Members Present:
Trisha-Ann Hawthorne-Noble - GSO Advisor
Molly Franco - GSO Co-Chair
Kristine Jon - GSO Secretary
Lauren Perrone - GSO Treasurer
Carley Taft – PRIDE Co-Chair
Deja Perry – OBSWS Co-Chair
Lexie Soja – IGFP 1st Year Chair/PEERS Co-Chair (left at 2:30PM)
Meg Wolfe – International Committee Board/PEERS Co-Chair
Melissa Keilty – POPR Chair
Nina Rodriguez – Just Community Representative
Sophie Fortunato – SAMI Co-Chair

I. Meeting called to order at 1:36PM
   a. Attendance

II. Updates/Announcements
   a. Trisha reminded the group of the diversity seminar on 1/22 at 9-11AM, and the field seminar at 11AM-12PM
   b. Spring break is now in April and there will be no in person courses after
   c. Scholarship applications are open until 1/27
   d. OSAS is hosting a licensure workshop with alumni from different concentrations
      i. Email Trisha if interested in the CSWE workshop
   e. Trisha discussed involving students in hiring process of faculty on 1/19, 1/21, 1/26, 1/28 from 10:30-11AM and to let her know if interested

III. Treasurer Report
   a. Lauren gave an update on the remaining budget for each group
      i. $12,000 - GSO Executive team
      ii. $610 - OBSWS
      iii. $710 - PRIDE, LASO, PEERS
      iv. $560 - Concentration Chairs
   b. $16,000 total remaining balance, and Trisha reminded the group spring fees are pending.

IV. Spring Events
   a. Molly discussed doing a career prep week with Lyn: resume workshop and interview prep
   b. Getting a panel of MSW or licensed social workers to come speak
   c. No White Saviors event with different topics such as white saviorism, helping marginalized communities ethically, etc.
d. Molly reminded everyone it may be possible to give field hours for events, professors giving extra credit, etc.

V. Planning

a. February - Black History Month
   i. Deja discussed OBSWS Black History Month “Sip and Paint” for 2/19 at 6-9:30PM, sending out paint supplies to students
      1. Melissa, Carley offered to collaborate, and Deja will send them information
      2. Will seek collaboration with LASO as well
   ii. Trisha discussed BH365 Black Farmers event in February discussing food insecurity for BSW and MSW students
   iii. Molly suggested PRIDE doing an LGBTQ+ Black Pride event
   iv. Nina discussed Just Community doing Body Positivity Month event at the end of February
   v. Trisha and Molly discussed having the Dean and Associate Dean coming to the Steering Committee meeting on 2/16

b. March - Social Work Month
   i. Trisha suggested groups taking on one day for the first week of March
   ii. PEERS and PRIDE taking on a day in March for self-care in the mid-semester
   iii. SAMI and Just Community possibly doing a film screening or speaker for mass incarceration during that week in March
   iv. Trisha suggested concentration chairs doing a career seminar
   v. Just Community doing Solidarity Hour 3/5
      1. Molly asked if there could be a theme and Nina would need the proposal by 2/7

c. April
   i. Deja discussed Hip Hop event in April and wanting to collaborate with another group
   ii. Molly discussed doing virtual graduation party at the end of the semester
      1. Trisha discussed being mindful of advertising and language/purpose when promoting the event

d. Melissa discussed online non-profit virtual events or a community project to get students involved

e. Kristine discussed the executive team looking into NARCAN training and Mental Health training that other groups could join in to promote and collaborate

VI. Approval of Events

a. Kristine made a motion to approve of the budgets for each group, Molly seconded the motion
   i. $900 for the Executive team for No White Saviors event
      1. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
   ii. $500 for PRIDE for Black Pride (February) and SW Week event (March)
      1. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
   iii. $500 for OBSWS for Sip and Paint in February
      1. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
iv. $500 for SAMI for SW Week event (March)
   1. 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
v. $500 for POPR for Career Panel and Collaboration with OBSWS
   9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
vi. Meg made a motion to approve PEERS for $500
    9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

VII. Additional questions, concerns, recommendations
    a. Meg asked about the spring meetings schedule for the Steering Committee
       i. Steering Committee meetings will be on a Tuesday at 1:30-3:00PM, Kristine will send out the schedule again along with the minutes
    b. Trisha reminded group will have to vote on the UConn SSW apparel in February meeting
       i. Executive team will look into solidifying the item and design for Steering Committee vote on

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 2:50PM

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Kristine Jon, Secretary                                    Date

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Trisha-Ann Hawthorne-Noble, GSO Advisor                   Date