UConn SSW Graduate Student Organization
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 1 December 2020 | 1:30PM – 3:00PM | WebEx

Members Present:
Victoria Szantyr - GSO Co-Chair
Molly Franco - GSO Co-Chair
Kristine Jon - GSO Secretary (*arrived at 1:40PM*)
Lauren Perrone - GSO Treasurer
Natalie O’Connor – OSAS Program Assistant
Alberto Cifuentes, Jr. – DSO Co-Chair
Lynne Alexander – ERC Co-Chair/PRIDE Co-Chair
Nina Rodriguez – Just Community Representative
David Reyes – LASO Chair
Lexie Soja – IGFP 1st Year Chair/ PEERS Co-Chair
Matthew Stayner – SAMI Co-Chair
Deja Perry – OBSWS Co-Chair (*arrived at 1:58PM*)

I. Meeting called to order at 1:36PM
   a. Attendance
   b. Approval of minutes
   c. Icebreaker activity

II. Updates/Announcements
   a. Event ideas
      i. Book exchange
         1. Vicky discussed a book exchange for students and possibly faculty/staff to either donate or buy a book through Amazon, include a note on why you chose this book; spoke on how to send the books to those that did not want to provide their address (possibly Amazon drop box); she is working on a flyer, guidelines, and rules
      ii. Holiday competition
         1. Co-Chairs discussed the idea of having a competition on a photo involving the holidays (i.e. of food, decorations, pets, etc.)
         2. Vicky mentioned providing a $25 gift card as a reward
            a. Lauren will double check if this is possible and what the process would be to obtain this
      iii. Movie night
         1. Vicky discussed an end of the semester event where everyone watches a holiday movie together, the purpose being that this will be an opportunity for students to connect with others
2. Molly will take movie suggestions through chat or poll on social media

III. Treasurer Report
   a. DSO funds request Society for Social Work Research Conference
      i. Lauren discussed DSO funds request for 10 students for $75, and 2 students for $120 each, a total of $990 to allow students further their research skills
         1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
         ii. Alberto stated this needs to be processed by 12/21
   b. $200 for Executive Committee
      i. Lauren made a motion to approve, Vicky seconded the motion 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
      ii. Lauren confirmed someone will need to type up purpose, create a flyer, and send it to her as according to the Accessing GSO Funds Guide

IV. Updates
   a. Interest Groups
      i. Latin American Student Organization (LASO)
         1. David discussed planning for next year’s activities
      ii. Organization of Black Social Work Students (OBSWS)
         1. Deja discussed the BLM yoga, BH365 event 12/2, and planning for next semester
      iii. PRIDE - Absent
      iv. Students Against Mass Incarceration (SAMI)
         1. Matthew discussed planning events for next semester, looking into doing a movie or book club
      v. Doctoral Student Organization (DSO)
         1. Alberto discussed getting ready for the SSWR Conference, encouraged others to consider attending
      vi. Providing Education, Empowerment, Resources & Support (PEERS)
         1. Lexie discussed meeting with Avery Smith and hopes to collaborate with the BSW students
   b. Concentrations
      i. IGFP
         1. Lexie discussed the faculty meeting next week and will upload a Google Doc, taking any feedback
      ii. CORG - Absent
      iii. POPR - Absent
   c. School Committees
      i. Educational Policy Committee (EPC) - Absent
      ii. Educational Review Committee (ERC)
         1. Lynne had technical difficulties and was not present to give updates
      iii. Field Education Advisory Committee - Absent
      iv. Center for International Social Work Studies Advisory Committee - Absent
v. **Just Community Committee**  
1. Nina announced the last solidarity hour on Friday 12/4, discussed that there will not be one for January but will be picking back up in February for first Fridays

V. **Additional questions, concerns, recommendations**  
VI. **Meeting adjourned** at 2:04PM

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**Kristine Jon**  
Kristine Jon, Secretary  
12/5/2020

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**Trisha Hawthorne-Noble**  
Trisha-Ann Hawthorne-Noble, GSO Advisor  
12/4/2020