**6th SGA General Body Meeting**

**Monday, March 5th, 2018**

**5:00pm-5:55pm, 2W11**

1. **Call to Order -** 5:03pmby*Amanda Menke*
2. **Guest Speaker -** *Dean Barth*
   1. Q: I hope the next class will have a different experience. There is so much talk but so little action. I have encouraged a boycott and a walkout because we are not being heard. I want more diversity in class structure and curriculum change.
   2. Q: Can you give an update about having a class on issues of racism? I heard it’s going to be online. What are the current plans?
   3. A: I am not in the planning committee but I am involved in sorting out the funding, which we are still working on. We may include a full or half day during orientation for incoming students. There would be a seminar in the first semester attached to a field seminar, eventually creating 16 sections of the class. So it would be a foundation course but draw more on field experience. We may be hiring faculty to teach that course. The course would take the form of a common discussion to increase shared language and get everyone started out on the same page. We are also considering sprucing up the History of Oppression course, which is an online format. Hopefully we will be piloting in the fall to see if it works, see if we can staff it, and see if students respond to it. In terms of working on improving infusion, we want concepts and ideas from orientation to be cross-trained to all faculty and included in all courses.
   4. Q: You mentioned sprucing up the online course, but this course is not a requirement. This seems to me like it’s giving students an option to turn a blind eye to institutional oppression, which does not fit with our values. How can we make sure all students get this experience?
   5. A: All foundation students will go through orientation and be exposed to the seminars connected to field.
   6. Q: How will you evaluate how well faculty is teaching the topics in their classes after being trained?
   7. A: We are changing the evaluation form and starting a discussion to see how satisfied students are, which will be piloted along with the new plans. There is conversation about creating a diversity inclusion plan, which would add resources to the school, including a coordinator to monitory diversity inclusion goals. We haven’t gotten far with this piece though.
   8. Q: I noticed there are pots outside the garage that sits directly across from the SSW placed exactly where homeless people usually sit. Was this done on purpose and what do you think about it?
   9. A: I have noticed that and have voice my concern to President Perman. Unfortunately, UM Medical System is in charge of that building and put the pots there in an effort to control panhandling. I do not think it is the right strategy but that is what has been done. I know Professor Adam Schneider is taking on other initiatives to help this population of people around the school, but I will continue to voice my concern to President Perman.
   10. Q: I read an article “who cares about west Baltimore?” President Perman responded by saying that UM cares about west Baltimore. My question is: is diversity inclusion enough? Or is there more than just diversity?
   11. A: Anti-racism is important and working in the community is important. We are doing a lot in the community, including Promise Heights and SWCOS. A lot of people would say we are providing a lot of resources in the community. We have funds for homeless families and hire people from West Baltimore. We will ever overcome the sense that we are an anchor institution, which has negative connotations? We are certainly trying.
3. **Approval of Minutes -** approved 5:04pm
4. **Old Business**
   1. CSWE Follow Up Debriefing - *Maureen Walker*
      1. Follow-up letter by Dean Barth was sent out and DAO has hosted chat and chews
      2. The CSWE meeting was hosted by FARE, not SGA, which is why it was not on the agenda last month
5. **New Business**
   1. **Student Group Updates**
      1. The Alliance
         1. March 26th next part of our Practices for Anti-Racist Social Workers series
         2. April 9th alumna speaker on how to practice anti racism in a clinical setting
      2. AOWG
         1. Next meeting March 30th during lunch hour
         2. Organizing an event soon
      3. CSWF
         1. Next meeting March 12th during lunch hour, to continue bible study.
         2. Easter outreach on March 26th 12:15pm – giving out Easter eggs and information about Easter.
         3. Christian event at school of nursing/dentistry March 26th 1pm, will be a speaker
      4. ISWO
         1. Met with Jody Olsen (formerly in Peace Corps), had her confirmation hearing
         2. March 12th having a meeting with Peace Corps recruiter
      5. LUCHA
         1. Next meeting March 12th during lunch hour, working on event for next month
      6. MSU
         1. March 12th 5pm-7pm networking event March Macro Mix and Mingle
         2. April event related to interviewing
      7. OASIS
         1. March 12th 5pm meeting
         2. Vibe and paint night on Friday, $25 for students and non-students. Get tickets by Thursday please.
         3. Planning a study night April and one in May
         4. Event “What’s Black in Baltimore” co-sponsored with USGA
         5. Oral cancer 5k walk coming up
      8. Queer Community Alliance
         1. March 26th 5pm is next meeting
         2. University-wide LGBTQ event in the works
   2. **USGA Updates** – They are re-doing the recreation center
   3. **Committee Updates**
      1. **DAO -** Chat and chews on defacement of black lives taken banner. We had the last one today but there will be another opportunity to talk about it in a more creative way.
         1. DAO subcommittee: Professional development on implicit bias training and other topics
         2. Diverse interactions subcommittee - Meeting tomorrow March 6th at 12:15 5th floor lounge.
         3. Dean Barth is giving consideration to a diversity officer or diversity committee.
         4. Megan Meyer trying to make CSWE report available to us.
   4. **SGA Exec Board Updates**
      1. Dinner & Discussions with the Deans: Topic Ideas – Discussion of changing name to Dinner/Discussion with the Dean. What topics for discussion to you have?
         1. Why have more meetings? We want action.
         2. These meetings are a requirement for the dean to meet once a semester with students.
         3. Why does it matter what we call it? We just want interaction with him (semantics)
         4. Don’t have an issue with it being called a discussion; what things are called does have an affect on how they are play out. Discussion might be better because he might not have all the “answers.”
         5. When do we have to get the list of topics in and will there be space for last minute topics that are not submitted beforehand?
         6. I’m not sure when the list needs to be in, but will get back to you about that.
         7. We could select topics based on our past Q and A sessions.
         8. Giving them topics ahead of time could help them prepare to answer questions better.
         9. We need to carefully advertise that there will be room for other topics for students that have other topics on their mind.
      2. Lack of Space/Time to move SGA meetings – There will be no change this semester, but now that we know we have a lot of attendance and topics, we will take into account next year.
         1. Could use auditorium for added space, offer food beforehand
      3. UMB Interprofessional Fair – Happening this weekend
      4. SGA Acts of Kindness - Handing out pieces of candy and positive sentiments to make environment more welcoming
      5. 2018-2019 SGA Executive Board Elections
         1. Will be posted in Daily Bulletin. If you are interested, email SGA before March 16th. Your GPA must meet the standard (3.0). Campaigning starts April 2nd and lasts until April 16th. April 17th leaders will be announced.
         2. Start talking to first-year students and getting the word out there.
   5. **Student Concerns**
      1. Printing & OneCard Balances – What happens to our printing money if we don’t use it by the time we graduate?
         1. Will have answer to it next general body meeting.
6. **Announcements -** none
7. **Adjournment -** 5:59 by *Amanda Menke*