**Faculty Organization Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Wed, 9/12/18**

**Time: 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM**

In Attendance: See attached attendance sheet

Agenda Item 1: Approve minutes for June, 2018 Faculty Meeting

Brief summary statement: Minutes from the last meeting reviewed and approved (via email).

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| **Action** | **Responsible Party** *(if appropriate)* |
| Minutes for June 2018 | *Approved. Dr. Frey called the meeting to order at 12:20pm and reviewed the FO structure/purpose briefly.* |

Agenda Item 2: Presentation on the Future of Social Work Education (Reisch)

Brief summary statement: Dr. Reisch presented threats and opportunities facing the future of SW Education.

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| **Action** | **Responsible Party** *(if appropriate)* |
| A selection of questions posed for discussion were:   * What does a socially just School of Social Work look like? * How could we educate our students to promote equity and inclusion? * How do we put more emphasis on critical thinking? * How do we help students get closer to the issues? * How do we help students interpret data in new ways? * How do we move education beyond the classroom? * How do we better mentor the next generation of leaders? * How can we develop and disseminate social work research? * How do we expand the meaning of information? * How do we democratize knowledge creation? * How do we empower marginalized communities? * How do we teach students new ways to communicate? * How do we apply a global perspective w/out losing a local perspective? | Presented by Dr. Reisch |

Agenda Item 3: Dean and Director Reports

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| **Action** | **Responsible Party** *(if appropriate)* |
| New attendees welcomed | *Dean Rick Barth* |
| Dean’s Teaching Award 2018 winners announced! Congrats to winners! | *Dean Rick Barth* |
| New and continuing grants awarded! Congrats to research teams! | *Dean Rick Barth* |
| Clinical Faculty Search has launched to hire at least one additional faculty to help with course coverage. | *Joan Pittman is chairing the Search* |
| CSWE Site visit will occur next week and meet with DAO, MPC, and USG. Open meeting and private meeting slots available. | *To participate, contact Janice Hicks.* |
| For development purposes, all gifts from faculty will be matched this month in the Work Here, Give Here campaign. See Development folks in the lobby on Monday with breakfast treats. | *Dave Flinchbaugh* |
| To access the SSW Server with SPSS, SAS, STATA and RStudio, be in touch with Paul Sacco. | *Paul Sacco* |
| Any committees who need a student representative, please consult with Debbie, Dawn, or SGA. | *Debbie Gioia*  *Dawn Shafer* |

Agenda Item 4: Education Support and Disability Services (Deborah Levi, Director, ESDS)

Brief summary statement: ESDS provides academic coaching as well as learning/study workshops. The accommodations process was reviewed. Testing center for proctoring exams is currently being piloted in lower SMC and will be available to all by late 2019.

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| **Action** | **Responsible Party** *(if appropriate)* |
| For questions or additional assistance, reach out to Dawn Shafer. | Dawn Shafer is the SSW Liaison for ESDS |

Agenda Item 5: Faculty Senate Update (Michael Woolley)

Brief summary statement: Recently, the Faculty Librarian and other Ex Officio members have been added as voting Senators to the faculty. This amendment needs to be ratified by the faculty of the seven schools. Board of Regents Faculty Award nominations (with CASH prizes) are currently being solicited. Faculty Senate continues to find ways to actively engage with campus focused on workgroups related to: Campus safety & environment; communication; HR; and employee benefits/retirement. Watch for opportunities for Open Forums to learn more about Faculty Senate activities.

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| **Action** | **Responsible Party** *(if appropriate)* |
| For more info on Faculty Senate activities, contact one of our Faculty Senators. | Ericka Lewis, Geoff Greif, Shoshana Ringel, Mike Woolley. |

Agenda Item 6: Update on New Required Course for Incoming Students (Corey Shdaimah & Sarah Dababnah)

Brief summary statement: Two classes are currently being implemented with plans for full-scale next year: one is intensive day-long version; one is full-day intensive paired with Human Behavior weekly class sessions and Field Seminar monthly. The course will be evaluated by Jayshree Jani, Mary Hodorowicz, & Philip Osteen. Lessons learned and best practices will be integrated into teaching workshops and similar opportunities throughout the year.

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| **Action** | **Responsible Party** *(if appropriate)* |
| Request was made to share the syllabi from these courses with the full faculty | Corey Shdaimah (MPC) |

**Next meeting Date: 10/10/18**

**Submitted by: Bethany Lee**

**Date: 9/12/18**