

**SSW GSO Steering Meeting
January 26, 2017
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 (Arrived at 6pm)

Cassandra Marrero - Graduate Student Organization Secretary

Erica Crowley – Community Organization Concentration Committee Co-Chair

Atilana Gonzalez- Latin American Student Organization Co-chair

Allyce Pace- Organization of Black Social Workers Co-Chair

Gus Marks-Hamilton- Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair

Amy Schumaker- Educational Policy Committee

Lady Mendoza- Policy Practice Co-Chair (Left at 6pm)

Erich Priest - PRIDE Co-Chair

Dev Patel – SHO Chair

Call to Order:

- I. Meeting was called to order on January 26, 2017 by Savitri at 5:39 pm
- II. Icebreaker
- III. Approval of December Steering Meeting minutes
 - a. Amy motion to approve
 - b. Jasmine seconded the motion
 - c. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, abstention
- IV. Expenditure/ Budget questions were raised
 - a. Gus raised questions about the mileage for guest speaker
 - b. Milagros explained procedure for mileage reimbursement and/or stipend guest
- V. Open discussion:
 - a. Lady discussed/encouraged leaders to become involved in response to proposed CT legislation.
 - b. A Bulletin board can be made for leaders to promote events and highlight legislation
 - i. Lady and Chelsea volunteered to assist with bulletin board
 - c. Erich discussed House bill 6695 regarding conversion therapy
 - i. Email Erich if anyone is interested in this bill
 - ii. Shannon reached regarding April 21st Day of Silence

- d. Milagros asked if GSO would be interested in organizing a rally/solidarity on Hartford campus, there was some interest but GSO may not be able to do it due to time constraints
- e. Effective ways to communicate to students: Erica mentioned writing on chalk boards in class
- f. Milagros mentioned if anyone has pictures of participating in any marches, rallies, please send them to her
- g. Savitri suggested GSO having an Instagram
 - i. Dev Patel considered managing page

VI. GSO Co-Chair Discussion

- a. Spring Semester steering Committee dates & times:
 - i. Last Thursday of every month
 - ii. 5:30-7pm
 - iii. February 23rd, March 30th, and April 27th
- b. Reminder:
 - i. Advertise your event with ample time to get the word out (2 weeks in advance)
 - ii. Utilize events calendar
 - iii. Listerv
- c. Spring community service event: Soup kitchen
 - i. Waiting on soup kitchen to contact Jasmine back
- d. Student Town Hall
 - i. Date TBA
 - ii. Blue box in 2nd floor lounge for student feedback (positive or negative) regarding SSW program, field placement, field seminar, etc.
 - iii. Milagros suggested the feedback to go to EPC
- e. Graduation Ceremony Speakers
 - i. The 2 voted speakers will collaborate together to write the welcome in English and Spanish
- f. Milagros mentioned an alumni contacted her to see if GSO wanted to advocate for an agency that addresses substance abuse and mental health was relocating from Hartford to Middletown.
- g. Just Community events being offered for Spring 2017:
 - i. Alternative Right/Neo-Nazism (February)

- ii. Social Work Professionals Roundtable (March)
 - iii. Black Lives Matter (March)
 - iv. LGBTQ Program (April)
- VII. Approval of Expenditure Requests
 - a. Jasmine motion to approve
 - b. Erich seconded the motion
 - c. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
- VIII. Approval of GSO co-sponsoring “Just Community” events Expenditure Requests were added as an amendment
 - a. Erich motion to approve
 - b. Allyce seconded the motion
 - c. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
- IX. Milagros Discussion
 - a. Milagros gave a brief overview of Graduation details
 - i. 2 different graduations
 - ii. Jasmine asked when would someone speak about LMSW. Milagros referred students to current events calendar
 - iii. GSO can’t buy graduation stoles
 - b. Milagros stressed the level of accountability GSO leaders in regards to policies and procedures
 - i. Encouraged leaders to look over policy and procedures
 - c. GSO-recruitment: crucial for executive committee to be in place by the summer
 - i. Suggested GSO to sponsor a info session to welcome returning students to get involved
 - ii. Have this done before April meeting
- X. Sub Organizations/Committees updates & announcements
 - a. POPR/OBSWS: Lady mentioned Film Screening open to students and community
 - i. February 13th at 5:30pm Zach’s community room
 - ii. Collaborating with OBSWS & Harriet Beacher Stowe
 - b. Dev:
 - i. Had healthy snacks in student lounge throughout the fall semester
 - ii. Spring semester wants to be creative- open to ideas
 - c. PRIDE:
 - i. Pending approval- 2nd annual LGBTQ clinical skills bootcamp. Wednesday, February 22nd 2pm-3:30 pm Room 308
 - ii. CSWE policy related guidelines for working with LGBTQ clients
 - d. LASO:
 - i. Salsa event/self-care: Salsa instructor come to campus

- e. OBSWS:
 - i. Culture night- February 16th 7-9pm, open to MSW students, undergrad and community
 - f. SAMI:
 - i. Prison Artwork February 22nd 6:10pm-8:00pm
- XI. Next meeting February 23th 6:30-7:00pm due to scheduling conflict with Black History month event.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Signatures:

Cassandra Marrero
GSO Secretary

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO Advisor

Date