SGA General Body Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 5 2022

5:00-6:00 pm

* Old Business
* New Business
  + Announcement from Dean Taylor and Ms. Washington about Student Convocation Committee
    - Ms. Washington has distributed [form](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fumbforms.wufoo.com%2Fforms%2Frlddww80qbeqdm%2F&data=05%7C01%7Crebeccawatkins%40umaryland.edu%7Cc531dfb247df4d9dbbe708dad712bf7c%7C3dcdbc4a7e4c407b80f77fb6757182f2%7C0%7C0%7C638058772801729030%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WU7L6N6A09FloUe6%2Ffy9bKRbxVACAEBWcClAEtQVBdk%3D&reserved=0) on Daily Bulletin
      * Deadline is 12/9 and limited to the first 20 students who have signed up
        + 6 people have signed up so far
    - Meetings will be via Zoom from 12:15-1:45pm on the following dates: 12/12, 2/13, 3/13 & 4/10
    - Committee is open to students graduating in May or July 2022
  + General Reminders for SGA Student Leaders
    - Spring Budget Deadline
      * Deadline is February 6th
      * Unused funds will go back to SSW
    - Guidelines for Paperwork
      * Student leaders need to submit sign-in sheet and receipts from general body meeting within 7 days after the event
        + No receipts=no vendors do not get paid
  + Updates from SGA Student Leaders (*names underlined in attendance*)
    - Student Groups
      * LUCHA, Julia Vazquez and Gabriela (Gabi) Santana-Ufret
        + Last meeting of the semester (in-person) will be on Friday, 12/9 at 2 PM in 2E06
      * DREAM, Olivia (Libby) Nuss, Jillian Ginsberg, and Sheena Ogee
        + Meeting will be held next Monday via 5:15-6pm
      * QCA, Edgar Fields, Jessica Libowitz, and Kostas Canelos
        + Events held this semester

Trans advocacy event with ICC (very successful)

Letter writing training

Day of remembrance

* + - * + Looking into anti-LGBT bills to be proposed in the U.S.
        + Last meeting is 12/16 at 2pm
      * CSWF, Michelle Penka and Alana Amballa
        + Had an tabling event today and went well

gave away cupcakes, cookies, and books about Christmas and Christianity

* + - * TIKKUN, Brett Gelfand
        + Going to local shabbat and talking with Rabbi to gain interest about the group
        + Working with other schools to gain interest into the group
        + Hosting an event off campus (Little Havana) where people can sign up by Thursday for $18 a ticket and you get two drink tokens.
    - USGA Senators, Toya (Tatum) Brown, Jonathan Holtzman, and Phillip Marini
      * If you/students at your school have concerns with SafeRide or SafeWalk, we have created a form to track those to help identify any common themes (time of day, location, etc.). That form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/gbEKTEmExdjUVVyv9>
      * Financial Aid Update: loan disbursement dates can be found here: https://www.umaryland.edu/fin/loan-disbursement-information/. Appointments with the Student Financial Assistance virtual office can be made here: https://www.umaryland.edu/fin/make-an-appointment
    - Faculty Committee Student Representatives
      * + Master’s Program Committee (MPC) representative, Kelsey Logan

Not present, so no news

* + - * + Clinical Concentration representative, Toya (Tatum) Brown

3 professors are retiring at the end of the semester

Melissa Bellin, Debbie Gioia, and John Belcher.

Faculty have already been identified to submit proposal to the faculty to grant emeritus status

Barbara Nathanson (from Field Office) is also retiring end of 2022

The task force is working on making recommendations for the future of the School of Social Work has identified three areas of priority, one is support and flexibility for students.

It was mentioned that one idea coming up in that realm is building a mental health day (or a few days) into our semester schedule.

Discussion about some of the equity issues identified in the Clinical licensing exam and what kind of support we offer to both students and alumni in preparing for both the Master’s level and the Clinical licensing exam

There were discussions about whether there might be opportunities to provide more comprehensive access to licensing prep without additional cost to students (and alum).

Issues connected to accessibility accommodations impacting students were also discussed

Next steps were from this discussion included:

Learn more about what is currently offered to students for exam prep and what advocacy the SSW is engaged in around changing the licensing exam.

Find out whether there’s anything we can or should do connected to the upcoming self-study.

Find out if there’s anything we could do to better help alum with preparation, since the most problematic findings were specific to the Clinical licensing exam.

Committee reviewed the syllabus for SOWK 699: Parent, Infant, Early Childhood Mental Health, which has been piloted for two semesters

The committee voted to allow the course to move forward as part of the curriculum offerings in Spring 2023

However, there were concerns of simplifying the name of the course and also whether there is too much overlap with other courses focused on childhood/adolescence

There were discussions to review our advanced clinical curriculum to determine any overlap, gaps, and talk through our directions – particularly with regards to preparing students in clinical work with children and adolescents (and also in other realms of the curriculum)

This may mean streamlining course offerings, combining similar courses, creating new courses where there are current curriculum gaps, and/or exploring options like additional 1-credit courses, and flexible “special clinical topics” flexible course designations.

It will be helpful to also find out more about enrollment and waitlists for clinical methods courses so we know what students seem to need/want more of.

The committee discussed creating subcommittees to review different pieces of the curriculum. This plan is still to be determined (and can be discussed at our next meeting). It was agreed that a subcommittee could focus specifically on the childhood/adolescent-focused clinical curriculum.

* + - * + Field Education Committee representative, Gabriela (Gabi) Santana-Ufret
        + Rebecca announced introduction of Macro Curriculum Committee Student Representative (Kadija Kamus) to student leaders

Not present

* + - General announcements
      * Lucy Zhao (who is part of ECO Group, not an SGA approved group) gave updates about her recent event:

Had guided nature walk this past Friday and went well

Upcoming and final meeting of the semester is on 12/16 via Zoom from 12:30-1:30pm (informal get together)

* + - * Information from Dean Postmus and Dean Lehning
        + Starting in January, Students will have to place a red and green card reader near the security desk where all UMB students and employees will swipe their One Cards every time they enter the building
        + Lobby Guard kiosk will ask for all visitors to scan their driver’s license or enter their information.

Question: what to do if student ID has their “dead name” instead of their preferred name?

There were suggestions to address this temporarily (placing a sticky note on chest after checking in), but still exploring additional solutions

* + - * USGA and UMB RecFit are holding an Stressbusters event from now until 12/15
        + Events included seated chair massages on 12/7 from 11am-2pm

More information is located on the [Elm](https://www.umaryland.edu/umb-student-affairs/stressbusters/) website

* + Hold space for student leaders to speak out
    - Student leaders discussed the following:
      * Rules behind the requirements of student attendance for student groups
        + On average, student groups have about 4-10 students at maximum, depending on the event

Current number of students required to attend student GBMs is unrealistic, especially amid the pandemic

Some student leaders indicated that many of my target students are commuters, so they are not present around for a lot of possible events

Some mentioned that there are some faculty who have mentioned that the building is still empty compared to pre-pandemic, which is makes it difficult

* + - * + There was an emphasis of working with other UMB schools to help build up each other on student attendance
        + There was also some discussion regarding the process of amending the SGA constitution and student attendance
      * Student engagement in SGA GBMs
        + Some student leaders mentioned SGA e-board emailing a proposed agenda to student leaders to provide input before the general body meeting

Probably send out a week before or the Friday before the general body meeting

* + - * + There was also mention of including some socializing time/activity in the proposal
      * Gathering information and getting feedback from students
        + Most student leaders admitted to skimming or reading events for the Daily Bulletin

However, student leaders mention word-of-mouth, GroupMe, and Dean’s Lehning’s email as helpful sources of information

**Attendance:**

Dean Postmus

Rebecca Watkins– SGA e-board

Jonathan Holtzman– SGA e-board & USGA Senator (secondary)

Ms. Washington – OSS

Dean Taylor – OSS

Dean Lehning-Academic Affairs

Tatum Brown-USGA Senator (primary)

Sheena Ogee-DREAM

Jessica Libowitz-QCA

Kostas Canelos  -QCA

Edgar Fields-QCA

Lucy Zhao- unaffiliated with any group

Phillip Marini-USGA Senator

Julia Vasquez-LUCHA

Michelle Penka -CSWF

Gabriela (Gabi) Santana-Ufret-LUCHA