

UConn SSW Graduate Student Organization
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 16 March 2021 | 1:30PM – 3:00PM | WebEx

Members Present:

Trisha-Ann Hawthorne-Noble - GSO Advisor
Molly Franco - GSO Co-Chair
Kristine Jon - GSO Secretary
Lauren Perrone - GSO Treasurer
Alberto Cifuentes, Jr. – DSO Chair
Lexie Soja – IGFP Concentration Chair/PEERs Co-Chair
Nina Rodriguez – Just Community Representative
Sarah Smith – CORG Chair
Gabrielle Mitchell – OBSWS Co-Chair (*joined 1:48PM, left at 2:30PM*)
Melissa Keilty – POPR Chair/EPC Chair (*joined 2:09PM*)
Joanne Corbin – Associate Dean (*joined 2:18PM*)

Absent:

Victoria Szantyr – GSO Co-Chair
Lynne Alexander – PRIDE Co-Chair/ERC Chair
Sarah Baden – Field Ed Advisory
Sophie Fortunato – SAMI Co-Chair
Deja Perry – OBSWS Co-Chair
David Reyes – LASO Chair
Matthew Stayner – SAMI Co-Chair
Carley Taft – PRIDE Co-Chair
Megan Wolfe – International Advisory Committee

I. Meeting called to order at 1:37PM

- a. Attendance
- b. Approval of minutes
 - i. Molly made a motion to approve, Sarah seconded
7 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

II. Treasurer Report

- a. **Vote on collaboration with GSCA (\$800) – Date: TBA**
 - i. Lauren discussed speaking with Dominique about Black Perfectionism workshop
 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion
7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

- b. Vote on RBF Training (\$1000) – 4/19 Executive**
 - i. Molly discussed Welcome to Reality with UConn SSW alumni, training on how to conduct meetings, 25 seats available and can get continuing education credits for this training
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- c. Vote on additional Mental Health training (\$1500) – 4/18 Executive**
 - i. Lauren discussed additional trainings as the other slots filled up
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- d. Vote on GSO Promo items (\$3000) – March/April Executive**
 - i. Molly discussed with Vicky getting customized gear for MSW students, water bottles, shirts
 - 1. Molly made a motion to approve, Lauren seconded the motion 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- e. Vote on Licensure Prep Courses (\$2000) – 5/15 Executive**
 - i. *Trisha discussed OSAS will be offering a workshop for 50 graduating students. Nina stated having a June date would be more helpful, Trisha said she could look into splitting the dates*
 - ii. GSO would approve sponsoring 10 additional seats
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- f. Vote on Sound Therapy (\$500) – 4/2 PEERS**
 - i. Lexie discussed sound therapy session for 15 students
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- g. Vote on DSO gift card/virtual hour (\$950) – 4/5 if approved through TSOS/DSA**
 - i. Alberto discussed the cards are for self-care packages for DSO students and be tying it with a virtual happy hour event
 - ii. Question by Molly on the purpose/why – request for more information
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- h. Vote on Safezone Project (\$1000) – Pride/Executive**
 - i. OSAS is offering 20 already for F/S. Trisha connected with Pride (absent from meeting) about offering a similar workshop to students.
 - ii. GSO Steering and Executive team went through a discussion and agreed it should be offered. Lauren moved forward.
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- i. Vote on Gabbie Mitchell reimbursement for event materials (\$55) – OBSWS**
 - i. Lauren discussed the Paint n’ Sip event that Gabbie used her personal funds for and needs reimbursement
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- j. Vote on Virtual HipHop Game (\$400) – 4/16 OBSWS**

- i. Gabbie discussed collaborating with LASO
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion
8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
- k. Vote on NARCAN training \$2000 – CORG, POPR, IGFP, PRIDE**
 - i. Sarah discussed NARCAN training at \$75 per kit and wants to collaborate with other interest groups to open more seats, would be approximately \$1500-2000 for 20-25 seats and estimating
 - 1. Lauren made a motion to approve, Molly seconded the motion
9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

III. Updates

a. Co-Chairs

- i. Interest for 2021-2022 Executive Committee positions
 - 1. Molly discussed filling the roles for Co-Chair and Secretary positions, Secretary must be first year student

b. Interest Groups

- i. **Latin American Student Organization (LASO)** – *Absent*
- ii. **Organization of Black Social Work Students (OBSWS)**
 - 1. Gabbie discussed BH365 Black Maternal Health event April 8
- iii. **PRIDE** – *Absent*
- iv. **Students Against Mass Incarceration (SAMI)** – *Absent*
- v. **Doctoral Student Organization (DSO)**
 - 1. Alberto discussed virtual coffee hour April 5
 - 2. Picnic for DSO at Elizabeth Park June 6
- vi. **Providing Education, Empowerment, Resources & Support (PEERS)**
 - 1. Lexie discussed the sound therapy event planned April 2

c. Concentrations

- i. **IGFP**
 - 1. Lexie discussed meeting and bringing up confusion around class modality
- ii. **CORG**
 - 1. Sarah discussed plans for NARCAN event (voted on above)
 - 2. Discussed program planning courses and the capstone careers course at meeting, advocated for career building courses
- iii. **POPR**
 - 1. Melissa discussed using leftover funds for graduation swag and willing to partner

d. School Committees

- i. **Educational Policy Committee (EPC)**
 - 1. Melissa discussed curriculum with career courses
- ii. **Educational Review Committee (ERC)** – *Absent*
- iii. **Field Education Advisory Committee** – *Absent*
- iv. **Center for International Social Work Studies Advisory Committee** – *Absent*
- v. **Just Community Committee**
 - 1. Nina discussed the size workshop with Dominique, who stepped down from Just Community, Luke will be new representative

2. Solidarity hour Nina is hosting April 2
3. Nina discussed book club for next year

IV. SSW Strategic Plan

- a. Dr. Joanne Corbin discussed strategic planning process that can be found on university site
- b. Two-dimensional plan with priorities of the SSW being doubling research and life transformative education, engine for the state of Connecticut (supporting needs of the state)
 - i. Areas of focus on health and aging
 - ii. Values include diversity, anti-racism, emotional wellness, etc.
- c. Dr. Corbin discussed five subcommittees with different areas of focus and goals

V. Additional questions, concerns, recommendations

- a. Alberto asked if summer courses will be in person, Trisha said all summer courses will be distance learning
- b. Scholarship decisions will be made in April
- c. Trisha reminded the group of licensure alum panel - April 6
- d. Trisha stated that students' concerns were heard at both recent events: listening session and coffee chat.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 2:52PM

Kristine Jon, Secretary

Date

Trisha-Ann Hawthorne-Noble, GSO Advisor

Date