SSW GSO Executive Meeting  
July 21, 2016  
SSW Building – Room 344

Members Present: Student Organization Officers / Representatives

Jasmine Rosado – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair  
Savitri Horrigan – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair  
Eleanor Muirhead Szmurlo – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Treasurer  
Cassandra Marrero – Incoming Graduate Student Organization Secretary  
Milagros Marrero-Johnson – Graduate Student Organization Advisor

Call to Order:

I. Meeting was called to order on July 21, 2016 at 4:10 p.m. by Savitri  
II. Committee reviewed welcome letter and when it should be disseminated  
   a. Savitri & Jasmine asked if there were any comments/ questions regarding the welcome letter.  
   b. Some grammatical errors were mentioned  
   c. Milagros asked if the letter should speak to what is currently happening in society. Jasmine explained that she didn’t want to focus on a specific group when speaking about current events. Therefore she took a general stand when writing the welcome letter  
   d. Jasmine said she would like to send it the week before school starts  
   e. Milagros said the letter is usually sent the first day of school  
   f. Eleanor mentioned it can be uncomfortable to include current events  
   g. Committee discussed modifications for the welcome letter  
   h. Jasmine said letter will be finalized the first week of August  
   i. Savitri mentioned Executive Committee should have pictures so people can know who we are.  
III. Committee discussed who will be sending the meet and greet invite to faculty  
   a. Discussed ways to invite faculty as a committee  
   b. Eleanor will write up invite to faculty  
   c. Milagros will send invite to faculty  
IV. Committee reviewed Meet and Greet Agenda  
   a. Committee discussed modifications for meet & greet agenda  
   b. Committee discussed who will be the volunteers for the event  
   c. Leadership Recruitment- Discussed possible returning students that can participate in organizations  
   d. Milagros asked for supplies list for event
e. Milagros discussed concern with the amount of over ordering of food that goes to waste for events
f. Discussed event set up/clean up
g. Committee discussed ways to increase RSVP for Meet & Greet

V. Committee discussed whether or not the Executive Committee will propose having a by-law committee
   a. Milagros expressed concerns/importance for the by-laws being reviewed this year given the upcoming changes in the curriculum that will impact the GSO structure

VI. Discussed arrangements for Steering Committee meetings:
   a. First week of every month
   b. 5:30pm or 6pm
   c. Doodle option will be posted
   d. Executive Meeting
   e. One week ahead of Steering Committee Meeting

VII. Milagros expressed the following concerns:
   a. GSO Website is lacking interaction – Milagros will ask for leaders input
   b. Insight from a student group
   c. Kimberly Miller from the Storrs Student Activities Office will attend the leadership training
   d. Milagros will touch base with Bruce about the current budget balance
   e. Purchase giveaways for students and give them at field placements seminars
   f. Amusement/carnival people + Cupcakes

VIII. Eleanor mentioned the Walk for Freedom (A21.org) as a volunteer option
   a. October 15th Walking for human trafficking (worldwide)
   b. GSO may buy shirts- $12 Generic printed T-Shirts for participants
   c. Make flyer by next week

IX. Social/self care:
   a. Paint night
   b. Wood & Tap
   c. Holiday Party- cultures coming together & bringing their own cultural food and displaying their traditions

X. Monthly Newsletter:
   a. Events GSO has/will be having
   b. Update students on what GSO does
   c. Building communities/student involvement
   d. Brainstorming ideas for newsletter

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm
Signatures:

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Cassandra Marrero Date
GSO Secretary, Incoming

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson Date
GSO Advisor