

SWSA Meeting

Meeting Date: March 27

Location: UFV, Abbotsford outside

Time: 11:15 am

In attendance: Pearl, Margaret, Katy, Eve, Jess, guest Alexis

1. Social work advisory council meeting

- Tuesday: update from Katy (BSW rep): CASWE, conference, SWSA advocacy and survey, flashmob
- Katy will get a copy of minutes
- Advisors to social work department: professionals, faculty, etc.
- What do they do? Review courses, etc.
- Chairperson: Roop
- **Next meeting: June 24, 2015**
 - Katy will post on SWSA Facebook page prior to meeting for feedback
 - Any concerns? Or comments about courses?
 - Eg. online part of theories and ethics
 - Eg. SOWK 392 class structured in **European perspective**: writing down notes, academic historical learning, exam, etc.
 - Would have liked more **experience** in participating in Aboriginal culture: ie. smudging, healing lodge, drumming, (not as much media focus, which we already did in anti-oppressive Social Work)
 - Only mandatory Aboriginal class in Social Work: want to hear more about traditional stories, etc. like in other First Nations classes
 - All the readings had the same point: perpetuated stereotypes
 - Could have shared Aboriginal Agency Paper in a presentation
 - Go to longhouse: where do we sit, what do we wear, how do we address elders, etc.
 - Use connections of instructor
 - Go deeper!

2. Grad dinner

- Met with Paul about venue, dates, quick speakers, slideshow with pictures
- Meeting again this weekend
- Waiting for firm date from Paul: maybe March 27th
- Eve will send out meeting minutes
- Still waiting to hear back from SUS for funding
- Pearl will ask Social Work department about

3. CASWE

- Registrations completed
- Funding proposals still to be completed
- Waiting for letters from Lucki and Darryl
- Katy will book reservations

4. Summer courses with feedback from guest Alexis

- Were we heard about advocacy survey?
 - Flaws in survey because first one and done on the spot in response to need
 - SWSA did a great job of last minute survey in responding to concerns and carrying voices to faculty
- Could we have had a roundtable discussion with cohort and faculty to talk in person?
 - Katherine, director, advisory committee, students
- Feminist class added
- Scheduling conflict changed with mental health and child welfare.
- Child welfare class added
- Remaining student concerns: back to back classes for work and family schedules for a few students, but most people said they liked the classes on Monday for work schedules
- Future suggestions: consult social work cohort in advance: 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice for classes?
- Do we need to look at Fall course offerings? Lunch meeting on Monday in the summer?
- Our responsibility as SWSA is to advocate for meeting and survey, not administer it

5. Flashmob

- Next practice next Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 5:30 pm at Mill Lake, Bevan entrance
- For All My Relations PR for Social Work Conference
- Flash mobs to be held at UFV, Farmers Market, Mall?

6. BBQ

- Money and volunteers? TBA.

7. Other tasks from last meeting

- Katy to email Daryl about keys for B165a
- Katy to email Laura for student email list - how are students getting info?
- email about co-curricular credit for SWSA members