

SSWA Minutes: February 29, 2018

10am – 11:30am

Room C1421, Abbotsford Campus

Attendance:

Becky

Zac

Chris

Lesandra

Taylor

Jayme

Claire

Absent: Chelsey, Yanick, Emily, Katelyn

1. Welcome/check in/water levels
2. Townhall Updates
 - a. Booked for Oscars night at Townhall Pub: March 4, 2018, 7pm
 - b. Ticket \$12 for burger, fries and drink (one beer/wine/highball), tax & gratuity is included, we charge whatever we want above and beyond – we are charging \$20
 - c. Need license from BCLC for 50/50 etc.
 - d. Taylor requested 40 tickets
 - e. Tickets right now start at 7pm, partway through the Oscars
 - f. Thank-you for 4th Year Students, they are invited, but will be charged for tickets
 - g. Zac – take care of 50/50 licensing, tickets
 - h. Chris – no longer needs to make tickets, will make a poster
 - i. Charging \$20 for tickets
 - j. Dress-up – optional
 - k. Dime/dollar voting for who will win best picture – Jayme to take care of
 - l. Jayme – bowtie & tiara crafts
 - m. Becky – speech for outgoing SSWA
3. Facebook polls
 - a. Becky – please vote on polls when posted
 - b. If you don't like what has been proposed, either vote or say no—please say no in comments
 - c. Polls are NOT an indication as to whether or not you can make an event, simply to affirm whether or not you think it's a good idea
4. CASWE
 - a. CASWE conference happening this year in beautiful, balmy Regina, SK at end of May
 - b. Part of Jayme's role is to attend CASWE conference
 - c. Jayme – CASWE decides what parameters are for college or university to be able to offer certified Social Work program. Whatever our curriculum is is set up in large part by CASWE. Right now UFV is very clinically-based, Jayme interested in including more structural Social Work in program. More law and more

understanding of resources, as well as more Structural education. Jayme would like to see less talking about feelings and reflections, which we should continue but go beyond. CASWE conference is sandwiched in a larger multidisciplinary group forum. There will be student committees where students can directly influence curriculum going forward. SSWA student role at CASWE conference is to make our voice heard at conference.

- d. Conference is May 28-June 1
 - e. Becky – instructors are on board for students attending
 - f. Trip should be fully covered, Social Work department should put out some money, also optional for Enhanced Education Fund
 - g. Jayme – there would be a research aspect for whoever wants to attend conference as well, would like to set up funding policy for next year so that there is more stable funding option for future SSWA teams
 - h. Jayme – we are stating that we are valid and professional, and so we shouldn't have to pay out of pocket to attend, per diem for food especially for networking opportunities
 - i. Jayme – suggested that two people go, funding for three people might be stretching it too thin
 - j. Becky – whoever ends up going for CASWE will look into funding
 - k. We will vote at next meeting on March 5, 2018 as to who will be going to CASWE conference. Jayme will post write-up on Facebook for those interested to express interest in program. Those who want to vote/have a say will have to be present at next meeting in person to vote. We will vote anonymously.
5. Pride updates
- a. Dates – Fraser Valley July 14 and Vancouver August 5
 - b. Fraser Valley – the 6th march, put on by Fraser Valley Youth Society
 - c. Vancouver Pride – make it a field trip with SSWA?
 - i. Potluck/picnic/beach day
6. ASIST
- a. Zac & Becky will get together to apply for funding
 - b. André may offer Mental Health First Aid training for cheaper
 - i. He also may offer 2 freebies in the year
 - c. Need 30 people for ASIST
 - d. Becky has been in contact with CMHA, she has also asked Steve if he was interested in offering
 - e. At most for ASSIST would be \$110 including food
 - f. ASIST – suicide prevention, Mental Health First Aid – more general
 - g. First event April 7-8
 - h. Becky will see who is available before we decide whether we go with ASIST or Mental Health First Aid in April
7. Social Work Week
- a. Zac has put in a request for a table
 - b. Melinda has stuff we can use for Social Work Week

- c. Zac needs to put in an event proposal for chocolate sale, will most likely purchase candy from Costco
- d. March 5 – Social Work Table in Student Union Building
- e. SSWA Table Booked from 10am – 3pm
 - i. 9:30 set-up
 - ii. 2 hour blocks
 - iii. 9:30 – 11:30 – Becky & Jayme
 - iv. 11:30 – 1:30 – Zac & Taylor
 - v. 1:30 – 3:30 – Claire (1:40 – 3:30) & Another Volunteer
- f. Jayme & Zac will set up time to go chat with Vanguard School in Langley
- g. Jayme will connect with Vanguard to see what works best for them
 - i. Becky, suggested approaching an instructor to come with us to Vanguard
- 8. Next meeting – scheduled for March 5
 - a. WILL NEED TO RESCHEDULE DUE TO SOCIAL WORK TABLE FROM 10-3
 - b. VOTING FOR CASWE CONFERENCE REPS – SEND BLURB TO BECKY BY MARCH 5, WE WILL SEND VOTES TO BECKY BY EMAIL **not in person voting as marked earlier*
- 9. Katelyn not at meetings
 - a. Becky touched based with Katelyn, she really wants to be here and sends her regrets for not being able to make it
 - b. Would like to be here when she can
 - c. Katelyn advised Becky that Jeff Wood (instructor) would be willing to come into and speaking with SSWA about his experiences (he was on SSWA as a student)
- 10. BSW Meeting Update: Claire
 - a. Meeting was good
 - b. Claire felt that she was very well received, went in with Kristen who was previous BSW rep; offered to stay involved as much as Claire needs/wants
 - c. Talked about:
 - i. More course offerings in the summer, especially for child welfare specialization – timetabling done earlier in the semester; challenge that faculty don't want to always teach in the summer or do hybrid courses; for students who have concerns direct them to talk with Claire
 - ii. Lisa will offer early-semester directed study for disabilities for those who are interested in Child Welfare
 - iii. Class sizes and modifying them – seminars will stay same size (16 students), practical course limited to 32 students and skills limited to 24 students
 - iv. Stats requirement – until it has been officially stated, let students know that it's still a requirement; may replace requirement with something foundational for Anti-Racist and Aboriginal Social Work such as an Anti-Oppressive Course prior to program entry
 - v. Fourth Years – suggested running a practice exam and having a lunch with different professionals from the community
- 11. Emily Updates: Media Training & Library

- a. *Emily absent today, updates will come at next meeting*
- 12. Something FUN
 - a. Let's do something fun as a SSWA Team
 - b. Lesandra suggested Castle Fun Park
 - i. Claire vetoed because "it smells old"
 - c. Claire suggested Extreme Air Park
 - i. Chris vetoed because of "death"
 - d. Boardwalk Café – games café in Abby
 - e. SSWA Teambuilder – Wed. Feb. 28, 2017 at 6pm
 - i. Zac & Becky will book space
 - ii. Games night & teambuilder
 - iii. Bring food to share & a boardgame
- 13. Other
 - a. Handbook – we are only allowed to miss 3 meetings
 - b. Will offer for others to Skype in for meeting
 - c. Will discuss meeting times for the Summer closer to Summer time