

# UFV Student Social Work Association General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 8:45pm-9:45pm | via Zoom

## Call to Order & Check In

- Land Acknowledgement (Cassandra)
- Check in with members

### **In Attendance:**

Chris  
Angelica  
Cassandra  
Levi  
Shelby  
Rachel  
Jaime  
Lynnea  
Ashley

### **Updates:**

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

### **President Chris**

- Official welcome to Advocacy Representative Ashley
- Banking accounts.
  - Reached out to Melissa and Kiran today. Melissa is available any day but Wednesday. Kiran may be available next week.
- SSWA committee members have agreed to meet monthly with separate executive and subcommittee meetings once per month or as required.
- Review complaint process
  - Walkthrough on what we can contribute and when to escalate a complaint to another level if needed

- Would anyone like to contact other Social Student Work Associations to gain insight into operations (student engagement, support strategies, resources)
  - Moved to action items for Spring
- Logging hours
  - To track volunteer hours and useful for co-curricular credits for President/Vice President to sign off on
- Google Docs

### **Secretary – (2021 Jenn & 2022 Angelica)**

- Contact Oksana or Christina O'Brien regarding a mass email to all students
- Send in previous month's minutes from 2021 (Jenn) and handover meeting
- Track google emails and create a document to share ideas on

### **VP/BCASW Rep - Shelby**

- Discuss memberships for BCASW
  - \$75 for students to join
- Going into classrooms about roles with Cassandra and Levi

### ***Rep Updates:***

#### **School of SWHS – Levi**

- Attended the first committee meeting of 2022. The committee is interested in how students are adjusting to shifting instructional formats due to COVID-19 response measures
  - How could we survey students on this matter? Ashley suggested a poll on Facebook page. Cassandra brought forward the petition on Facebook
- Will go into classes with Shelby and Cassandra
- Formulating survey on gaps in gender and sexuality in current courses to express the need for a new course
- Mandate changes
- Bring forward projects in classrooms

#### **BSW - Rachel**

- Attended first committee meeting on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fielding a complaint Case for BSW with Chris

#### **HSER – Shelby (Vice-President)**

- Shelby will reach out to Amanda LaVallee for meeting dates and attend the HSER Committee meetings as a stand-in until we elect or appoint an HSER Rep.

#### **Field Committee Student Rep – Jaime**

- Attended first committee meeting of 2022
- Fielding a student concern re: practicum Placement
- Splitting up meetings with multiple students

#### **Treasurer – Lynnea**

- Waiting for SSWA 2021 to be available for banking transition
- *Look into the possibility of UFV Zoom sponsoring our meetings/events?*

#### **MSW – No Representative**

- Not in attendance

#### **CASWE/BCASW**

- Kelly is helping to get connected to BCASW
- Discuss memberships for SSWA with the BCASW

#### **Advocacy – Ashley**

- Ashley Sharma has agreed to take on this position
- Willing to help with meetings with students

#### **Indigenous Rep – Cassandra**

- Has had a student bring up a concern with practicum
  - Discussed the next steps
  - Will assist in student meetings if needed
- Will go into classrooms with Shelby and Levi
- Brought up petition seen on social media on returning to in-person studies

#### **Event Coordinator – Jessica**

- Not in attendance
- Jessica created WHATSAPP group for 2022 SSWA

- *Needs to form a subcommittee to begin planning for the quarterly meetings (Date/Advertising/ideas to draw in student participation)*

### **Public Relations Coordinator – Lynnea**

- SSWA committee members will collaborate with Lynnea regarding all Social media posts. This allows for editing, transparency and collaboration
- Can help with polls and online surveys
- Asked members to send photos for social media campaign of roles
- Chris removed SSWA 2021 committee members from Facebook group admin
- To post about BCASW membership

### ***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, Ashley and Cassandra, possibly Shelby)**

- 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.

### **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

### **Look into creating crew neck sweaters for SWHS (Shelby)**

#### **Student Complaints**

- Rachel and Chris Handling BSW Concern

- Jaime, Chris and Ashley are handling Field Practicum Concern
- Jaime, Cassandra, and (Levi?) handling Field Practicum Concern
- Ashley and Chris meeting with students for practicum safety concerns

**Connect with another SSWA at another school to share ideas on fundraising, get-togethers, etc. (Shelby and Ashley) tabled for Spring**

**Project on practicum expectations and safety Angelica and Jaime long-term goal?**

**Next Meeting:** To be determined in group chat