

UFV Student Social Work Association Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 | 9:00am-10:10am | via Zoom

Call to Order & Check In

- Land Acknowledgement
- Public session 9:00-9:40 then in camera for SSWA only 9:45-10:15
 - No students in attendance

In Attendance: Chris, Levi, Shelby, Angelica, Lynnea, Rachel, Geileis, Ashley, and Cassandra

Updates:

- Professionalism reminder
- Do not discuss student matters outside of SSWA meetings

President - *Chris*

- Spring/Summer Operations
 - Using the opportunity to prepare for fall 2022.
 - Create a planning committee to organize a welcome event for SOWK students (must be open to all UFV students to receive SUS funding)
 - Brainstorm the needs of current HSER/SOWK students and how we can provide support and effective communication during the fall semester.
- Sending Angelica meeting minutes to post on the website
- Review HSER rep position to verify how many classes per year is needed to be on SSWA
- Take July off with no meetings for the summer. Chris will manage the email and check in with Lynnea to monitor social media
 - Look at social media. Do we want alumni or just current students? An idea is to limit it to past students of 5 years. We discussed alumni posting jobs and volunteer experience and decided to monitor for outdated info and keep everyone, whether past or present students.

VP - *Shelby*

- BCASW Update
 - Conference is virtual in the Fall, so more SSWA members can attend
 - Student Loan update
 - Budget increased for student loan forgiveness for 2023/2024 up to 50% for social workers

Secretary – *Angelica*

- Inquire about an email list and post meeting minutes from the beginning of this year

Treasurer - *Lynnea*

- In attendance
- Chris provided an update: Banking: Meeting set up for the end of this week with TD bank and former SSWA to transfer accounts

Rep Updates:

School of SWHS – *Levi*

- SWHS Committee Updates
- Gender and Sexuality Course Updates
 - Special topic course for the winter semester
 - Offered to anyone outside of the program. BSW students have reserved seats for the class

BSW - *Rachel*

- BSW Committee Updates
 - Expectations and Realities of Practicum Placements
 - Social media posts about this topic for 3rd and 4th-year students
 - Improving Marketing of the BSW program

- Any ideas on how to market for potential students? Send to Rachel. Levi suggested we attend fairs at high schools for marketing. Marketing what social workers do and don't do. A suggestion of committee for going into high schools for presentations will contact Curtis and Kelly.

HSER Rep - *Geileis*

- HSER Committee Updates
 - No updates

Field Committee Student Rep – *Jaime*

- Unable to attend

MSW – No Representative

- Not in attendance

CASWE/BCASW - *Shelby*

- Update above

Advocacy – *Ashley*

- Last semester, there were issues with practicum placements. Ashley spoke on issues surrounding the specifics and where that was escalated to.

Indigenous Rep – *Cassandra*

- Orange shirt day update
 - Will do shirt sales in September as the bookstore doesn't do promos in the summer
 - Sent out a poster for mother's day Pow Wow

Event Coordinator – *Ashley*

- Events brainstorming:
 - Welcoming social work students to UFV in the Fall
 - End of summer semester event to celebrate the end of the semester (August)
 - Having events with the purpose of fundraising, including other students in different programs
 - Halloween event in-person

- Viewing of Rocky Horror Picture Show, team up with theatre program for a shadow cast. We could sell tickets to fundraise.
- Wants at least four events before the end of the year. Ashley will send a calendar out of potential dates for events.
- Chris: Wants to host a first aid training event for \$15-25 per person for students going into a school placement practicum first aid is a requirement. It will be by donation for SW/HSER students.

Public Relations Coordinator – Lynnea

- Online platform updates
- Will coordinate with Ashley for funding for events
- Students want more SW sweaters and gear for the program
 - Bookstore can order sweaters, but it is in bulk quantities
- UBC thrift store idea for UFV

Action Items:

Creation of a Social Work Student Journaling Group (Shelby, Levi and....)

- Levi will pass along information regarding a psychology journaling group to Shelby to begin creating a framework

Next Meeting: TBA Doodle will be sent out