

SSWA Agenda

May 2, 2018

Room: S3103

12-1:30

Attendees: Becky

Zac

Jamie

Emily

Lesandra

Claire

Chris

Taylor

Chelsey

1. Welcome & Check in

Jamie- good

Emily- surfing

Lesandra- tired

Claire- don't know

Chris-okay

Taylor- doing fine

Chelsey- ankle, good

Zac- doing well

Becky- good

2. Meeting updates

Lessandra;

- Talked with previous student in this position
- Was told she is a human services student not a social work student
- At this meeting was told not to call herself a social work student
- They want to be 'inclusive' but it's more excluding
- Confused as to why can't be called a social work student but not an actual answer
- Facebook group should be more inclusive to human services students when it comes to the name of the group
- Should have clearly communicated the legality of being called a social worker
- To be more inclusive, SSWA should have a different name?
- Sarah agreed to stay on, but there is no communication between her and Lesandra

- Lesandra questioned how people learn about the social work facebook page, is it somewhere that anyone can access and see or do you have to know someone to be able to add you to the facebook group
 - Should look into the history of the change of names of SSWA and see what it has been changed to in the past
 - Lesandra felt embarrassed by this encounter
 - Would like for the faculty to see the overall issue of the label social worker for the human services students and provide more clarity between the difference between the diploma and bachelor students
 - For facebook make a blurb about what the page is about and who is welcome to the page (all human services type students)
 - Make clear that things will not be deleted off facebook, transparency unless there was something offensive etc.
 - Is there value to the facebook group to be closed still? Or make it an open group for anyone to join and enforce the guidelines
 - Ask what program each student is in before accepting?
 - Double check what the guidelines are for the group page
 - Add a blurb, get a link put onto the UFV human services page for people to find the group
- Claire;
- Wanted to hear from informal feedback from the practical exam from 4th years
 - Some people have said it was easy, some felt it was very long and they would not have gone if it wasn't for practicum hours
 - May have been better if the practice exam was first before the seminar because that is all they could think about during the seminar
 - There was a networking opportunity after the exam
 - Was there a debrief of the exam afterwards?
 - There were feedback forms emailed out for more feedback
 - Practice exam textbooks can be found in the library
 - Online 'textbook rentals' expire!
 - Maybe think about an informal beer and talk with SSWA about the program and the association etc

Emily;

- Was talking about the brain story idea and faculty loved it
- Stressed and worried that our cohort isn't reading the textbooks enough for the final exam
- Faculty want us to post about reading the textbooks and let the cohort know to read to prepare for the exam
- Would it be helpful for faculty to say to new classes to read the textbooks for the exam
- Would it be helpful to start exam prep in 3rd year?
- There is a list online for the textbooks that we need for the exam, post onto facebook
- Talked about admissions and people being told that they are not being admitted too early Taylor;
- Margaret goes to the curriculum meetings, Taylor not invited or told when the meetings are

3. Updates on meeting with Lucki

- Talked about practicum feedback
- Talked about some thoughts we had, mentoring for example
- Lucki likes it to a certain point
- Because there was this much negative feedback she is worried about one on one mentoring and talking badly about the practicum placement
- The college is going to put a cap on how many hours can be used through workshops etc outside of the practicum
- Need 300 hours in the placement
- Made it clear that instructors do not put more hours onto their load
- Lucki suggested we talk at the new orientation about what the students would like
- Suggested to Lucki for people to talk about their placements for an hour to the new students, Lucki wasn't too keen on this idea
- Maybe do pre-placement seminar as 4th years mentoring the 3rd years instead?
- Is there a way to do it through the placement rather than through the school?
- Go through SSWA to ask students if they want to mentor and who wants a mentor and then pair people up
- Questionnaire given at student orientations about what they would like to see in their practicum placement, motion forward Becky, Taylor second this
- Use the mentorship as volunteer hours vs practicum hours

- Make blurbs on facebook for people who want to be mentors where people can contact you if they have questions about placement

4. New Student Orientations May 22

Diploma & BSW

- No SSWA representation at the human services orientation
- Make a handout for SSWA information to give new students
- Next Thurs the 10th at 9 BSW meeting, can someone take Claire's place?---> Becky said she will go
- Lesandra anything talked about at previous meeting about orientation? no

5. CASWE Updates?

- The official tallies for the questionnaire out together
- overall both years, biggest thing people wanted was grief and loss, then how to navigate services for clients, strategic advocacy, structural social work
- The highest for the 4th years were navigating services, then grief and loss
- For extras 3rd years wanted more LGBTQ and Aboriginal culture, counselling, practical sw roles and expectations, trauma informed practice
- 4th years were ethics, systemic advocacy and LGBTQ
- Wrote proposal, should be in this week
- Funds from the social work departments were given
- Jamie emailed SSWA members the proposal to read

6. Brainstory rooms are booked! J

- All summer rooms are booked
- Had a meeting with Kyle Bailey, got us computer labs
- The event is on facebook, there are alerts and reminders, need to go on and register

7. Screening June 21; Emily film updates

Room is booked

- Booked b121
- 2 films we requested are in the library
- Highway of Tears and Dharma Brothers→ on DVD
- With these films you can't have an admission fee
- 3 films by Alanis
- Want to pick an Indigenous focus for the film this day, collaborate with Indigenous students?

8. Advisory meeting May 11 2:30-4:30

- Changed 2-4 pm
- Maybe have about 3 students from SSWA
- This meeting talks about where this program is going, collaboration with the community and the university, Fraser Health etc.

9. Katelyn's resignation for BCASW

- Jamie and Becky sharing the role

10. Fundraising updates

- May 24th Oak and Thorn in Langley, put in for 30 tickets
- The tickets will be 20\$ burger, fries, drink
- Go ahead with the 50/50 raffle
- Zac will apply for the license
- 6pm, children welcome

11. Other projects

Claire; Gabor Mate?

- Ticket bought
- May 25th-27th is the event
- Pick a school day and rent a room?
- Will need at least 2 days to watch it all
- Roughly 20 hours
- Tues and Thurs? Do a poll on facebook

Becky & Yanick; Bench project

- No updates

12. Items Carried Over:

- New student orientation May 22nd 5-6:30
- SSWA handout for orientation
- Confirmation of pub night
- Brain story starts next week

13. Summer semester meeting schedule: Wednesdays @ 12