

**UConn SSW Graduate Student Organization  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, 28 July 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30PM | WebEx**

**Members Present:**

**Trisha-Ann Hawthorne-Noble** - Graduate Student Organization Advisor

**Victoria Szantyr** - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair

**Molly Franco** - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair

**Kristine Jon** - Graduate Student Organization Secretary

**Lauren Perrone** - Graduate Student Organization Treasurer

**I. Meeting called to order at 1:36PM**

**II. Convocation**

- a. Will be online and mandatory for every incoming student, but open to all students this year
- b. Speaker being brought in to speak against systematic racism
- c. Headshot for each GSO executive member and video introduction to acquaint students with GSO members

**III. Mandatory GSO Leadership Training (Executive & Steering)**

- a. Leadership training to be held August 24th 10am for two hours

**IV. GSO Budget & Expenditures**

- a. Kristine will send Lauren and Molly budget documents and information
- b. Lauren to have training for QuickBooks before event budgeting
- c. 2019 budget in Q drive has already approved events for Fall 2020

**V. GSO Initiatives**

- a. Victoria discusses an emphasis on more student involvement, social media activity, and trainings, as well as more inclusion on human rights issues in the social work curriculum
- b. Molly wants to ensure positions for interest groups are filled for the upcoming academic term.
- c. Molly discusses having liaisons for interest groups between the GSO executive board and the interest groups
  - i. Group chat/GroupMe for more open communication
  - ii. Trisha suggests the executive committee work closely with the concentration group chairs for curriculum discussions

**VI. Fall Semester**

- a. Field Education & Class Schedule
  - i. Molly states there is confusion surrounding field placements and the upcoming fall semester what GSO can do to provide clarity to students
  - ii. Trisha discusses the modalities of classes offered such as distance learning/hybrid/online and what the SSW is doing to accommodate student's needs for an effective semester
  - iii. Victoria brings up parking fees and how it will work
    - 1. Trisha will reach out to Parking Services about parking fees
  - iv. Lauren asks about obtaining Husky IDs for first year students
    - 1. Trisha states once the Hartford campus opens first year students will have to pick them up at the OneCard office
- b. Communication with SSW students
  - i. Molly suggests concise emails to be sent out to students to avoid confusion

**VII. Other topics?**

- a. N/A

**VIII. Meeting adjourned at 2:29PM**

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Kristine Jon, Secretary

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Date

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Trisha-Ann Hawthorne-Noble, GSO Advisor

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Date