

SSWA Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2016

Location: UFV-Abbotsford Campus Room B136A

Meeting Start Time: 7:11pm

Co-Chairs: Katen and Kathryn

In Attendance: Sidra, Kathryn, Katen, Hayley, Kerstin, Justine

Regrets: Jennifer

Recorder: Sidra

Grad Dinner:

- Confusion re: dinner → originally told that SSWA was to plan the dinner, this resulted in us asking 4th years students for feedback
- Then it was discovered that BCASW had gone ahead and planned that dinner → resulted in students feeling like SSWA had ignored them and made decisions without consulting BSW grads. However we were not informed of this until Paul from BCASW contacted us after he had made all the arrangements.
- Members of SSWA did not know any of this in advance.
- Paul said that BCASW always plans the dinner as it is an inauguration for the new grads to be introduced to the profession
- MSW program had already organized and held their grad event.
- This now means we are in a supporting role in planning BSW dinner. Paul has brought up four tasks for SSWA to orientate:
 1. Volunteers: 4-5 needed
 - May 27th the dinner tickets available on Eventbrite 5:30 at Rendezvous Restaurant in Abbotsford. Grad students are free and guests are \$19.95 person plus tax and applicable fees. Menu includes vegetarian options as well. Everything is covered for the student (plus meals).
 2. Wants to know if there are any desires for themes from the student
 - i. Ideas- camera, photo booth, wine for the gift basket, getting SUS involved for funding (fundraising coordinator)
 - ii. Casino theme, DJ photo booth (have the volunteers organize this), self-care theme
 3. Funding
 - a. Talking to SUS
 - b. SSWA funds
 4. Gift Basket

- a. Donation Letter for gift basket to give out as prize as Dinner (float house, waffle house, body shop, bookstore, Starbucks)

BASW Student Orientation:

Faculty has requested feedback from students on their thoughts and opinions of how their initial BSW orientation went. Members of SSWA had the following to say:

- Positives: Having the Dean there was helpful, having the program advisor (Kathryn) was helpful, Christina did a great job of explaining, gave out individual program outlines
- Possible Improvements: double the time for orientation to cover all questions, address issues, would have liked to have Lucki to spend more time on discussing practicum.
- “Double the Cohort, Double the time” because there was a double cohort, double the time and efforts are needed to fulfill and accomplish the requests of students.
- Would have liked Lucki to speak more to the practicums as it is the core of the program. Come in with an agenda but have more of an open agenda
- Competitiveness emerged in regards to which “intake” students were accepted into. Better to just refer to the entire group as a cohort,
- This orientation is for fall cohort → Katen to look into date

Self-Care:

- One of the BSW students is planning a hike for the summer, he has been collecting emails for those interested
- Family photo FALL 2017 (Sidra in charge):
UFV photographer → by donation wear blue jeans and white t-shirts
\$2 for our dinner to plan something fun and exciting → self-care aspect here is to form social supports through networking
- Continue to think of events for the BSW students in early September such as hikes or beach day

SSWA Positions/Re-Assignments:

- Justine now holds position of Faculty Rep
- Kerstin has now moved into the position of fundraising coordinator
- Updating required for the information on school of social work website repositions and update in social media.
- Updating required for the lists on UFV School of Social Work Website on who is holding what position to make sure students and staff as to who to connect with as needed. Also assign pictures next to the names on website.

Social Media:

- Reminder: Please remember social media etiquette when posting on UFV Social Work pages (or any pages). You are not only representing yourself when you post in public spaces online, yet you also represent UFV, UFV's School of Social Work, and the social work profession.
- Please also keep in mind that anyone can look at these posts, such as potential employers and members of other professions because what you post online is public for anyone to see, no matter how "private" a group may appear.
- There is consideration of posting a reminder on the UFV Social Work Facebook page to maintain professionalism at all times.
- Still discussing what the repercussions would be if someone does not comply with the "professional etiquette standards." Examples include: Does this result in removal of post? Termination from the page?
- Consideration of creating a separate page for UFV School of Social Work Alumni instead of having one page/group pertaining to the School of Social Work

TEDX:

- need licence to run it
- visit SFU to understand how they do it- have a consultation meeting within the next month
- Do we have the time to do it? When will we do this? (Perhaps Winter 2017).
- Have to act now: buy the license, buy the merchandise

Feedback of on Courses:

- Multiple students have approached members of SSWA to say that they feel like some of the classes that have been taught within the last two semesters have not reached the "course objective" as outlined in the syllabus provided.
- Some students have voiced that they would be willing to sit in an Audit class for the sake of learning what the course objective describes.

Meeting with Fourth Year Students:

- Fourth year students invited in advance through social media to attend today's meeting at 8pm to discuss their grad dinner.
- No fourth year student came out.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:39pm