Social Action Committee Report Submitted by Luis Fernandez, Kristen Budd, and Nancy Mezey August 17, 2014

Issues to Report:

1) The committee has loosely discussed the option of SSSP to switch to 501H status. However, at this time, we do not have enough information to have a robust or meaningful discussion, or to make any decisions.

2) This year, the Committee organized a Critical and Activist Scholar Workshop on Monday. There are 30 people who will be attending, including quite a few graduate students.

Action Items:

The committee recommend that the Board take action on points 1 and 2 together, or to take action on point 3 below:

1) Clarify the Social Action Committee's task and purpose.

2) Have a more consistent and stable chairperson, rather than having the Vice President of SSSP serve as chair. The VP can continue to serve as a member, but not as chair as VPs rotate too quickly (i.e., yearly).

3) If the Board does not see a current task for or purpose to the Social Action Committee, we recommend that the Board disband the Social Action Committee, at least for the time being. If there is a need at a later date, the Board can reinstate or recreate such a committee. This recommendation is in line with the POSPC that recommends consolidating and/or reducing the number of committees.