

**SSW Graduate Student Organization Steering Committee
September 18, 2018 Minutes**

1:30 to 3:30 pm

HTB Room 216

Members Present:

Milagros Marrero-Johnson- GSO Advisor
Bree'Ana Johnson- GSO, Co-Chair
Laura Salerni- GSO, Co-Chair
Nary Rath- Treasurer
Ciara Velazquez- Secretary
Victoria Dedrick- Educational Review Committee, Student Representative
Sarah Dottor- PRIDE, Co-Chair
Elizabeth Halla-Mattingly- Chair of Administration (Arrived late at 1:43 p.m.)
Isabella Randazzo -IGFP 2nd Year, Co-Chair (Left at 2:14 p.m.)
Barbara Fasulo- Field Education Advisory and EPC Student Representative
Shamika Smith- OBSWS Co Chair
Krystina Jackson- OBSWS Co Chair
Marcus Spinner-Students for Social Justice, Co-Chair (Left at 2:26 p.m.)
Erika Mott- EPC Student Representative
Aliyah Henry- SAMI Chair
Johanna Schubert- Just Community Student Representative
Morgan Reiss- Field Education Advisory Student Representative

Call to Order

- I.** Meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm by Bree'Ana Johnson
 - a. Leaders introduced themselves by name & position
 - b. Bree'Ana opened the floor for approval of April minutes
 - c. Johanna Shubert made a motion to approve minutes, Victoria second the motion,
15 in Favor, 0 opposed, 1 Abstention
- II.** Marcus made a motion to add the GSO budget to the agenda, Victoria second the motion.
 - a. Laura reviewed the budget and there was discussion regarding everyone's budget amount.
 - b. Johanna stated that Just Community was awarded 1,000 through a campus grant
15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
- III. Hours and Wages**
 - a. Bree'Ana asked for a motion to discuss increasing the wage and hours for both the secretary and treasurer position due to these positions being underpaid for graduate level students, the amount of the work being done and the insufficient hours allocated to these positions for students to fulfill all of the responsibilities.
 - b. Marcus made a motion to increase the wage to \$15.00/ hour for each and 12 hours a month, Victoria second the motion

- c. Bree'Ana opened the floor for discussion. The importance of providing a living wage for the students who support the operation of GSO was discussed.

14 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

- d. Bree'Ana opened the floor for discussion to approve the changes to the bylaws, it was discussed that the bylaws were updated to reflect the current operations of GSO.
- e. Marcus made the motion, Johana second the motion
16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

V. Constitution

- a. Bree'Ana reviewed the constitution and reminded everyone to vote and to inform their fellow classmates and colleagues about exercising their right to vote. Voting closes next Friday September 28, 2018
- b. Bree'Ana reminded everyone that emails were sent out regarding the constitution.
- c. Bree'Ana explained how to vote. Milagros explained why the constitution was being voted on again.

VI. Treasurer Report

- a. Nary reviewed the expenditure report that she sent out in an email to everyone
- b. There were 7 voucher requests for the month of September
- c. Nary requested that everyone submit their yearly budget by Oct. 12 deadline
- d. Shameka asked if unused funds roll over and Nary clarified the funds are for the entire year and any remaining balance rolls over to GSO budget
- e. Nary reviewed the voucher request process so all leaders are aware on how to access their funds which included the deadlines
- f. Nary requested that vouchers are sent electronically, and hard copies are sent to OSAS. She asked if there were any questions.
- g. Marcus motioned to vote for temporary procedural change on a voucher request to submit a request at that time
- h. Nary explained the importance of following the process
- i. Victoria stated she support Marcus however it is important to follow the process and procedures
- j. Milagros expressed the issue of equity and all leaders adhering to the policies and procedures
- k. Other leaders asked questions to raise clarification from Marcus
- l. Marcus discussed some details about his event regarding his reasoning to motion procedural change on the voucher request
- m. Milagros explained the hardship of going outside of the process and regulations
- n. Marcus asked for clarity of the procedural approval
- o. Bree'Ana questioned if Nary had already received the information regarding the event
- i. Marcus moved to remove his motion
- ii. Isabella left at 2:14pm

Approval of Voucher Check Request Report

- a. Marcus left at 2:26pm

- b. Barbara made motion to vote, Victoria second the motion
15 n favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VII. Review Planning an Event

- a. Laura explained how to view the resources on the website and how to plan an event. When, where and how to plan, form submission dates and the steps to take when coordinating the event
- b. Milagros explained the link to the digital signage to market event
- c. Nary explained the voucher process and deadlines

VIII. Updates

- a. Socials
 - i. Oct.5 @7pm. Bowl O Rama reminder sent out, please RSVP by Eventbrite
 - ii. Oct.27, (time TBD) Rentschler Field in East Hartford. Bree'Ana will send out flyers at a later date.
- b. Community Service
 - i. Saturday September 22, 2018 there is an AIDS walk held at the NBC Reservoir in Farmington, CT. There is no fee.
 - ii. There is also another walk on Saturday, September 22, 2018 @ 9:00 am , "South Park" in Farmington to support the homeless; \$15.00 per person registration fee.
- c. OBSWS
 - i. Shameka explained there is a meeting this Thursday September 27, 2018 @6:30pm, room 216, they will be serving food
- d. PRIDE
 - i. Sarah talked about inviting members to other interest groups and focusing on the community to make friends and ask questions. PRIDE would like to collaborate with other groups. PRIDE will meet every Thursday 6:30pm, everyone is welcomed. (HTB Room 138)
- e. SAMI
 - i. Aliyah will have a meeting next Wednesday September 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm HTB 215. They will be serving food. SAMI will be conducting another event called CLICC on October. 31, 2018 @1:30-3:15 pm at HTB Atrium and HTB216.
- f. Students for Social Justice
 - i. Marcus left early and Maria could not make it.
- g. IGFP-Isabella, Paul and Maria no updates
- h. ADMN- No updates
- i. CORG- Looking for chair
- j. POLICY- Looking for chair
 - i. Morgan requested to be chair for this committee.
 - ii. Morgan motion to become a policy practice chair, Victoria second the motion

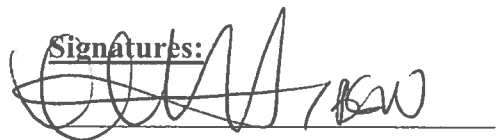
- iii. Morgan asked about the position requirements and Bree'Ana explained the position of the policy practice co-chair
14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention
- k. School Committees – No updates
- l. Educational Policy Committee - Victoria stated her committee had a meeting on 9-17- 2018 regarding some changes made due to student concerns
 - i. Only two professors (instead of 4) will be present at ERC meetings to make the process less daunting (in response to student concerns)
 - ii. Online forms have been streamlined and are more user-friendly. Additionally, these forms have a new section that allows for detailing on interventions already applied/tested by students/advisors to remedy the presenting concern
 - iii. One of the biggest changes is that, once the ERC has deliberated, the student and their advisor (not the student support person (if they elect to have one)) will re-enter the meeting and have an opportunity to hear the recommendation of the board
 - iv. Milagros will be consulted on an as-needed basis to provide logistical information as it might affect the ERC's thought-process.
- m. Field Education Advisory Committee
 - i. There will be an official meeting at Nov. 2@11:30 Location TBD
- n. Just Community
 - i. Committee met on Monday September 17, 2018, faculty and co-chairs are thinking about narrowing to focus on themes. Students agreed. (i.e; Interpersonal violence, DV, substance abuse relationship, work violence.)
 - ii. Just Community received 1,000 grant from the university
 - iii. Committee will use the grant towards a field trip to the Chrysalis Center.
 - iv. There is room in budget for collaboration; Willing to co-sponsor and collaborate with other groups.

IX. Additional questions, concerns, recommendations

- a. Milagros explained Dean and Associate Dean office hours are open for concerns. She highly encouraged students to take advantage of it.

X. Adjournment: 2:59pm

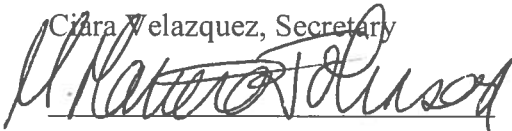
Signatures:



Clara Velazquez, Secretary

9.28.18

Date



Milagros Marrero-Johnson

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Date

GSO Advisor