

Executive and Voting Member Meeting

Student Social Work Association

Meeting date: January 23, 2017

Executive and Voting Member meeting was called to order at 11:30 am in room C1429 on the Abbotsford UFV campus.

Attendees Present:

- Breanna Reedman
- Chloe Smith
- Shawna Meszaros
- Kristen Dalen
- Tannis Driedger
- Melissa Ly
- Jamie Gazlay
- Christine Dargahi
- Raina Nareg
- Jasmine Shergill
- Jennifer Diner
- Beppie Yuzwa

1.0 Advisory Council meeting report

1.1 Meeting 3 times a year now

1.2 Would like to have 3 SSWA curriculum reps attend meetings, glad to have students at Advisory Council meeting

1.3 Community Forum Event

1.3.1 March 20, 9-2, pending confirmation of location in SUS building

1.3.2 Need student help setting up, names at the door

1.3.3 Survey Monkey may be sent out re: questions for forum

1.4 Proposed 3 year MSW program

1.4.1 Input from the table brought new perspectives to review before moving forward

1.4.2 Future of program uncertain

1.5 Human Services purposing of cutting one class that is redundant

1.6 Diploma Program students can no longer challenge 2nd practicum

1.7 China connection

1.7.1 No students coming in 2018 due to ESL requirement not yet being met by potential students

2.0 School of Social Work and Human Services Monthly Meeting report

2.1 Academic Success Centre

2.1.2 Need to promote “Write Away” and other services

2.2 China connection

2.2.1 Concern that students are not being taught by social workers

2.3 New MSW program pilot program possibility

2.3.1 Cut-off date soon, tabled for now

2.4 Permanent Social Work Advisor position

2.4.1 Is full-time position rather than part-time needed?

2.4.2 Mandy committed to staying on until they hire someone

2.4.3 SSWA may need to write letter of support asking for full-time advisor position

2.5 Supplemental BSW Admission form

2.5.1 Point given for specific minorities to promote diversity

2.6 Possibility of doing interviews for admission into BSW in 2018

3.0 BSW Committee Meeting report

3.1 Increasing 2017 BSW cohort to 60 from 48 in 2016 BSW cohort

3.2 Group A and B elective groupings will be dropped in future

3.3 Volunteer hours for BSW entrance requirements may change

3.4 SSWA rep helped plan future timetable

3.4.1 Faculty working hard to accommodate

3.4.2 More classes to be offered on the same day rather throughout week

3.4.3 Group A electives to be offered with day and evening options

3.4.4 Accommodations may be made if difficulty getting into Group A elective in final 4th year semester

3.5 Discussion of volume of required readings without time to absorb information

4.0 BCASW Report

4.1 Langley Memorial Hospital-3 way calling for interviews, etc.

4.2 Creation of round table regarding seniors' issues

4.3 Katen told his story

5.0 Advocacy Coordinator Report

5.1 Event-Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser

5.1.1 UFV Social Work and Human Resources departments are registered

5.1.2 Challenging CYC-goal is \$750.00

5.1.3 Possibility of loonie jar at Winter Dinner cash bar

5.1.4 Possibility of asking community agencies for support

5.1.5 February 25: fundraising walk

5.1.6 Discussion about supporting Mission agency or Cyrus Centre in Abbotsford

6.0 Winter Dinner

6.1 No confirmation of menu details as of yet

6.2 Help needed in set-up and taking tickets at door

6.3 SSWA in charge of silent auction fundraiser for 2017 grad dinner

6.3.1 Need to raise \$500.00

6.3.2 Possibility of looking into how previous cohorts fundraised

6.4 50/50 draw-4th years are organizing

7.0 Discussions

7.1 Diploma Students

7.1.1 Planning to meet with diploma class to let them know about SSWA

7.2 SSWA now has MSW representative

7.3 Issues regarding class reading requirements and teaching styles

7.3.1 Further discussion planned for next SSWA meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.