

Graduate Student Organization
Tuesday, December 5th, 2017
HSSW Room 104

Members Present:

Jennifer Lassman: Graduate Student Organization Secretary
Naomi Reid :Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative
Stephanie Luczak:Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative
Bree'anna Johnson: Graduate Student Organization Treasurer
Ariel Barber:Casework Chair
Sherise Truman: MSW Student
Michal Klau-Stevens: Administration Concentration Chair
Cassandra Marrero: She's a Star / Mindful Soul Chair
Jenevieve Johnson: Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair / Field Education Advisory Committee Representative
Brianna Mangano: ICAC Student representative
Samantha Lew: Just Community Representative
Rebecca Yungk: Educational Policy Committee Co-chair
Tara Butricks: Field Education Advisory Committee Representative
Kenyatta Thompson: Policy Chair
Alisha Soto : LASO Chair
Michelle Jefferson (Via Phone): OBSWS Chair
Milagros Marrero-Johnson: - Director of Student and Academic Services / GSO Advisor

I. Call meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm on December 5, 2017

II. Culture Chest Icebreaker

Michelle Jefferson (OBSWS Chair) called in at 6:17pm

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Michal motioned to approve November minutes
- b. Jenevieve seconds motion
- c. 13 in favor, 0 oposed, 0 abstentions

IV. SFAC Budget Vote

- a. \$25 student activity fee will remain the same
- b. Cassandra motioned to keep the \$25 student activity fee

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- c. Kenyatta seconds motion
- d. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

V. Treasurer Report

a. Approval of Expenditures

- i. Reviewed expenditures: Leadership Dinner, Building bridges social, SAMI, OBSW, CORG Concentration, DSO, PRIDE
- ii. Rebecca motioned to approve expenditures
- iii. Michal seconds motion
- iv. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- v. Reminder: Be sure to only use vendors registered with UConn
 - 1. Reach out to Milagros if there are any questions about vendor approval
- vi. Updates:
 - 1. Treasurer reviewed changes made to the check request form
 - a. A copy of the new instructions for check request form will be sent to all leaders
 - 2. Secretary will scan invoice template and send to leaders

VI. Evaluation of Secretary

- a. Jennifer will continue as secretary in the Spring 2018 semester

VII. ERC Policy Review Committee Update

- a. Vote for GSO Endorse letter
 - i. Michal motions to endorse ERC letter
 - ii. Kenyatta seconds motion
 - iii. Discussed leaders having more input in the future before action is taken
 - iv. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VIII. Updates & Announcements

- a. **Co-Chairs:** Reminded leaders to complete Doodle poll for meeting dates for Spring Semester Schedule

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b. Interest Groups

Groups not present: IHEART

i. LASO:

1. Spring semester event (Date and Time TBD): Salsa lesson

ii. SAMI:

1. 12/9: “Caribbean Relief” Clothes drive (Address: 15 Vandike Ave, Hartford 06103)
2. 12/12: “Towards Justice” Event, Time: 5:30-8:30pm (Address: 1200 Albany Ave, Hartford, 06103)
3. 12/14: End of Semester Giveaway at Sutra Restaurant, Time: 6-10pm

iii. PRIDE:

1. Spring Semester Events (Dates and Times TBD): January Giveaway, Sexuality Panel, Drag Show

iv. OBSWS:

1. 1/28: Networking Event (Time TBD)
2. 11/29-12/13: Campus Winter Wear and Coat Drive :Collecting winter wear for high school students in Puerto Rico and local non profits. Drop off is located in the SSW building 1st floor lobby and the HTB 1st and 5th floor.

v. She’s Like a Star:

1. Combined with IHEART Leader to meet with Jayson Negrón’s sister
 - a. 12/11 Meetings for university students to discuss police brutality Address: 400 Grand street, Waterbury 06701, Time: 4-6pm
 - b. Co-chairs will send out fax number for states attorneys office to help advocate for the Negrón family

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vi. **Mindful Soul:** No Update

c. Concentrations

i. **Casework:**

1. 1/23: Suicide and Risk Prevention Seminar at 1:30pm
 - a. Email Ariel to RSVP and for more information
 - b. Event Posting is on SSW calendar

ii. **Policy Practice:** Attended Just Community Solidarity Time

iii. **Community Organizing:**

1. Previous event update: Positive reviews of David Vine's discussion on "Militarization"
2. Spring Events (Date and Time TBD): Giveaways and possible future speaker
3. 12/7: "Zero Weeks" Screening Time: 6-8:30pm
 - a. Co-chairs will send out information on GSO Facebook page

iv. **Administration:**

1. Date/time for event with Dr. Klau TBD

d. School-Wide Committees

i. **Educational Policy Committee:**

Discussed previous meeting:

1. Discussion of block Field placements for CO and Macro in Fall, more updates to come.
2. Discussed problem of courses being unavailable to non-matriculated students, more updates to come.

ii. **Field Education Advisory Committee:**

1. Professor Berthold attended meeting
2. Discussed consistency in quality of field placements
3. Compared SSW to other university field placements

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iii. **International Center Advisory Committee:**

1. Potluck moved to Spring semester, time and date TBD

iv. **Just Community:**

1. 12/4: Boot sorting event
2. 12/9: "Footwear With Care", Time: 8-1pm
3. Discussed survey results which suggested change in time for solidarity time, ways to incorporate more students, and potential facebook group to advertise events and communication.
4. Additional MSW representative needed, reach out to Samantha if interested in position

IX. **GSO Open Discussion**

- a. Opportunity for Leaders to discuss any issues, challenges, successes
 - i. Sherise: Discussed upcoming mentorship program for Hartford community, collaborating with Hartford Public Library. Possible collaboration with OBSWS. More updates to come.

X. **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08pm on December 5, 2017