

GSO Steering Committee Meeting

November 14th, 2017

SSW Room 104

Members Present:

Jennifer Lassman: Graduate Student Organization Secretary

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

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

Bree'anna Johnson: Graduate Student Organization Treasurer

Ariel Barber: Casework Chair

Sherise Truman: MSW Student

Samantha Lew: Just Community Representative

Michal Klau-Stevens: Administration Concentration Chair

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

Tara Butricks- ICAC Student representative

Nelson Veras- Interest Group Chair

Michelle Jefferson- OBSW Chair

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

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order on November 14, 2017 at 6:02pm

II. Culture Chest

III. Voting on New Leaders

- a. Bre'anna Johnson requested to fill position as treasurer
- b. Jenevieve motions to approve Bre'anna as GSO treasurer
- c. Michal seconds motion

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- i. Discussed Bre'anna's previous experience which lead her to GSO position

10 in favor , 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

IV. **Voting on October Minutes**

- a. Samantha motioned to approve October minutes
- b. Nelson seconds motion

10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

V. **Voting on Expenditure Reports**

- a. Expenditure for November 2017

- i. Samantha motions to approve the November expenditure
- ii. Michal seconds motion

10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

- b. Expenditure to approve Dr. Klau's speaking engagement and workshop

- i. Michal steps out of room due to conflict of interest
 - 1. Ariel motions to approve Dr.Klau as speaker
 - 2. Jenevieve seconds motion
- 3. Floor opened for questions, comments and concerns:

8 in favor , 0 opposed, 1 abstention

- a. Jenevieve: Asked if this service would be in kind, stated her worry on amount of payment
- b. Ariel: Mentioned conflict of interest for Michal to pay her brother

- c. Samantha: States that Dr. Klau brings great insight but she is concerned about audience engagement
- d. Stephanie: Discussed that we should utilize resources already at school, also expressed concern about student turnout
- e. Milagros: Mentions importance of keeping group autonomy to pick topic of event

ii. Discussed expenditure adjustment by subtracting \$200

8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

c. Expenditure voids

- 1. GSO Mobilizing: New Park Pizza
- 2. Giveaways for academic year: Increased original amount
- 3. SAMI void for Giveaways and Bear's smokehouse

Lara Spero (MSW Student) entered at 6:35pm

d. Expenditures due November 27th

Michelle (OBSW Chair) enters at 6:39pm

e. Yearly Budget:

- i. Jenevieve motions to accept yearly budget
- ii. Ariel seconds motion

11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VI. **Voting on Interest Group**

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- a. Pending interest group members were not able to attend. To be discussed at a later date

VII. Updates

- a. General Updates:

- i. Discussed Mobilizing event:
 - 1. Positive reviews, decent turnout
 - ii. Possible Luncheon, date and time TBD
 - a. Expenditure form will be created
- b. The Color Purple at Bushnell: December 8th at 8pm
- c. Footwear With Care: Providing footcare for the homeless
 - i. Jennifer will be sending out Google Doc Sign up sheet for those who are interested in attending
- d. Sutra Restaurant: Event space available
- e. Giveaways will be delivered shortly:
 - i. Please request items in advance with Natalie in OSAS
 - 1. Include when items needed by and amount needed
- f. IGF Chair - Breanne Ferraro stepped down as IGF chair
 - i. Recruitment for position in progress

g. Next Steering Committee meeting is December 5th, 2017

h. Co-Chairs

- i. Discussed letter sent to represent concerns regarding ERC achieving due process
- ii. Discussed absence of safeguard in place before a student is considered for ERC
- iii. Discussed email sent to dean Heller/ Dean Holsinger regarding ERC
 1. Create committee to review policies and procedure of ERC and create documentation
- iv. Stephanie stated that the co-chairs need the support of the steering committee for ERC review committee
- v. Opened floor for questions:
 1. Milagros: Stated that the school has a responsibility to be gatekeeper, discussed instances when ERC is necessity.
 2. Samantha: Stated that the ERC needs to be a fair process; giving clear reasoning, documentation, and records of services offered to help the student
 3. Milagros mentions that the ERC has a consultation stage before the student degree is up for question
- vi. Vote for endorsement of ERC Committee will be delayed until december

1. Co-chairs will send out email with information regarding the context of the email to the GSO Leaders

i. Interest Groups

i. IHEART:

1. Nelson discussed event regarding institutional racism
2. Possible speakers:
 - a. Superintendent of Hartford Leslie Tores
 - b. Director of Culture and Climate in Hartford

ii. LASO: Not Present

iii. Mindful Soul: Not Present

iv. OBSWS:

1. Will hold meeting this upcoming Thursday
2. Possible events:
 - a. mentoring program for next semester,
 - b. coat drive,
 - c. Black history month event next semester
3. Discussed Black history month Meeting with Assistant Dean Comer
 - a. Host video at spotlight theater
 - i. Would have to buy rights for video to any place other than UConn property .

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1. Discussed possibility of using Public library
- ii. Suggested movie tickets for february
- iii. Co-chairs will reach out to further discuss plan for event

v. SAMI:

1. Collaboration with LASO for toy drive
2. Discussed Let's Talk Mass Incarceration Event that was held on October 31st
 - i. Jenevieve will forward powerpoint from event to leaders
3. Possible events for Spring Semester:
 - i. Criminal justice forum in Feb Date TBD
 - ii. Film showing
 - iii. Giveaway in December
4. Stephanie stressed the importance of utilizing break to plan for spring semester events

vi. DSO: Not Present

j. Concentrations

i. Casework:

1. Co-sponsoring "The Color Purple" event at Bushnell on December 8th at 8pm

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2. Possible Events:

- a. Richard Fisher to speak on suicide prevention and awareness, date TBD
- ii. IGF: Not Present
- iii. CO: Not Present
- iv. Policy: Not Present
- v. Group Work: Not Present
- vi. Administration: Briefly discussed Field Meeting breakfast

k. School Committees

i. Field Education Advisory Committee:

1. Discussed October's Meeting:

- a. Raised concerns about only meeting once a semester
- b. No solutions seem to be given for problems
- c. Discussed possibly establishing smaller group meetings
- d. Concern that Field placements don't match with class timelines
- e. Discussed need for fewer process recordings for certain concentrations
 - i. Contract documentation don't apply to all concentrations

- 1. Committee will look into making adjustments

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- f. Stressed importance of voicing concerns or problems with Field Placement to Field Advisor or Dr.Berthold
 - g. Received support from Dr.Berthold on the various topics
 - 2. Milagros suggested emailing Dr. Berthold about meeting more frequently
 - 3. Michal mentioned connecting ERC Committee with Field education changes
- ii. ICAC:
 - 1. International potluck postponed due to flooding, new date and time TBD
- iii. Just Community:
 - 1. Two remaining Solidarity Time Meetings
 - a. November 30th, time TBD
 - b. December 5th, time TBD
 - 2. Possible Events:
 - a. Collaboration with Policy concentration on how to engage as Social Worker's
 - i. Tentative date of December 5th
 - b. Lecture on racial justice in Spring semester
 - c. Program Proposal from Officer Barrett of Hartford
 - 3. Opportunities in community posted on website

VIII. Additional questions, concerns, recommendations

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IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm

Signatures:

Jennifer Lassman
GSO Secretary

Date

Milagros Marrero-Johnson
GSO Advisor

Date