

UConn SSW Graduate Student Organization
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 27 2019
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
HTB room 229

Members Present:

Krystina Jackson—Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair
Megan Krementowski—Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair
Sarah Dottor—Graduate Student Organization Treasurer
Kayla Perkins—Graduate Student Organization Secretary
Milagros Marrero-Johnson—Director of Student & Academic Services/GSO Advisor
Natalie O'Connor—Program Assistant, Office of Student & Academic Services

- I. Meeting called to order at 1:41pm
- II. Review of current GSO leadership interest and commitment
 - a. No change
- III. Leadership Training
 - a. Co-chairs received positive feedback from leaders
 - b. Sarah suggested more time in future trainings to go over GSO specific logistics, such as when budgets are due
 - c. Co-chairs discussed creating group code of respect for GSO to be created at next Steering Committee meeting
 - i. Milagros advised they be cognizant of time during the meeting to make sure all interest groups have ample time to present updates. If there is not time to complete during the first meeting, Milagros suggested treating it as a fluid document that can be revisited at future meetings
 - d. Co-chairs proposed including equity pauses in steering meetings to allow members to discuss any issues from previous meetings in a respectful manner
 - i. Proposed to end steering meetings with equity pause
- IV. GSO Governance
 - a. Follow up on Constitution and voting
 - i. Co-chairs discussed having GSO leaders present to classes to get requisite number of votes on constitution
 - 1. Milagros advised need to confirm voting timeline with appropriate administrators before asking for volunteers
- V. Operational Updates
 - a. Social Media updates
 - i. Good engagement on posts on Facebook and Instagram, both in shares and views

- ii. Co-chairs proposed doing rotating leader profiles on social media to highlight members of the community

VI. GSO Mixer

- a. 21 RSVPs for event so far
- b. Co-chairs and Sarah discussed payment process and completing purchase order

VII. Approval of expenditures

- a. GSO shirts vendor still being approved
 - i. Co-chairs discussed how many to order. Milagros advised to consider space needed to store them

VIII. Budget

- a. Budgets due in October
 - i. Sarah will clarify at Steering committee meeting that funds cannot be used for the month of September
- b. Milagros discussed new interest groups that have not yet been approved
 - i. Co-chairs will follow up with the group chair about the budget

IX. Community engagement (internal & external)

- a. Mobile Action Network in progress
- b. GSO Newsletter to be replaced with social media engagement

X. Discuss additional GSO Activities, events, and service opportunities

- a. Co-chairs discussed adding a Communications position to help with social media presence
 - i. Milagros advised to accept volunteer help where it is offered before talking about adding paid position

XI. Additional questions, concerns, or recommendations

- a. BH365 speaker list to be sent to the Dean
- b. Potential Immigration interest group
- c. DSO to attend GSO steering meeting to give updates
 - i. Natalie asked for an updated agenda

XII. Meeting adjourned at 2:17