

SSW GSO Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017

HSSW Room 104

Members Present:

Naomi Reid- Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative

Stephanie Luczak- Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee

Jennifer Lassman- Graduate Student Organization Secretary

Aubree Hayles- PRIDE Co-Chair

Ian Friedrich- PRIDE Co-Chair

Alisha Soto- LASO Chair

Nelson Veras- Interest Group Chair

Kenyatta Thompson- Policy Practice Concentration Chair

Michelle Jefferson- OBSW Chair

Jenevieve Johnson- Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair / Field Education Advisory Committee Representative

Rebecca Yungk- Educational Policy Committee Representative / Community Organization Concentration Chair

Samantha Lew- Just Community Representative

Bree'ana Mangano- Center for International Social Work Studies Advisory Committee Representative

Michal Klau-Stevens- Administration Concentration Chair

Breanne Ferrara- IGF Chair

Sherise Truman- MSW Student

Ariel Barber- Casework Chair

Laura Spero- MSW Student

Cassandra Marrero- Interest Group Chair

Eden Rivera- MSW Student

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Tara Butricks- ICAC Student representative

Maya Cruz- MSW Student

Milagros Marrero-Johnson- Director of Student and Academic Services / GSO Advisor

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order on October 10, 2017 by Naomi at 6:03pm

II. Welcoming Dean Heller

- a. Dean Heller discussed the beginning of the BSW program in September
 - i. Discussed faculty staff searches for BSW program
- b. Dean shared that November 8th is “Together Confronting Racism” at UConn Storrs campus
- c. Discussed adjustment to new Hartford Campus
 - i. SAMI chair announced that she will be inviting the public to the next SAMI event to increase community involvement
 - ii. Policy Chair talked about increasing support of local businesses in Hartford by using them as vendors

III. Culture Chest

IV. Voting on New Leaders

- a. PRIDE Co-Chairs - Aubrey Hayles and Ian Friedrich
- b. IGF Chair- Breanna Ferraro
- c. Casework- Ariel Barber
- d. Bree’ana Johnson - interested in fulfilling the GSO treasurer position
- e. Michelle Jefferson motions to vote on new leaders, Jenevieve seconds motion

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- i. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions _____

V. Voting on September Minutes

- a. Kenyatta motioned to approve the September minutes, Samantha seconds motion

- i. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions _____

VI. Voting on Expenditure Report

- a. Rebecca motions to approve monthly expenditure report, Michelle seconds motion

- i. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

- b. SAMI chair request adjustment of monthly expenditure to 450 for banner and tshirts

- c. Kenyatta motions approval with SAMI adjustment, Michal seconds

- i. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VII. Voting on Interest Group

- a. Nelson's Interest Group:

- i. I-Heart's (Improving Hartford Effectively and Restoratively Today) goal is bringing awareness to social issues that are currently impacting our communities, more specifically our UConn community.

- ii. Jenevieve motion to approve I-Heart Interest Group / Michelle seconds

- 1. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

- b. Cassandra Interest Group:

- i. Mindful Soul: Hold mindfulness, meditation and self care events

- ii. Women's Group to discuss feminism, empowerment and self care

- iii. Jenevieve motions to approve Mindful Soul and the Women's Group,
Nelson seconds motion

- 1. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VIII. Updates

- a. Co-Chairs

- i. Fall Social:

- 1. 15 attendees overall
 - 2. Positive feedback, many suggested using the same space for future events .
 - 3. Increase advertising to promote future events

- ii. January Diversity Seminar

- 1. Survey circulated to take poll on possible topics, (Immigration, mass incarceration, spirituality, homelessness, implicit bias)

- iii. Vote for constitution will take place electronically from October 30-November 13th

- b. Interest Groups

- i. SAMI

- 1. “Let's Stop Mass Incarceration” Event: October 31st 5:30-7pm
 - 2. Discussed possible forum about Reentry

- ii. OBSWS

- 1. Meet and Greet: October 12th 1:30-2:30pm

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iii. LASO

1. Meet and Greet in November: date and time TBD
2. Toy drive: Date and time TBD

iv. PRIDE

1. “Welcome to PRIDE” social to be held in November
2. PRIDE Winter bake sale
3. LGBT Panel in February
4. April Drag show

v. Nelson’s Interest Group

1. Discussion Panel discussing institutionalized racism, date and time
TBD

c. Concentrations

- i. Policy Chair: “Social Work Study In” October 24th 12:30-3pm in the social
work lounge
- ii. Administration Chair: Speaker and Workshop on running for office in
Spring

d. School Committees

i. CISWS:

1. CT Students for a Dream: October 17th

ii. Just Community

1. Next Solidarity Time October 26th

iii. Field Advisory

1. Field Advising meeting on October 27th

iv. Educational Policy

1. Discussed September meeting:

- a. Stressed the importance of faculty setting aside time for a discussion of religion and social work as it pertains to the code of ethics and the LGBTQIA community

v. Guest Speakers:

- 1. Hispanic Heritage Month YOGA on October 12th at 1:30pm
- 2. Partnering with undergrad students to make relief efforts for Mexico and Puerto Rico
 - a. Community meeting October 17th at 11am

IX. Additional questions, concerns, recommendations

X. Adjournment at 7:16pm

Signatures:

Jennifer Lassman
GSO Secretary

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO Advisor

Date

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