GSO Steering Committee Minutes  
April 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
HTB Room 216

**Members Present:**
Naomi Reid – Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative  
Stephanie Luczak – Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair / Educational Review Committee Representative  
Bree’ana Johnson – Graduate Student Organization Treasurer  
Cassandra Marrero – Mindful Soul & She’s Like a Star  
Sam Lew – Just Community  
Rebecca Yungk – Community Organization  
Erika Mott – MSW student  
Sherise Truman – International Center Advisory Committee Student Representative  
George Leboeuf – Group Work  
Michal Klau-Stevens – MSW Student  
Marcus Spinner – Students for Social Justice  
Kenyatta Thompson – Policy Practice (joined via phone at 6:18 pm)  
Michelle Jefferson – OBSWS (arrived at 6:21 pm)  
Jenevieve Johnson – SAMI (arrived at 6:21 pm)  
Ariel Barber – Casework (joined via phone at 6:23 pm)  
Natalie O’Connor – OSAS Program Assistant  
Milagros Marrero-Johnson – GSO Advisor

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order on April 19, 2018 at 6:15 pm

II. Ice Breaker

What are your plans for summer/after graduation?

III. Voting on Expenditure Reports

A. **Vote:**
   - Sam Lew motioned for a vote to approve expenditures  
   - Bree’ana Johnson seconded the vote  
   - 12 Voted In Favor, 0 Voted Opposed, 0 Abstentions

B. Sam Lew – DSO expenditure was questioned  
C. M.M.J. – This may be an institutional responsibility and will follow up with DSO & Bruce

IV. Updates

1. S.L. – 50 RSVPs for Banquet  
2. M.S. – Event on 4/24/18 from 6-8pm at Hartford Public High School  
3. Sam L. – New people joined Just Community
A. BSW, MSW, PhD – New chairs and student reps will be a part of Just Community
B. Last solidarity hour Sam & Kenyatta Tues 2–3:15pm
C. Climate survey will be done in fall, talk about curriculum, interactions
D. May 21st last Just Community Meeting
E. Micro aggression skills workshop maybe offered as a program or part of a seminar
F. Engaging more micro students as a goal next year
G. Jo Schubert as possible for Co-Chair Just Community

V. ERC Ad Hoc Committee Updates
1. ERC last meeting Thursday
   A. Draft government documents to implement any concerns, go to Milagros as SL & KT leaving
   B. KT – Misconception that ERC always leads to dismissal, a lot of consultation before review
   C. SL – Make sure doc clarifies step-by-step procedures. ERC here to support
   D. MMJ – Any suggestions
   E. SL – Open dialog on ERC direct any concerns, etc. to MMJ
   F. KT – Recommend looking over student handbook
   G. Michal – Any issues raised on accountability/training for faculty advisors?
   H. KT – How limited, put this concern up again next year for returning students. Not feasible to address this year.
   I. Michal – We won’t be here next year
   J. KT – Time sensitive nature, have returning student address
   K. MKS – Process already brought up why can’t it continue
   L. MMJ – GSO didn’t include her, her role is to fill in new leaders on work done but since she was not involved, cannot guide on this subject
   M. KT – Time restraints prevented addressing all 3 recommendations
   N. MKS – Field course work intersection
   O. MMJ – This involves EPC not up to ERC to handle not always related to ERC
   P. MKS – What happens to all this work if returning student doesn’t address
   Q. Sam L. – Meet with Milagros for direction
   R. SL – Subcommittee meet once or twice semester. Maybe meeting more frequently can address more.
   S. R.Y. – New leader should get involved for voice to be heard.

VI. Recruitment & Students Declaring Interest for 2018-2019 GSO Positions
1. MS – Who will be on GSO next year?
2. MMJ – Any interested student needs understanding of organization. Meeting will be in June

VII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm.