

**SSW GSO Steering Meeting  
November 7, 2016  
Undergrad Building – 126**

**Members Present: Student Organization Officers / Representatives**

**Milagros Marrero-Johnson** - Director of Student and Academic Services / GSO Advisor  
**Jasmine Rosado**- Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, Educational Policy Committee Rep., POPR Concentration Committee Co-Chair  
**Savitri Horrigan** - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, Just Community Rep  
**Eleanor Muirhead** - Graduate Student Organization Treasurer  
**Cassandra Marrero** - Graduate Student Organization Secretary  
**Erica Crowley** – Community Organization Concentration Committee Co-Chair  
**Allyce Pace**- Organization of Black Social Worker Students Co-Chair  
**Michelle Jefferson**- Organization of Black Social Workers Co-Chair  
**Gus Marks-Hamilton**- Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair  
**Amy Schumaker**- Educational Policy Committee  
**Louise Harmon**- Educational Review Committee  
**Sabryne Vidal**- Latin American Student Organization Co-chair  
**Lorena Crespo Morgan**- Administration Committee Chair  
**Frankie Huertas**- Casework Co-Chair  
**Lady Mendoza**- Policy Practice Co-Chair  
**Franco Du**- Social Workers for Global Justice Chair  
**Amolli Wills**- Women’s Caucus Chair

**Call to Order:**

- I. Meeting was called to order on November 7, 2016, at 5:48 p.m. by Savitri
- II. Icebreaker
- III. Introduce new GSO leader
  - a. Amolli Wills
- IV. Approval of October Steering Meeting minutes
  - a. Michelle motion to approve
  - b. Gus seconded the motion
  - c. Correction: Under section II part d it only says Jasmine & Savitri
  - d. 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstention
- V. Approval of Expenditure Requests
  - a. Allyce motion to approve
  - b. Erica seconded the motion

- c. 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

VI. Sub-orgs discussed their events

- a. Sabryne went over LASO event:
  - i. Only one student showed up
  - ii. Milagros and Jasmine attended
- b. Erica went over CO event:
  - i. The event was a small turn out but it worked because it allowed for smaller group discussions.
- c. Michelle went over OBSWS Voter registration event:
  - i. Total of people registered: 3
  - ii. Weather wasn't the best
  - iii. Difficult to engage people
- d. Gus went over SAMI:
  - i. Great turn out (about 30 people attended)
  - ii. Had two speakers come in
  - iii. Gus mentioned a strategy that worked for their event was that he reached out to professors to see if they allowed their students to come to event
- e. Strategies that worked for events:
  - i. Writing on the chalk boards in classrooms

VII. Committee briefly went over class breaks for next semesters

VIII. Eleanor went over Approval of Annual Budgets:

- a. Eleanor didn't have a hard copy of Policy and CO's budgets but they were in her email.
- b. Women's caucus' didn't have a budget because Amolli just joined the organization
- c. Jasmine motion to approve
- d. Lady seconded the motion
- e. 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

IX. GSO Event Discussions

- a. Eleanor went over Loving
  - i. Discussed possible date: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - ii. Briefly went over description of movie
  - iii. Discussed possible locations in Hartford: Bowtie Cinemas
- b. Jasmine went over Winter Coat Drive

- i. Box will be SWB lobby
  - c. End of Semester Student Appreciation
    - i. November 30, 2016 5:30-7pm
    - ii. 2nd floor lounge
    - iii. Give away items: stress balls and lanyards
    - iv. Goal is to serve a different audience: evening students
  - d. Jasmine discussed volunteer food pantry event for January
    - i. Michelle said she would get more information on a Church in Hartford that we can volunteer in.
  - e. Student Social- Ugly Sweater Party:
    - i. Tentatively January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5:30pm -8pm
    - ii. Nixs in Hartford (Front St.)
  - f. Savitri mentioned GSO Bylaws are being revised and will be distributed to leaders at the last Steering Meeting of the semester. After the leaders vote on bylaw revisions, they will be disseminated to all students for review and approval.
  - g. Savitri mentioned “Student Town Hall” – Field experience safe space
    - i. Haven’t decided on a date/time
  - h. Savitri went over field hours
    - i. CSWE requires a minimum of 900 hours of field for a master’s of social work.
    - ii. For example: GSO events can be used towards hours for their field
    - iii. Educational Policy Committee
      - 1. Next meeting is November 28<sup>th</sup> ask if proposal can be on the December meeting agenda
      - 2. Draft Proposal December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting
      - 3. Leader involvement: Louise, Frank
- X. Sub organizations/Committees updates and announcements
- a. Lorena mentioned Administration Org event:
    - i. Sometime in February
    - ii. Regarding career development, negotiating salaries, etc.

- b. Career program with MSW alumni
- c. Amolli mentioned Women Caucus events:
  - i. Nov. a drive for domestic violence victims- donation box to gather feminine, possibly clothes
  - ii. December: Candy bags with affirmations
    - 1. Mondays: Allyce, Amolli
    - 2. Tuesdays: Jasmine, Allyce
    - 3. Wednesday: Amolli
    - 4. Thursday: Sabryne
  - iii. Next semester: Self defense class no more than 50 people
  - iv. Seminar speakers: LGBTQ, women incarceration
  - v. Jack/Jill tea party
- d. Allyce mentioned OBSWS events:
  - i. Movie night
  - ii. Event every week for black history month
  - iii. Collaborating with women caucus: an event regarding transgendered people of color
- e. Lady mentioned Policy events:
  - i. Black history month: “Get in the way” documentary about John Lewis
  - ii. \$300 fee
  - iii. Open to collaborate with other sub-organizations and possibly ask Mark twain house for collaboration
- f. Gus mentioned SAMI events:
  - i. Research on mass incarceration event
  - ii. Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm- 8pm
  - iii. Zach’s Community room
  - iv. 2 guest speakers will come in
- g. Sabryne mentioned LASO events:
  - i. Toy Drive November 22- December 13<sup>th</sup>

- ii. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas card event for a week. Sending cards to soldiers over seas.

h. Frank mentioned Casework events:

- i. Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup> during the 2 hour gap
- ii. Chocolate extravaganza: going away/ enjoy the rest of the year
- iii. Family relations event possibly December/January

XI. Next meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00pm

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**Signatures:**

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Cassandra Marrero  
GSO Secretary

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Date

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson  
GSO Advisor

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Date