SSW GSO Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 10th, 2017
HSSW Room 104

**Members Present:**

- **Naomi Reid** - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative
- **Stephanie Luczak** - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee
- **Jennifer Lassman** - Graduate Student Organization Secretary
- **Aubree Hayles** - PRIDE Co-Chair
- **Ian Friedrich** - PRIDE Co-Chair
- **Alisha Soto** - LASO Chair
- **Nelson Veras** - Interest Group Chair
- **Kenyatta Thompson** - Policy Practice Concentration Chair
- **Michelle Jefferson** - OBSW Chair
- **Jenevieve Johnson** - Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair / Field Education Advisory Committee Representative
- **Rebecca Yung** - Educational Policy Committee Representative / Community Organization Concentration Chair
- **Samantha Lew** - Just Community Representative
- **Bree’ana Mangano** - Center for International Social Work Studies Advisory Committee Representative
- **Michal Klau-Stevens** - Administration Concentration Chair
- **Breanne Ferrara** - IGF Chair
- **Sherise Truman** - MSW Student
- **Ariel Barber** - Casework Chair
- **Laura Spero** - MSW Student
- **Cassandra Marrero** - Interest Group Chair
- **Eden Rivera** - MSW Student
I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting was called to order on October 10, 2017 by Naomi at 6:03pm

II. Welcoming Dean Heller
   a. Dean Heller discussed the beginning of the BSW program in September
      i. Discussed faculty staff searches for BSW program
   b. Dean shared that November 8th is “Together Confronting Racism” at UConn Storrs campus
   c. Discussed adjustment to new Hartford Campus
      i. SAMI chair announced that she will be inviting the public to the next SAMI event to increase community involvement
      ii. Policy Chair talked about increasing support of local businesses in Hartford by using them as vendors

III. Culture Chest

IV. Voting on New Leaders
   a. PRIDE Co-Chairs - Aubrey Hayles and Ian Friedrich
   b. IGF Chair - Breanna Ferraro
   c. Casework - Ariel Barber
   d. Bree’ana Johnson - interested in fulfilling the GSO treasurer position
   e. Michelle Jefferson motions to vote on new leaders, Jenevieve seconds motion
i. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

V. **Voting on September Minutes**
   a. Kenyatta motioned to approve the September minutes, Samantha seconds motion
      i. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VI. **Voting on Expenditure Report**
   a. Rebecca motions to approve monthly expenditure report, Michelle seconds motion
      i. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
   b. SAMI chair request adjustment of monthly expenditure to 450 for banner and tshirts
   c. Kenyatta motions approval with SAMI adjustment, Michael seconds
      i. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VII. **Voting on Interest Group**
   a. Nelson’s Interest Group:
      i. I-Heart’s (Improving Hartford Effectively and Restoratively Today) goal is bringing awareness to social issues that are currently impacting our communities, more specifically our UConn community.
      ii. Jenevieve motion to approve I-Heart Interest Group / Michelle seconds
         1. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
   b. Cassandra Interest Group:
      i. Mindful Soul: Hold mindfulness, meditation and self care events
      ii. Women's Group to discuss feminism, empowerment and self care
iii. Jenevieve motions to approve Mindful Soul and the Women's Group,
Nelson seconds motion

1. 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VIII. Updates

a. Co-Chairs

i. Fall Social:

1. 15 attendees overall
2. Positive feedback, many suggested using the same space for future events.
3. Increase advertising to promote future events

ii. January Diversity Seminar

1. Survey circulated to take poll on possible topics, (Immigration, mass incarceration, spirituality, homelessness, implicit bias)

iii. Vote for constitution will take place electronically from October 30-November 13th

b. Interest Groups

i. SAMI

1. “Let's Stop Mass Incarceration” Event: October 31st 5:30-7pm
2. Discussed possible forum about Reentry

ii. OBSWS

1. Meet and Greet: October 12th 1:30-2:30pm

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iii. LASO
   1. Meet and Greet in November: date and time TBD
   2. Toy drive: Date and time TBD

iv. PRIDE
   1. “Welcome to PRIDE” social to be held in November
   2. PRIDE Winter bake sale
   3. LGBT Panel in February
   4. April Drag show

v. Nelson’s Interest Group
   1. Discussion Panel discussing institutionalized racism, date and time TBD

c. Concentrations
   i. Policy Chair: “Social Work Study In” October 24th 12:30-3pm in the social work lounge
   ii. Administration Chair: Speaker and Workshop on running for office in Spring

d. School Committees
   i. CISWS:
      1. CT Students for a Dream: October 17th
   ii. Just Community
      1. Next Solidarity Time October 26th
   iii. Field Advisory
1. Field Advising meeting on October 27th

iv. Educational Policy

1. Discussed September meeting:
   a. Stressed the importance of faculty setting aside time for a discussion of religion and social work as it pertains to the code of ethics and the LGBTQIA community

v. Guest Speakers:

1. Hispanic Heritage Month YOGA on October 12th at 1:30pm
2. Partnering with undergrad students to make relief efforts for Mexico and Puerto Rico
   a. Community meeting October 17th at 11am

IX. Additional questions, concerns, recommendations

X. Adjournment at 7:16pm

**Signatures:**

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Jennifer Lassman            Date
GSO Secretary

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson    Date
GSO Advisor

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