

UFV Student Social Work Association General Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 25th, 2022 | 7:00pm-9:00pm | SUB Boardroom & Zoom

Call to Order & Check In

- Land Acknowledgement (Shelby)
- Icebreaker “Two truths and one lie”
- Individual check-ins

In Attendance:

Levi, Shelby, Chris, Ashley, Geileis, Angie & Lynnea

Updates:

- Privacy reminder

President Chris

- Banking Update:
 - The meeting with TD did not occur. Due to a miscommunication, the previous SSWA did not confirm their ability to attend in advance, so TD cancelled without notice.
 - 2022 SSWA cannot access the accounts or discuss any related matters with TD until the 2021 co-signers meet with the bank and arrange for a transfer of authority. Melissa remains in Australia, so moving forward is impossible until she returns.
 - https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-honor-christies-memory?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=m_pd%20share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR2PWEZim4XkBXD4TS3lnu0uqLa5ofNYQXC8R_rhxmRWV0ih_HveabhuEu8 .
 - The GoFundme fundraising page indicates that \$1,125.00 was raised for former HSER student Christie last year. The proceeds should still be in the SSWA TD account and have not been distributed to the Foundry or other charity.

- Coast capital looked like a good option for us to start a new account. The roadblock has been a stipulation that there are two account “sponsors” who have been Coast Capital members for at least 6 months. It seems that Chris is the only SSWA member who fits this criteria.
- Ashley will talk to RBC about starting an account there tomorrow, July 26, 2022
- **Student Communication:** After speaking with Catherine (administrator with the HSER committee), we were advised that we cannot access student email accounts to send out group emails to the HSER/SOWK students. We can compile emails, then submit them to the committee administrators so they can distribute emails to program students.
- **Recommendation letters:** Please provide a seven-day window for recommendation letters from executive SSWA members.
- **Merchandise:** talked about stickers, crewnecks, new design for the school of social work

Secretary – (2022 Angelica)

- Messaged Oksana for email chain for SW email chain
- Notes for last year can't be obtained from the prior secretary
- Sending notes in for this year after meeting from January-July 2022
- Connection with CYC and ADED departments for electives?
- Reached out to Cassandra to help with ribbons
- Connect with Cassandra if she wants me to reach out to Indigenous services since I'm in Chilliwack by campus
 - Donation for prizes, ask about grants, advertise events
- Gifts for two more draws I still have
- In September, reach out to SUS for elections

VP/BCASW Rep

- Brought up with SSWA members prioritize showing up for SSWA and putting an effort
- Date in October for BCASW conference
- New student rep voted in for BCASW

- Brought up be more events coming up for gala advertisement
 - o Free counselling for community members

Rep Updates:

School of SWHS – Levi

- Faculty is on break - no updates
- Will connect with Kelly to be involved in the job fair or new student orientation fair

BSW – Rachel

- Not in attendance

HSER – Geileis

- No update at this time
- Attended event for as HSER rep to speak. Put awareness out there for SSWA and field placements

Field Committee Student Rep – Jaime

- Graduation with Distinction
- Not in attendance

Treasurer – Lynnea

- Banking and go-fund me
- Will connect with Melissa on her return date (Chris)
- Talked about SUS grant, whether it's a cheque or cash? Will verify.

MSW – No Representative

- Not in attendance
- Put the word out to new students to try and get an MSW rep

CASWE/BCASW (Shelby)

- Update noted above

Advocacy – Ashley

- No updates

Indigenous Rep – Cassandra

- Running a booth on Indigenous Day at UFV on September 30th
- Are orange ribbons and hearts being given for free on campus or by donation?
 - Angelica can help with that
- Kamloopa Powwow
 - Spoke on rules that were posted
- Pope's apology

Event Coordinator – Ashley

- Spoke about graduation for school of social work and human services
 - Talked about connecting with students more. Spoke on how events build rapport with UFV students
- First idea: September 6, 2022, be a part of the new student orientation
 - Create pamphlets, stickers and candy
- Second idea: Spooktacular
 - In-person, dress up, prizes, treats, decorate, open to all students, child-friendly event.
 - Talked about getting performers, dancers, face paint booth
 - Advertising for the middle of September
 - Grant for this event
 - Maybe child time than adult only time
- Third idea: Holiday idea
 - Bottle-drive, car wash
 - Gather donations for local charities
 - Post about local places to volunteer
 - Adopt a senior

- Street warriors connect with them
 - Angel tree SUS
 - 12 days of volunteering awareness campaign for local holiday community efforts
- Will

Public Relations Coordinator – Lynnea

- Redoing intro post for all members for new students
- An August 31 overdose awareness post?

Action Items:

Brainstorm ideas for an SWHS program student event

- Must submit funding requests to Student Union with 3-4 weeks' notice. Funding must benefit the entire UFV student body, not just SWHS school. (consider other campuses)
- Introduces students to SSWA committee members and creates awareness of our purpose in supporting UFV students and faculty
- Can we join UFV orientation events for new students?
- Chris & Ashley can begin arranging fundraiser first aid classes for SWHS students:
 - Charge Chris's admin cost (\$25/person) + a donation (normal cost is \$95-110 each) or make it a set price of \$60.00 (provides SSWA \$35/person profit while still saving students \$60/each)?
 - Offer Emergency First Aid with CPR"C" and AED certification
 - Maximum 10 students per session

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
- Opting out. Not much interest in the group at this point.

Reaching out to SWHS Instructors before September to connect with students.

- Representatives arrange for permission to attend key classes to meet new UFV students.
- Publish an SSWA introduction video that instructors can play to classes?
- Initiate a search for an MSW representative from the new class starting in September?

Begin Succession Planning

- Compile a list of your SSWA 2022 duties/accomplishments
- Consider what knowledge re: SSWA would have benefited you before committing or engaging in your role.
- Connecting with Student Union re: requirements to set up elections for 2023 SSWA (2021 was a little late setting it up and had to scramble)
 - Dinner with new SSWA members to meet, and have a smooth transition

Discuss the next General Meeting Date

- Continue to meet in person and at what location? (not all SSWA is from Abbotsford)
 - Spoke on keeping it in Abbotsford and Online for those who can't attend
- Separate check-ins before general meetings for those who cannot sync with the majority of SSWA schedules.
 - Sub-committees for those who can't attend regular meetings

Next Meeting: TBA