Members Present: Student Organization Officers / Representatives

Milagros Marrero-Johnson - Director of Student and Academic Services / GSO Advisor
Jasmine Rosado- Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, Educational Policy Committee Rep., POPR Concentration Committee Co-Chair
Savitri Horrigan - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, Just Community Rep
Eleanor Muirhead - Graduate Student Organization Treasurer
Cassandra Marrero - Graduate Student Organization Secretary
Erica Crowley – Community Organization Concentration Committee Co-Chair
Allyce Pace - Organization of Black Social Worker Students Co-Chair
Michelle Jefferson- Organization of Black Social Workers Co-Chair
Gus Marks-Hamilton- Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair
Amy Schumaker- Educational Policy Committee
Louise Harmon- Educational Review Committee
Sabryne Vidal- Latin American Student Organization Co-chair
Lorena Crespo Morgan- Administration Committee Chair
Frankie Huertas- Casework Co-Chair
Lady Mendoza- Policy Practice Co-Chair
Franco Du- Social Workers for Global Justice Chair
Amolli Wills- Women’s Caucus Chair

Call to Order:
  I. Meeting was called to order on November 7, 2016, at 5:48 p.m. by Savitri
  II. Icebreaker
  III. Introduce new GSO leader
      a. Amolli Wills

IV. Approval of October Steering Meeting minutes
    a. Michelle motion to approve
    b. Gus seconded the motion
    c. Correction: Under section II part d it only says Jasmine & Savitri
    d. 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstention

V. Approval of Expenditure Requests
    a. Allyce motion to approve
    b. Erica seconded the motion
VI. Sub-orgs discussed their events
   a. Sabryne went over LASO event:
      i. Only one student showed up
      ii. Milagros and Jasmine attended
   b. Erica went over CO event:
      i. The event was a small turn out but it worked because it allowed for smaller group discussions.
   c. Michelle went over OBSWS Voter registration event:
      i. Total of people registered: 3
      ii. Weather wasn’t the best
      iii. Difficult to engage people
   d. Gus went over SAMI:
      i. Great turn out (about 30 people attended)
      ii. Had two speakers come in
      iii. Gus mentioned a strategy that worked for their event was that he reached out to professors to see if they allowed their students to come to event
   e. Strategies that worked for events:
      i. Writing on the chalk boards in classrooms

VII. Committee briefly went over class breaks for next semesters

VIII. Eleanor went over Approval of Annual Budgets:
   a. Eleanor didn’t have a hard copy of Policy and CO’s budgets but they were in her email.
   b. Women’s caucus’ didn’t have a budget because Amolli just joined the organization
   c. Jasmine motion to approve
   d. Lady seconded the motion
   e. 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

IX. GSO Event Discussions
   a. Eleanor went over Loving
      i. Discussed possible date: November 18th, 2016
      ii. Briefly went over description of movie
      iii. Discussed possible locations in Hartford: Bowtie Cinemas
   b. Jasmine went over Winter Coat Drive
i. Box will be SWB lobby

c. End of Semester Student Appreciation
   i. November 30, 2016 5:30-7pm
   ii. 2nd floor lounge
   iii. Give away items: stress balls and lanyards
   iv. Goal is to serve a different audience: evening students

d. Jasmine discussed volunteer food pantry event for January
   i. Michelle said she would get more information on a Church in Hartford
      that we can volunteer in.

e. Student Social- Ugly Sweater Party:
   i. Tentatively January 20th, 2017 5:30pm -8pm
   ii. Nixs in Hartford (Front St.)

f. Savitri mentioned GSO Bylaws are being revised and will be distributed to
   leaders at the last Steering Meeting of the semester. After the leaders vote on
   bylaw revisions, they will be disseminated to all students for review and approval.

g. Savitri mentioned “Student Town Hall” – Field experience safe space
   i. Haven’t decided on a date/time

h. Savitri went over field hours
   i. CSWE requires a minimum of 900 hours of field for a master’s of social
      work.
   ii. For example: GSO events can be used towards hours for their field

   iii. Educational Policy Committee
      1. Next meeting is November 28th ask if proposal can be on the
         December meeting agenda
      2. Draft Proposal December 19th meeting
      3. Leader involvement: Louise, Frank

X. Sub organizations/Committees updates and announcements
   a. Lorena mentioned Administration Org event:
      i. Sometime in February
      ii. Regarding career development, negotiating salaries, etc.
b. Career program with MSW alumni

c. Amolli mentioned Women Caucus events:
   i. Nov. a drive for domestic violence victims- donation box to gather feminine, possibly clothes
   ii. December: Candy bags with affirmations
      1. Mondays: Allyce, Amolli
      2. Tuesdays: Jasmine, Allyce
      3. Wednesday: Amolli
      4. Thursday: Sabryne
   iii. Next semester: Self defense class no more than 50 people
   iv. Seminar speakers: LGBTQ, women incarceration
   v. Jack/Jill tea party

d. Allyce mentioned OBSWS events:
   i. Movie night
   ii. Event every week for black history month
   iii. Collaborating with women caucus: an event regarding transgendered people of color

e. Lady mentioned Policy events:
   i. Black history month: “Get in the way” documentary about John Lewis
   ii. $300 fee
   iii. Open to collaborate with other sub-organizations and possibly ask Mark twain house for collaboration

f. Gus mentioned SAMI events:
   i. Research on mass incarceration event
   ii. Thursday, December 1st 5:30pm- 8pm
   iii. Zach’s Community room
   iv. 2 guest speakers will come in

g. Sabryne mentioned LASO events:
   i. Toy Drive November 22- December 13th
ii. Dec. 6th-13th Christmas card event for a week. Sending cards to soldiers over seas.

h. Frank mentioned Casework events:
   i. Tuesday November 29th during the 2 hour gap
   ii. Chocolate extravaganza: going away/enjoy the rest of the year
   iii. Family relations event possibly December/January

XI. Next meeting December 5th 5:30-7:00pm

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Signatures:

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Cassandra Marrero               Date
GSO Secretary

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson       Date
GSO Advisor