SGA General Body Meeting

Agenda

Monday, October 12, 2020

5pm-6pm

Call the meeting to order: 5:02pm

Introductions in the Chat box

Land Acknowledgement for Indigenous People’s Day

1. Introductions
   * SGA E-board
   * OSS- Dean Taylor and Ms. Washington
2. Meeting Minutes from September - The minutes are approved as read
   * Link to minutes: <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-meeting-minutes/>
3. Reports/Updates (2-3min per group)
   * Active Student Groups (*names underlined in attendance*)
     1. QCA-Queer Community Alliance (Edgar Fields)
        + Now active- Introduce new chair
        + First meeting tonight at 6:30pm
     2. LUCHA- Latinx Unidos for Community Healing and Awareness (Melody Concas, Daniela Pulido)

* Now active- Introduce new chairs
* First meeting will be October 19 5-6pm
  + 1. Macro Student Union (Eva Bialobrzeski & Lucy Zhao)
* Will be holding election government themed event after the election
  + 1. ISWO (Anna Thompson & Sheila Winter)
* Event meeting on October 19 at 11am
* Upcoming event with Hugh Salmon-Global Social Service Workforce Alliance, will be giving career tips etc.
  + 1. OASIS (La’Nia Latimer, Sakiera Malone, Sierra Somerville)
* 2 new leaders - confirmed by OSS (Jasmine Thornton, Lezer Getahun)
* October 26- General Body Meeting, will be discussing maternal health for black women
  + 1. AOWG (Yael Ben-Chaim, Isabel McLain, Mj Lanier, Loraine Arikat, Melia Jannotta)
* October 22 at 7pm- Will be discussing transformative justice, forming committees, will also have t-shirt raffle
  + 1. The Alliance (Nina Duzhikhin, Ivania Morales, Shanice Harris)
* First meeting was last Monday- held brainstorming session about what a fully resourced world looks like, talked about objectives for the year
* Next meeting will be first week of November
  + - * In our previous meeting, we voted to postpone discussion about the constitutional amendments made by the Alliance
      * Alliance leaders - can you please give us a very brief update on the amendments that were made
        1. Overhaul of constitution- wanted to address what membership looks like, made scope broader
        2. Amendment was passed by the Alliance by majority vote
        3. The SGA constitution states that “Revisions to Constitutions and Bylaws will be presented at an SGA meeting and will require a quorum to review and vote”

I would like to move that we vote by general consensus since the amendments have already been accepted by majority vote of the Alliance. Do I have a second?

Is there any opposition at this time to the constitutional amendments made by the Alliance (please speak up now or comment in the chat)? There is no opposition so the constitutional amendments are now officially accepted.

* More info on each student group an be found at: <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-supported-groups/>
  + Faculty Committees
    1. Clinical Concentration (Julia Petre)
       - Hasn’t attended first meeting yet
    2. Diversity and Anti-Oppression (Isabel McLain)
* Not present
  + 1. Masters Program ( Joy Scalabrin, Anna Britton)
* MPC includes faculty members and staff who make curriculum decisions, then bring to larger faculty/staff for a vote, have representatives across all concentrations and specializations
* Meeting was held on September 28th
* Received CSWE report, will be sent out to staff and students, recommendations for the school include improving communication both ways between students and leadership
* Online learning- shared concerns about virtual learning, faculty shared they are struggling as well, not familiar with teaching online, looking for student feedback, open to brainstorming creative ways for instruction
  + Can share an virtual learning feedback with Anna- email: [abritton@umaryland.edu](mailto:abritton@umaryland.edu)
* Q&A sessions- this Friday at 12pm (UMB) and Monday at 12:15 (USG) for students to express concerns with virtual learning, questions
* Survey for students sent by Dean Lehning for students to give feedback: <https://umaryland.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3JXBETPB9V1jtGZ>
* Revamping History of Oppression course (1 credit course)- looking for recommendations for content of this course
  + Foundation students took the course this year
  + Advanced Students were not required to do but it was offered
    1. Macro Curriculum (Eva Bialobrzeski)
* Not present
  + USGA Senators
    1. Introduce new USGA Senators
       - Mj , Olubunmi, Chris Daniels (primary), Julia Petre
    2. Updates
* Extended deadline to request funding until October 18- SSW does not have funding but can apply through USGA
* SSW was well represented in organizations presenting this week

1. New Business
   * SSW Student Journal (Anna Britton)
     1. Email Anna at: [abritton@umaryland.edu](mailto:abritton@umaryland.edu), [sswstudentjournal@gmail.com](mailto:sswstudentjournal@gmail.com)

* Still looking for partners to work on journal
* Will release mock journal next week
* Journal has meeting on Friday at 2pm- will present mock issue, Anna will be looking for feedback
  + Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87522243878?pwd=Ryt4ME1veW55QzRvUUtnK2c1cktCQT09>
* Looking for articles, photography, art submissions
* Reach out to Anna if interested in getting involved
  + Black Lives Taken Vigil
    1. **Black Lives Taken Vigil**
    2. 1. Bringing awareness of the many ways in which Black Lives have been taken and continue to be taken (such as through a lack of food sovereignty, policies, police brutality, etc)
    3. 2. Acknowledging lives that have been taken and expanding upon how other entities, systems, and policies have equally contributed to that person's life being taken
    4. 3. Acknowledging that this topic may lead to people being re-traumatized. To decrease this, be sensitive to the way the event is planned and presented also be intentional to bring in a healing component throughout this time of awareness
    5. 4. Consider a two-part event that acknowledges Black Lives Taken
    6. Was previously done in person, will brainstorm how to do virtually
    7. Usually done in October/ November but may be postponed until the spring for planning purposes and to give student more time during this already very busy semester
    8. SGA E-board will host a planning meeting for this event
       - Can reach out with ideas, thoughts etc.
       - Alliance is interested in planning process
       - Email SGA if interested in planning- [sga@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sga@ssw.umaryland.edu)
  + Any other new business?
* Question about the online learning struggles professors are facing/trying to understand their point of view
  + Dean Lehning will be answering these questions about online challenges during -Q&A on Friday and Monday
  + In March- professors only had one week to move classes online, its challenging to not see faces and body language when teaching online, professors tried to accommodate students who are parents or working full time with asynchronous classes, not all students had technology accessible
  + Tried to figure out what works best for everyone
  + Student survey for students to share feedback: [https://umaryland.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_3JXBETPB9V1jt](https://umaryland.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3JXBETPB9V1jtGZ)
  + SSWstill wants the learning experience to be rich, professors really want student feedback!
  + Professors may be open to hearing feedback as the semester goes along, many are constantly changing and altering things as they go,
  + Can always email OSS (Ms. Washington or Dean Taylor) for support or with other questions: [studentservices@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:studentservices@ssw.umaryland.edu), [HTaylor@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:HTaylor@ssw.umaryland.edu)
* Licensing exam- more info, especially since spring semester will be virtual
  + Information coming in November- be sure to read emails and Daily Bulletin
  + School is working on what this will look like since everything is now virtual
  + MSU- on their radar to have an event on licensing process, have done this in years past
  + This is for Advanced students (seminars and workshops), foundation students don’t have to worry about this quite yet

1. Open Leadership Positions
   * Faculty committees - Fill out leadership interest form, or email SGA for more information
     1. We are still waiting on information from the committees on Field education, Global Initiatives, Admissions, and Foundation committees before we can recruit student reps
     2. If you have any questions about the committees or have interest in a student rep position, please email the SGA
   * USGA
     1. Senators- 6 seats are reserved for reps, 2 seats are still open and additional seat for alternate senator (in case someone backs out, so we don’t lose seats)
        + Fill out leadership interest form: <https://umbforms.wufoo.com/forms/z1hxn6ma03arlm2/>
     2. Student representation for UMB Committees:
        + The Intercultural Center is developing a university-wide student advisory board for student caregivers. The goals of the student advisory board are to discuss the needs of student caregivers, develop initiatives to support these needs, and to share these initiatives with the university's leadership. We are seeking student representatives from each of the schools to serve on the board. If you would like to nominate a student caregiver representative from your school, please contact Rosemary Ferreira, rosemary.ferreira@umaryland.edu, and she will follow up with additional information. You may also share this [registration form](https://clbs.wufoo.com/forms/z1888htk1fjt80p/) with any students you believe may be interested in serving on the board.
        + STUDENT FEES ADVISORY BOARD- The Student Fees Advisory Board is seeking student representation from the School of Dentistry, School of Pharmacy, and the School of Social Work.
          1. The Board comprises student members from a variety of schools who represent student interests during the annual mandatory fee review process. If you are interested in being a part of the team that reviews changes to student fees and advises the President and Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, Baltimore on such fees for the next fiscal year please contact this year's Chair of the board, Marisa Booth (mbooth@umaryland.edu). Please make sure to include your school, when emailing Marisa (at this time, we are only missing representation from School of Dentistry, School of Pharmacy, and the School of Social Work)
          2. Time commitment for the board depends on whether there are any proposed fee changes for the next fiscal year. It usually comprises two or three meetings in the fall semester starting in October. In the spring, it is possible that the board might not meet at all if there are no excessive fee decisions to discuss. Due to the uncertain nature of some fees this year 2020-2021, there is always a possibility of a few last-minute meetings that might need to be put together quickly.
        + COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURE- The Council for the Arts & Culture is a group of faculty, staff, students, and community members appointed by the president whose mission is to promote the rich history of our institution and surrounding neighborhoods and to celebrate the creative talents of the University community, thereby raising awareness of the links between the arts and sciences.
          1. The Council is seeking a student representative to this Council. They meet the first Wednesday of every month at 12 PM via WebEx (next meeting will be on November 4th). If you are interested in serving on the Council, please email Niv (umb.usga.president@gmail.com) soon (Only one rep is required, so first come, first served!) Please make sure you can attend the monthly meetings before committing to this role.

* Consider schedule and time before committing to any position, self care is important!!
  + Student Group leadership- Fill out leadership interest form
    1. SGA Executive Board- recording secretary and treasurer
    2. In-active student groups:
       - Student group info- <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-supported-groups/>
       - IFSW- Intersectional Feminism and Social Work
         1. Is now inactive- looking for students who are interested in leading
       - CSWF-Christian Social Work Fellowship
       - TIKKUN- the Jewish social work student organization
       - DREAM-Disability Justice Group- there is interest in reactivating this group, please contact [SGA@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:SGA@ssw.umaryland.edu) if you’d like more information
       - SSW Parent Alliance
    3. Fill out student leadership form if interested: <https://umbforms.wufoo.com/forms/z1hxn6ma03arlm2/>

1. SWOA 735 - Social Action Class
   * Meets every Monday, 8:20pm- time to discuss anti racist history, and brainstorm ways to mobilize around this work
   * Anyone can join! Link: <https://v.ht/SWOA735>
   * Can also get involved in this work through AOWG and the Alliance this year
2. Upcoming Events

* October 12 at 6:30pm- QCA Virtual Meeting
* October 13 at 12pm- Social Work Affinity Space for People of Color, Social Work Affinity Space for White Accountability, at 5:30pm- Critical Conversation: Defunding the Police and Social Work at 5:30pm
* October 16- at12pm- MSW UMB Q&A Session
* October 19 at 11am- ISWO meeting, at 12:15 MSW USG Q&A session, at 5pm- LUCHA meeting
* October 20- SW Affinity Space for People with Disabilities, Critical Conversation: The Cost of Caring in Social Work
* October 22 at 7pm- AOWG meeting
* October 27 at 5:30- Critical Conversations: Technology and Social Work
* November 2 at 5pm- November SGA meeting

1. Other

* Its important to share updates and information from these meetings with classmates, not everyone can attend GBM meetings, there are lots of ways to get involved as a student, this also helps to build a community as students