair  
Krystina Jackson- GSO Co-chair  
Kayla Perkins- GSO Secretary  
Milagros Marrero-Johnson- GSO Advisor  
Natalie O'Connor- OSAS Program Assistant  
Sarah Dottor- GSO Treasurer

- I. Meeting called to order at 1:40
- II. Updates/ Announcements
  - a. Macro concentration dinner was held over the weekend
    - i. Krystina shared that Jessie Black paid and will be reimbursed
    - ii. 8-9 people attended, with a mix of both GSO and non-GSO students
  - b. Leadership Dinner- November 22
    - i. November 22 was the winner of the poll
    - ii. Megan announced the time will be 6PM on so people can come when they want to and not feel pressure to stay late
    - iii. Butterfly in West Hartford
      1. Co-chairs will put together a list of some food options to order for the event, both appetizers and entrees to be shared
        - a. Milagros suggested confirming RSVPs to make sure order the appropriate amount of food
        - b. Co-chairs agreed
      2. Co-chairs will stop by the location to confirm details with the restaurant
      3. Co-chairs discussed providing end of semester gifts for leaders
        - a. Sweatshirts with embroidered positions
        - b. Milagros advised to look into this quickly to make sure there is time to have them made
        - c. Co-chairs will look into pricing
  - c. Meeting dates for next semester
    - i. Krystina proposed keeping meetings on Tuesdays from 1:30-3
      1. Milagros advised that the dates need to be provided to the steering committee before the end of the semester
  - d. Possible GSO Showcase - end of February/ March
    - i. Krystina shared that this event would feature GSO leaders to present the work they have done this semester to the larger student body and encourage participation

- ii. Milagros suggested creating flyers with group information like meeting times, contact information for leaders, and how to get involved so people can have something to take with them from the table
- iii. Co-chairs also discussed giveaways for students to boost attendance, such as free t-shirts
  - 1. Sarah suggested the GSO mugs
  - 2. Milagros noted these mugs have all been distributed
- iv. Milagros suggested she and Natalie create a schedule and assign each interest group a time slot to increase accountability
  - 1. Co-chairs will also create a list of suggestions for leaders of what to include in their showcase
- v. Krystina noted we need to improve advertising of these events to make them more successful. She discussed the potential of faculty assisting with the marketing by promoting events in class
  - 1. Sarah noted that GSO leaders making announcements in their classes is helpful to advertise but this is happening less frequently this year than previously
  - 2. The group discussed barriers to participation and the culture of GSO leaders
    - a. Krystina asked the group if this is something we should discuss at the steering meeting
      - i. Sarah suggested that this may not be effective because the Co-chairs have tried to have similar discussions before with little change. They proposed trying to have conversations on a more individual basis
      - ii. Milagros suggested that she share some of her observations at the steering committee meeting and reiterate that she and Natalie are important resources for GSO leaders
        - 1. Co-chairs will add this to the agenda
        - 2. Milagros advised to put the budget and expense approval on the agenda first to make sure there is enough time to get these things done before discussion

### III. Budget

- a. Approval of fiscal year 2020 GSO budget
  - i. Megan made a motion to approve, Krystina seconded the motion  
4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- b. November expenditure report
  - i. To be approved at the next steering committee meeting

### IV. BH365

- a. Fall Visibility Plan
  - i. Krystina shared BH365 end of semester flier with events for the rest of the academic year
    - 1. Intersectionality display going up today
    - 2. Advertising upcoming *Queen & Slim* movie
    - 3. Just Community solidarity hour
      - a. Details TBA
    - 4. Kwanza celebration
      - a. Details TBA
      - b. Milagros will remind leaders their advertising for events has to be inclusive
  - b. Funding for NABSW conference
    - i. Krystina shared that BH365 funds will be used to send students to the conference to advance their professional development opportunities

#### V. Constitution

- a. Discuss coffee breaks progress
  - i. Low attendance this morning, likely to get more people on Friday between Field Advising
    - 1. Sarah asked if we are able to set up outside of OSAS instead of in the basement to increase traffic
      - a. Milagros indicated this is fine
  - ii. Megan asked if Natalie would be able to pick up the coffee on Friday morning
    - 1. Natalie agreed
- b. Outreach to students
  - i. Speaking in classrooms, listserv email, social media, etc.
  - ii. Will give time at steering committee for leaders to vote

#### VI. Social Media

- a. Creating guidelines for all interest/representative groups
  - i. Milagros suggested bringing this to the steering committee by proposing a working committee to outline these guidelines. If there is no interest, then it will come back to the executive committee to workshop

#### VII. YWCA collaboration

- a. Sarah shared that someone from the YWCA contacted PRIDE about collaborating, potentially with the opportunity to do a workshop about domestic violence and the LGBTQ+ community
  - i. Sarah suggested the event be a collaboration between GSO and PRIDE. They offered to do a presentation about pronouns at the beginning of the event
  - ii. The event would definitely be next semester but other details are still TBD
    - 1. Milagros advised to be conscious of SSW sponsored events in the spring and make sure there are not conflicts

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 2:33

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Kayla Perkins, Secretary

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Date

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson  
GSO Advisor

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Date