Minutes February 5, 2019
GSO Steering Committee
1:30-2:30
HTB Room 216

Members Present:
Bree’Ana Johnson- GSO Co-Chair
Ciara Velazquez- GSO Secretary
Sarah Dottor- PRIDE Co-Chair/Treasurer
Krystina Jackson- OBSWS Co-Chair
Johanna Schubert- Just Community Student Representative
Elizabeth Halla-Mattingly- Administration Chair arrived at 1:34pm
Aliyah Henry- SAMI, Chair
Isabella Randazzo- IGFP chair
Morgan Reiss- Field Education Student Representative & POPR Chair
Milagros Marrero-Johnson- GSO Advisor

I. Meeting called to order at 1:39pm
II. Updates
   a. Johana Shubert talked about Gun safety; she talked about the upcoming event for
criminal justice reform at the state capital, and if anyone is interested in these topics can
browse the legislative website
   b. IGFP had a welcome back event, it was small but nice
III. Graduate Student Speaker
   a. Milagros reviewed the email sent to graduate students regarding the speaker, Maria Cosgrove
will be speaking in Spanish.
IV. SSW Faculty Search, Meetings with Students
   a. Milagros expressed the importance of the SSW faculty search and the student’s
involvement with the student interviews
   b. Milagros explained there has been an addition to the candidates and the date has been
posted as 2/14, time is TBD; Bree’Ana will send out the updated information via email
V. Approval of December minutes
   a. Bree’Ana requested for a motion, Krystina made a motion, Elizabeth second the motion
9 in favor, 0 abstention, 0 opposed
VI. Treasurer Report
   a. Bree’Ana requested a motion to review the monthly voucher report, Johanna made a
motion, Morgan second the motion
   b. Sarah reviewed the Treasurer Report
   c. Floor was open for discussion, questions or concerns
9 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed
VII. Propose New Meeting Date for March
   a. March 12 was proposed as a new date
   b. Aliyah is having an event on this day from 11-1:30 pm, so the meeting date will be changed
   c. Bree’Ana confirmed 2/26 for the next meeting
   d. Bree’Ana wanted to know if the voucher check request dates are still fine
   e. Sarah will check and everyone with this information
   f. Bree’Ana requested a motion for the new meeting, Krystina made a motion, Morgan second the motion
      9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
   g. Milagros stated voucher requests should be submitted early

VIII. Updates
   A. Co-Chairs
      a. Constitution Voting
      b. Bree’Ana stated the deadline to vote for the constitution is 2/8 and explained why it was
         reopened, she will be sending out a reminder email for those who have not voted
   B. Social Media
      a. GSO will be implementing social media more and like for everyone to be a part of the
         process, Laura will be overseeing the Facebook account and Bree’Ana will oversee the
         Instagram account
   C. Headshots at Social Workers Network
      a. Bree’Ana explained the importance of the headshot for all students but in particular
         graduating students
      b. There will be 30-50 student slots for sign up. The flyers will be made by the end of the
         week, people have to RSVP by 3/5. It will be held between 12:30-3:30pm at the Hartford
         Public Library
      c. Milagros explained that social workers network event will be taking place at CCC room at
         the Hartford public library and the convenience of having the head shots during the event
         since everyone will be dressed professionally
      d. Students will be emailed a link with headshot to save
   D. Human Trafficking
      a. Bree’Ana explained the Human Trafficking training and what it entails for students and
         professors
      b. The Human Trafficking training will be held on 3/7 in the lower level of the SSW building
         from 1:00-3:00pm
      c. Students will become qualified to become a trainer but will have to take additional steps
         after this first training; Those who are interested in becoming trainers will have to do a live
         teach back which takes 2-hours on a separate day. This training is open to all.
      d. This will be another event for professors to get engaged with the student body
   E. Community Service
      a. Bree’Ana explained the Urban Alliance-event will be held sometime in March
b. Milagros asked for Bree’Ana to come up with an exact date as many students will be preparing for spring break, graduation and many other things

c. Bree will have a proposed date by 2/26 and will send out an email to everyone

F. Interest Groups

A. OBSWS
a. Krystina stated OBSWS will be having a HIV/AIDS family discussion Thursday 2/7; two professors will be in attendance one from CCSU and the other from Storrs
b. OBSWS will be having an International Pot luck Wednesday 2/20 from 11:00 am -1:00 pm in the basement
c. This semester OBSWS have decided to focus on communicating to the black students to recognize them and bring awareness to the black community
d. 1st meeting was successful. OBSWS focused on community building

B. PRIDE
a. PRIDE had their 1st meeting last Tuesday. 3 people attended.
b. Their sweat shirts are in and look amazing
c. This semester PRIDE will be focusing on activism, gender inclusive language in the syllabi and would like to do something around gender neutral bathrooms in the SSW
d. They will also collaborate with OBSWS at the end of the year
e. PRIDE will hopefully have a stuff a husky event in April

C. SAMI
b. SAMI will have their 1st meeting on Monday 2/18 and their following meetings will be on Wednesday’s
c. They will be conducting a prison visit to McDougal Walker
d. They will host a panel presentation 3/12 with Smart Justice and CT Juvenile Justice Advantage
e. They will also like to try to travel to NY, Columbia University, for a conference to see a speaker Tony Lewis whose an Activist in DC; they will also like to invite him to the university and have a speeding event.

G. Concentrations

D. IGFP
a. IGFP will have another mixer, coffee & doughnut during the next field advising seminar
b. ADMN & policy are working on doing a Networking event in March after field advising day, updates will be given when the event is finalized
c. They will have to talk to Kim about using the Hartford Club around 11:30-1:30 pm, the event is to tailor to primarily graduates who are doing community work and policy
d. Bree’Ana asked if she should send names of macro alumni, Elizabeth stated they have a list, but she is welcomed to add to it.

E. POPR- No updates

H. School Committee

F. Educational Policy Committee
a. Their last meeting was in December 2018
b. They went over different class courses, what was active or discontinued

c. They discussed the pronoun language for the syllabus and submitted a request to Dr. Garran for Sarah to join the conversation to discuss this more in-depth, Sarah will be attending next meeting

G. Educational Review Committee
a. One of the representatives had to step down, Victoria is only one representing this committee at this time

H. Field Education
a. There has been no motion since last update, they will send an email today

I. Just Community
a. Marilyn Cardone went to Chrysalis and met with Adria and Marlene for students to receive a tour and learn about the programs within. The possible date is 3/14 @ 12pm

IX. Additional Questions
a. Milagros thanked everyone for bringing visibility to the SSW and building community
b. She also wanted to inform everyone who is graduating to think of students who they would like to recruit for their positions in GSO for the following year

c. There will also be some great information going out via email regarding some upcoming professional development opportunities such as licensing, dismantling systemic racism, NASW conference, movie trauma and recovery ft. Darryl, campaign school, don’t miss out on the opportunity
d. Emails will be sent out no later than next week. Graduate students will be first to rsvp and then they will be open to fill for returning students

X. Adjourned- 2:25pm

Signatures:

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Ciara Velazquez, Secretary          Date

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Milagros Marrero-Johnson, GSO Advisor        Date