Executive and Voting Member Meeting

**Student Social Work Association**

Meeting date: May 9, 2017

Executive and Voting Member meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm in the Social Work room on the Abbotsford UFV campus.

Attendees Present:

* Chloe Smith -Treasurer
* Shawna Meszaros -President
* Kristen Dalen -BSW Faculty Representative
* Tannis Driedger -Secretary
* Melissa Ly -Public Relations Representative
* Christine Dargahi -BCASW Representative
* Jasmine Shergill -Vice President
* Breanna Reedman -Curriculum Representative
* Raina Nareg -Advocacy Coordinator
* Jamie Gazlay -Public Relations Representative
* Absent: Beppie Yuzwa and Jennifer Diner

1. Check-in
2. Social Work forum
   1. Deemed a success
   2. Attendees were able to get a sense of what people are looking for in resumes
   3. Feedback regarding practicum students
      1. Leadership skills and interdisciplinary experience could be better developed
   4. Feedback regarding speaker
   5. Jasmine will look into whether or not the minutes from the round table discussions will be available online
3. Curriculum Task Group
   1. Group met and developed survey questions
   2. Jasmine met with Margaret last Monday
      1. Faculty is looking into First Nations classes in the Social Services Diploma Program
      2. Suggested consult with SOWK 392 professor
   3. Survey will go up on Friday on Facebook
   4. Other curriculum discussion
      1. Practical experience versus learning theory
      2. Practicum training suggestions
         1. Safety plans
         2. Insurance
         3. Smaller groups
         4. Feedback about workshop might be more accurate if given after practicum rather than before
         5. IPT midterm and final questions discussed
         6. Shawna will talk to Lucki
4. SSWA focus discussion
   1. Query about SSWA’s focus
      1. Bridge gap with other students and the community
      2. Let people know who SSWA is and how to get connected
      3. Presence at New Student Orientation as a possibility
         1. May 16 4-8pm at Abbotsford campus, May 18 4-8pm at Chilliwack campus
      4. Presence at BSW student orientation
         1. Jasmine is waiting to hear regarding the date
         2. Need to showcase SSWA and talk about how to get the most out of our learning
      5. Intentional community
         1. Suggestion of collaborating with community, other clubs, and other schools
         2. Importance of connecting with nursing students and education students
         3. Importance of connecting with clubs
         4. Jamie and Melissa will look into connecting with other clubs
   2. Quarterly meeting set for June 13 from 11:30-1:00 pm
      * 1. Need to connect with MSW students and Diploma students, as well as third years and the rest of fourth year cohort
5. SSWA Cafe
   1. Once a month event to promote community and awareness of social work
   2. Possibility of directed conversations or topics
   3. Open to Social Work students, other students, professors, and the community
   4. Will be held in the atrium
   5. Jasmine and Jamie will organize the first one for June
   6. Melissa will create a flyer
      1. Need to find out if we can email flyers to agencies
   7. Jasmine will put out survey on Facebook to find out what day will work best
6. Fundraising
   1. Funds needed for events like SSWA café
   2. Possibility of having an emergency fund for social work students
   3. Possibility of a Burger and Brew night

Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm