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 (Arrived at 6pm)
Cassandra Marrero - Graduate Student Organization Secretary
Erica Crowley – Community Organization Concentration Committee Co-Chair
Atilana Gonzalez- Latin American Student Organization Co-chair
Allyce Pace- Organization of Black Social Workers Co-Chair
Gus Marks-Hamilton- Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair
Amy Schumaker- Educational Policy Committee
Lady Mendoza- Policy Practice Co-Chair (Left at 6pm)
Erich Priest - PRIDE Co-Chair
Dev Patel – SHO Chair

Call to Order:
I. Meeting was called to order on January 26, 2017 by Savitri at 5:39 pm
II. Icebreaker
III. Approval of December Steering Meeting minutes
   a. Amy motion to approve
   b. Jasmine seconded the motion
   c. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, abstention
IV. Expenditure/ Budget questions were raised
   a. Gus raised questions about the mileage for guest speaker
   b. Milagros explained procedure for mileage reimbursement and/or stipend guest
V. Open discussion:
   a. Lady discussed/encouraged leaders to become involved in response to proposed
      CT legislation.
   b. A Bulletin board can be made for leaders to promote events and highlight
      legislation
      i. Lady and Chelsea volunteered to assist with bulletin board
   c. Erich discussed House bill 6695 regarding conversion therapy
      i. Email Erich if anyone is interested in this bill
      ii. Shannon reached regarding April 21st Day of Silence
d. Milagros asked if GSO would be interested in organizing a rally/solidarity on Hartford campus, there was some interest but GSO may not be able to do it due to time constraints

e. Effective ways to communicate to students: Erica mentioned writing on chalk boards in class

f. Milagros mentioned if anyone has pictures of participating in any marches, rallies, please send them to her

g. Savitri suggested GSO having an Instagram
   i. Dev Patel considered managing page

VI. GSO Co-Chair Discussion

a. Spring Semester steering Committee dates & times:
   i. Last Thursday of every month
   ii. 5:30-7pm
   iii. February 23rd, March 30th, and April 27th

b. Reminder:
   i. Advertise your event with ample time to get the word out (2 weeks in advance)
   ii. Utilize events calendar
   iii. Listerv

c. Spring community service event: Soup kitchen
   i. Waiting on soup kitchen to contact Jasmine back

d. Student Town Hall
   i. Date TBA
   ii. Blue box in 2nd floor lounge for student feedback (positive or negative) regarding SSW program, field placement, field seminar, etc.
   iii. Milagros suggested the feedback to go to EPC

e. Graduation Ceremony Speakers
   i. The 2 voted speakers will collaborate together to write the welcome in English and Spanish

f. Milagros mentioned an alumni contacted her to see if GSO wanted to advocate for an agency that addresses substance abuse and mental health was relocating from Hartford to Middletown.

g. Just Community events being offered for Spring 2017:
   i. Alternative Right/Neo-Nazism (February)
ii. Social Work Professionals Roundtable (March)

iii. Black Lives Matter (March)

iv. LGBTQ Program (April)

VII. Approval of Expenditure Requests
   a. Jasmine motion to approve
   b. Erich seconded the motion
   c. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

VIII. Approval of GSO co-sponsoring “Just Community” events Expenditure Requests were added as an amendment
   a. Erich motion to approve
   b. Allyce seconded the motion
   c. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

IX. Milagros Discussion
   a. Milagros gave a brief overview of Graduation details
      i. 2 different graduations
      ii. Jasmine asked when would someone speak about LMSW. Milagros referred students to current events calendar
      iii. GSO can’t buy graduation stoles
   b. Milagros stressed the level of accountability GSO leaders in regards to policies and procedures
      i. Encouraged leaders to look over policy and procedures
   c. GSO-recruitment: crucial for executive committee to be in place by the summer
      i. Suggested GSO to sponsor a info session to welcome returning students to get involved
      ii. Have this done before April meeting

X. Sub Organizations/Committees updates & announcements
   a. POPR/OBSWS: Lady mentioned Film Screening open to students and community
      i. February 13th at 5:30pm Zach’s community room
      ii. Collaborating with OBSWS & Harriet Beacher Stowe
   b. Dev:
      i. Had healthy snacks in student lounge throughout the fall semester
      ii. Spring semester wants to be creative- open to ideas
   c. PRIDE:
      i. Pending approval- 2nd annual LGBTQ clinical skills bootcamp. Wednesday, February 22nd 2pm-3:30 pm Room 308
      ii. CSWE policy related guidelines for working with LGBTQ clients
   d. LASO:
      i. Salsa event/self-care: Salsa instructor come to campus
e. OBSWS:
   i. Culture night- February 16th 7-9pm, open to MSW students, undergrad and community
f. SAMI:
   i. Prison Artwork February 22nd 6:10pm-8:00pm
XI. Next meeting February 23rd 6:30-7:00pm due to scheduling conflict with Black History month event.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Signatures:

____________________________  ______________________________
Cassandra Marrero                  Date
GSO Secretary

____________________________  ______________________________
Milagros Marrero-Johnson          Date
GSO Advisor