SSW GSO Steering Committee

September 12, 2017

HSSW Building -104

Members Present
Milagros Marrero-Johnson - Director of Student and Academic Services / GSO Advisor
Stephanie Luczak - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee
Naomi Reid - Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative
Cassandra Marrero - Graduate Student Organization Treasurer
Jennifer Lassman - Graduate Student Organization Secretary
Brianna Mangano - Center for International Social Work Studies Advisory Committee Representative
Samantha Lew - Just Community Representative
Rebecca Yungk - Educational Policy Committee Representative / Community Organization Concentration Chair
Kenyatta Thompson - Policy Practice Concentration Chair
Mayra Cruz – LASO Co-Chair
Alisha Soto - LASO Co-Chair
Michal Klau-Stevens - Administration Concentration Chair
Jenevieve Johnson - Students Against Mass Incarceration Co-Chair / Field Education Advisory Committee Representative
Ariel Barber – MSW Student
Sherise Truman – MSW Student
Breanne Ferrara – MSW Student
Tara Butricks- MSW Student

Call to Order
I. Meeting was called to order on September 12, 2017 at 6:04 by Stephanie

II. Culture Chest Icebreaker
   a. The Culture Chest activity is an opportunity for each member of GSO to bring in an item who represents who they are
   b. Each member described their item and how it relates to them personally

III. Approval of Minutes
   a. Stephanie asked for a approval of minutes from April as well as summer minutes (7/15/17, 7/6/17, 8/16/17).
   b. Cassandra made a motion to approve minutes, Jenevieve seconds the motion to approve minutes
      12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

IV. Approval of Voucher Check Request Form
   a. Discussed giveaways for academic year
      i. Will buy giveaways in bulk (335 pens, coffee mugs / 100 T-shirts)
ii. Will request $2000
iii. Naomi asked for a motion to approve expenditure for giveaways
iv. Michal made a motion to approve expenditure, Kenyatta seconds motion
b. Fall Social Voucher Request Forms
   i. Will request $700
   ii. Discussed appetizers (5 orders each of buffalo chicken, wings, fries), alcoholic drinks can be purchased separately, non-alcoholic drinks will be provided
   iii. Members brainstormed on other places to have events in future (UConn Football, Basketball and Hockey games, movie night, bowling, science center, Bushnell Theater)
   iv. Cassandra made a motion to approve expenditure for Fall Social, Samantha seconds motion
   v. 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
c. Voided Expenditure
   i. Due to the new policy of not having food in classrooms, Cassandra voided the expenditure form for the food for this steering committee meeting
V. Co-chair Goals
   a. Networking/Communication
      i. Utilizing Just Community
      ii. Encouraged building gap between Micro and Macro Foundations
   b. Self Evaluation for GSO Leaders
      i. Naomi and Stephanie will complete self-evaluations at the end of the year
      ii. A public survey will be available to the student body to evaluate GSO as a whole at the end of the year
      iii. A form can be provided for any Leaders who are also interested in self-evaluation
   c. Planning an additional Leadership Training for any members interested in becoming leaders
VI. GSO Discussion
   a. GSO Mobilizing Event
      i. Stephanie put forward the idea of calling local legislators to make a difference
      ii. Discussed various ways for students to widen their reach in the community, and ways for students to get connected to agencies (FiveCalls.org)
   b. Leadership and Interest Group Recruitment/ Advertising
      i. Leaders are still required for Micro concentrations and PRIDE
      ii. The television in the HSSW entrance is currently the only way other than advertising downstairs to broadcast events, there is no posting on walls
      iii. Milagros will send instructions on how to submit events soon. If anyone is interested in using the conference room G11 they must
get in touch with Marvyann Duncan (Marvyann.Duncan@UConn.edu) with date, and time of event.
Food is allowed in G11.
iv. If you would like to have an event anywhere else on campus contact Event Services for the required forms.
c. Fall Social
   i. Will be held on October 5, 2017 from 6-8pm at City Steam
   ii. Approval of space still in process
VII. Update on Policies and Procedures
   a. As stated above there is a new policy where food is no longer allowed within classrooms, Milagros will keep all the leaders updated on the progress of this new policy.
VIII. Budget Discussion
   a. Cassandra discussed the budget for the sub groups (see handout from meeting)
      i. The deadline for the next set of vouchers is due September 26th and those will be for events from October 11th to November 14th.
         1. Final vouchers should be typed and submitted to Cassandra
         2. See examples of completed vouchers on GSO website
      ii. Yearly budgets are due October 10th
IX. Updates and Announcements
   a. Opportunity for Interest Group Chairs and Concentration Chairs to discuss upcoming events, meetings, ideas
X. GSO Open Discussion
   a. Opportunity for Leaders to discuss any issues, challenges, successes
   b. Leader brainstormed on various event ideas
      i. Just Community Chair spoke of Solidarity Hour that is held Tuesdays in the HSSW and Thursdays in the Hartford Public Library
      ii. Community Organization Chair spoke of the CT Students for Dreamers meeting held in the International Office (October 19th)
         1. DACA Workshop held October 12th 1:30-3
         2. International Potluck dinner held in lounge area (potential date of October 19th)
      iii. Policy Chair spoke of the idea of Study-Ins and asked for co-sponsors for event
         1. Suggested Halloween event on October 31st
      iv. SAMI Chair discussed a possible Meet and Greet and asked for co-sponsors for event
      v. Administration Chair discussed guest speaker to speak on race and social change, asked for co-sponsors
XI. Milagros excused at 7pm
XII. Voting on any new leaders
   a. Alisha Soto declared LASO Co-Chair
b. Mayra Cruz declared LASO Co-Chair

c. Cassandra made a motion to approve new leadership position, Kenyatta seconds motion

d. 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson  
GSO –Advisor

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Jennifer Lassman  
GSO-Secretary