

UFV Student Social Work Association General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 | 8:30pm-9:45pm | via Zoom

Call to Order & Check In

- Land Acknowledgement

In Attendance:

Shelby
Geileis

Levi
Chris

Jaime
Angelica

Cassandra
Rachel

Updates:

- Professionalism reminder

President (Chris)

- MyCampusLife Update.
 - Changes to co-curricular record March 15. Keep a record of your hours (dates, times and activities).
 - MyCampusLife will be ending this Tuesday, March 15 and transitioning to a new platform over time.
- Emergence out of the Shadows Reminder (register ASAP) on March 21, 2022
 - Jaime, Shelby, Levi, Angelica, Rachel, and Chris attending.
- Covid-19 Procedure Changes
 - In-person SSWA meetings?
 - Student-led Mask Petition – until the end of the semester (similar to Kwantlen rules.)
- Quarterly Meeting
 - For April, set up at the end of the meeting – during Monday mornings, possibly.

- Surrey Hospital new grad recruitment Q & A, April 1, 2022, from 1-2 PM
 - Lynnea is posting for it

VP & BCASW (Shelby)

- BCASW is happening in Fall 2022 now.
 - University changes suggestions should be sent to Shelby so she can prepare an update for the meeting. Will be reminded closer to the date
- Importance of meetings brought up for accreditation reasons
- Need 75% of people to attend for voting reasons

Secretary – (Angelica)

- Has items for social media giveaway
 - Hopefully, use to up social media engagement will connect with Lynnea

Treasurer (Lynnea)

- Banking Update
 - Switching to 2022 SSWA members this Friday
- Offer support with fundraising planning from Bailey at SUS
 - Jessica, Lynnea and Geileis

Rep Updates:

School of SWHS – Levi

- SWHS Committee Updates
- Spoke to Brianna for a giveaway at the literacy event
- Fundraising opportunity – Student 4th year
 - Bake sale by March 31, 2022. Individually wrapped items and go-fund me will be set up too.
 - More information – on campus, want advice, platform
 - For women with HIV in Nepal
 - Connect with Jessica and Ashley. Connect them with Bailey at SUS for funding applications.
- SSWA Mandate and Constitution Review Committee update
 - Vote in updates to Mandate and Constitution

- Unanimous vote to make changes to SSWA Mandate and Constitution
 - First Levi and Second Shelby, no objections

BSW – Rachel

- BSW Committee Updates
 - Student concern re: Feminist Social Work course
 - Alternating electives – posted on Facebook
 - SSWA Accreditation Visit – coming in Fall 2022 most likely. Still fully accredited.
 - 44 grad applications this year (last year 36)
 - Grad registration for April 1 (no late fee)
 - 65 new BSW applicants
 - Surrey Memorial Hospital Hiring Q&A

HSER Rep (Geileis)

- Welcome to SSWA!
- Attended HSER meeting – no updates
- Course updates for HSER mandatory courses and course changes

Field Committee Student Rep – Jaime

- VCH course for Prism Gender Diversity course 1.5-hour course for professional development for practicum hours
 - Free and certificate after
 - To get momentum on a new course for gender diversity course as a new elective
- Less professional development as we get out of the pandemic from field coordinators
 - Suggestions from SSWA members:
 - Approval from practicum supervisors as hours – or from instructors
 - Cap on professional development hours in practicum to encourage students to explore gaps in practicum and education

MSW – No Representative

- Not in attendance

CASWE/BCASW

- *Look under “Vice President.”*

Event Coordinator (Jessica)

- Not in attendance

Advocacy – (Ashley)

- Not in attendance

Indigenous Rep – (Cassandra)

- Cassandra wants to sell every child matters shirts too that have social work on them to boost student participation on Aboriginal day in June and orange shirt day
 - Payment
 - Bookstore contract?
 - Sell outside of Indigenous

Event Coordinator – Jessica

- Not in attendance

Public Relations Coordinator – Lynnea (update from Chris)

- SSWA committee members will collaborate with Lynnea regarding all Social media posts. This allows for editing, transparency and collaboration
 - Job opportunities posted on
 - Textbook drive
 - Media posts need social engagement – boost posts within SSWA

Action Items:

Subcommittee (Levi, Ashley, Cassandra & Rachel) to review SSWA Mandate and Constitution to determine the need for changes to promote equality, inclusivity, relevance and effectiveness. Some already recommended changes:

- Change voting to allow broader voting rights for HSER program students

- Change bi-weekly general meetings to one general meeting per month and one subcommittee and/or Executive meeting per month.

Brainstorm ideas for an SWHS program student event (Jessica, Lynnea, Angelica & Jaime)

- Promotes cohort collectiveness through introduction to other program students
- Introduces students to SSWA committee members and creates awareness of our purpose in supporting UFV students and faculty

Gender and Sexuality Course development (Levi and whoever else is interested)

- Levi has already discussed a collaboration with Tim Dueck, who is willing to support the initiative.
- ***Time sensitive*** Beginning this process immediately as it may take a year to make significant progress.
- Chris has not received a response from Curtis. He will redouble his efforts and look for additional support.

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

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

Selling shirts for aboriginal and orange shirt day (Cassandra & Angelica)

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Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2022, at 10am in-person and online