SGA General Body Meeting

Agenda

Monday, December 7, 2020

5pm-6pm

**Call the meeting to order: 5:01pm**

Introductions in the Chat box

1. **Call to Order:** “The meeting will now come to order”
   * Review Agenda
2. **Mindfulness Exercise** led by Dana Kobrin (5 minute body scan)
3. **Introductions**-
   * SGA E-board
     1. My name is Judith Park and I am serving you all this year as the SGA President, we also have on the call Joy Scalabrin who is our SGA Vice President and Caitlin Balicki who is the Corresponding Secretary
   * OSS- Ms. Washington, Dean Taylor
     1. We also have on the call Ms. Washington and Dean Taylor from the Office of Student Services who have been a great support to the SGA and students
4. **Meeting Minutes from November** - The minutes will be approved as read- if you have any changes you would like to make to the minutes please email the SGA
   * Link to minutes: <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-meeting-minutes/>
   * Always posted on SGA website after meeting
5. **Reports/Updates (2-3min per group)** 
   * Active Student Groups (*names underlined in attendance*)
     1. New Group: CSWF -Christian Social Work Fellowship (Mavlyn Bazil)
        + Not in attendance
     2. LUCHA- Latinx Unidos for Community Healing and Awareness (Melody Concas, Daniela Pulido)
        + Will be having an end of semester film showing on undocumented youth on December 11 at 6:30pm, food will be ordered and food is limited so be sure to register ahead of time: <https://umaryland.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIsf-CsqTgpHd1PcYe-xrx-GQpqk1VA68cx>
     3. ISWO (Anna Thompson & Sheila Winter)
        + Did a collaboration with SGAC to host a Global Meet up event which included students from UMB, Botswana, and the UK. Students discussed how Covid has impacted them.
        + Trying to host another Global Meet up in the Spring
     4. AOWG (Yael Ben-Chaim, Isabel McLain, Mj Lanier, Loraine Arikat, Melia Jannotta)
        + Had meeting with OASIS and LUCHA- “Brain Dump” event, hopefully will do again next semester
        + Working on curriculum change, procurement organizing with DAO
        + Will be holding future event on investigating our syllabi
     5. QCA-Queer Community Alliance (Edgar Fields, Jennifer Blue)

* Held meeting with Wellness Hub to work together on more trainings for SWs on issues in Trans community
* Also looking to work towards formulating letters for clinical SWs to use for clients seeking gender reassignment surgery
* Trans Day of Remembrance
* Previously held an arts and crafts meeting- looking for more feedback on ideas for fun events
* New E-board member- Jennifer Blue
  + 1. DREAM Disability Justice (Dana Kobrin)
       - Have had two stakeholder meetings this semester, the 1st launch meeting for DREAM will be on January 6th at 5:15pm
       - Will be hosting a movie screening night in the future
       - Also looking to do an accessibility audit in the Spring
    2. OASIS (La’Nia Latimer, Sakiera Malone, Sierra Somerville, Jasmine Thornton, Lezer Getahun)
       - Friendsgiving and Paint event last month was very successful and had great turnout from different schools
       - Collab “Brain Dump” meeting with AOWG and LUCHA went well
    3. MSU -Macro Student Union (Eva Bialobrzeski & Lucy Zhao)
       - Held Q & A panel event last month
       - Will be hosting a Licensing event at beginning of next semester
    4. The Alliance (Nina Duzhikhin, Ivania Morales, Shanice Harris)
       - Last Meeting of the semester will be December 11th at 4pm
       - Will be focusing on Transitioning Leadership next semester

More info on each student group can be found at: (Email student groups if you are interested in joining) <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-supported-groups/>

* + **Faculty Committees** 
    1. DAO Diversity and Anti-Oppression Committee (Isabel McLain)
       - New name is Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee
         1. Not a faculty organization anymore and is trying to include more students/staff/alumni
       - Next Meeting- Monday December 14 at 12:00pm-will be splitting up into committees such as Equity and Accessibility, Procurement Work Group etc., will be open to anyone
    2. Macro Curriculum Committee (Eva Bialobrzeski)
       - Macro field placements for Foundation students- will be posted in daily bulletin
       - Next meeting is tomorrow 12/8
       - New specialization that students can begin next semester and info has been sent out via email
    3. Clinical Concentration Committee (Julia Petre)
       - Clinical Symposium event in the Spring- Aaron Beck’s daughter will potentially be a guest
    4. Masters Program Committee ( Joy Scalabrin, Anna Britton)
       - Last meeting was November 23
         1. Discussed student survey about virtual learning

Some feedback from students about asynchronous classes taking longer, classes not being organized well etc.

Brainstormed ideas/solutions around these issues such as better online organization in Blackboard, better communication with professors, making spaces for students to talk about academic expectations with peers

* + - * 1. Discussed History of Oppression Pre Req- most found it very helpful, some feedback that there were too many readings, and a desire for more actionable items from the course
        2. Macro Concentration Committee- curriculum review of CASP classes coming up
        3. 631 course- challenges that students are having completing assignments- had productive meeting with 631 class coordinator
  + **USGA Senators** (Mj , Olubunmi, Chris (primary), Julia, Lindsey, Johanne Etienne)
    1. Updates
       - Previously discussed Tution,Transportation, closing of URec Fit in last meeting
       - Can reach out to Chris if have anything you want him to bring to meetings: [csdaniel@umaryland.edu](mailto:csdaniel@umaryland.edu)
       - Sustainability Initiative- drafting a letter to President Jarrell to ask for endorsement for sustainability education into curriculums and carbon neutral practices
         1. The USGA senate body will vote to endorse this as a senate general body at the next meeting. More info can be found at: <https://www.umaryland.edu/gogreen/steering-committee/>
         2. SGA groups are welcome to also endorse on this letter- can email Chris for more info: [csdaniel@umaryland.edu](mailto:csdaniel@umaryland.edu)

1. **Open Leadership Positions** 
   * Student Group leadership
     1. In-active student groups:
        + Student group info- <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-supported-groups/>
        + IFSW- Intersectional Feminism and Social Work
        + TIKKUN- the Jewish social work student organization
        + SSW Parent Alliance
     2. Link to student leadership form: Also on the SGA website <https://umbforms.wufoo.com/forms/z1hxn6ma03arlm2/>
2. **New Business** 
   * **OSS - student group events/fundraising** 
     1. Fundraisers or anything that has to do with finances needs to be run by OSS first because things are different this year and OSS needs to make sure we are following legal requirements etc.
     2. Check Daily Bulletin after break as there will be lots of things taking place in the Spring such as the SGA Graduation Planning Committee, Career Fair workshops which will only be for students graduating in May or July
     3. Reminder: New student group leaders need to sign the SGA Leader Responsibilities and Agreement form and email that to OSS
        + If you need a copy of the form, please email Ms. Washington
   * **SSW Facebook Group -Announcement** 
     1. The group was originally created to be for current students to interact and get important information but it has become more of a general social work resource page and most interaction on the page is between alumni
        + The SGA e-board had conversations with school administrators regarding how to improve the Facebook group.
          1. We came up with multiple different options that would require administrative support from the school but were told that the group is solely the SGA e-board’s responsibility
          2. As current students, we didn’t have the resources or the expertise to adequately moderate some of the conversations that were taking place - so we had to make the hard decision to require approval for any post made in the SSW Facebook group.
     2. We also made updates in what kind of posts members should be sharing which we can share in the chat:
        + Please DO post about any questions, comments or concerns you have as a current student (classes, field, licensing, campus concerns, financial aid, etc). You may also share events happening in and around campus or resources that are helpful to current students.
        + Please DO NOT post job openings, non-field related work requests/questions, non-field related client questions, business advertisement/inquiries, etc.) For anyone interested in job openings or posting a new opening, please use the SSW’s new system for employers to recruit our students and alumni: https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/jobs/
     3. Feedback regarding new Announcement
        + We did receive feedback from alumni regarding the change
          1. We will be reaching out to Alumni relations about this to come up with alternative solutions
        + Email SGA with feedback about FB: [sga@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sga@ssw.umaryland.edu)
        + Other Feedback?
          1. Using other platforms such as LinkedIn or GroupMe for current students, alumni?

The challenge is having someone to oversee multiple platforms as SGA does not have the resources to do so

Goal is to have one effective communication system and the school is still exploring different ways of communicating

We have Handshake that students can register for to access resources and job postings

The school is vetting these job postings, unlike in the FB page

* + **Update from Office of Field Education** 
    1. Everyone should have received an email from the Office of Field Education on 11/24 titled “Coronavirus Update for Field Education”
       - Be sure to check your email for this update and also reach out to OFE because they want feedback and will respond
       - If did not receive this email, let SGA know: [sga@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sga@ssw.umaryland.edu)
    2. There will be additional town hall meetings next semester
       - Considering smaller groups that are more conversational to talk with students about what they are experiencing and what their struggles are - if students want that please reach out to Laura Loessner and she can organize that [LLOESSNER@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:LLOESSNER@ssw.umaryland.edu)
    3. Foundation students: if you are having issues with 631 assignments related to field - please email Dean Lehning and Dean Shafer so they can assist you with this
       - [ALEHNING@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:ALEHNING@ssw.umaryland.edu)
       - [DSHAFER@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:DSHAFER@ssw.umaryland.edu)
       - MPC, Academic Affairs and OFE are having conversations about next semester
    4. Regarding collecting student feedback and data for field- OFE is willing to work with students on doing this and could possibly be used as supplemental field credit - any interested students please email SGA and we will organize this with the OFE
  + **Tuition for the next academic year** 
    1. We had a brief discussion with administrators regarding tuition for the next academic year and information will be sent out to all students
    2. Dean Taylor and Cherita Adams, Assistant Dean for Administration & Strategic Initiatives will be present at the next GBM in February to present on this and answer any questions
  + **Any other new business?**
    1. Issues with SURFS crashing for registration
       - Students can email Dean White with any registration concerns or ideas

1. **Upcoming Events**

* Events- take advantage of these meetings to know what is going on in the school and if you can’t attend, email the facilitators or email us so we can make sure this info is shared - important that they know students are interested
  + Also be sure to check the daily bulletin every morning- it’s the best way to stay updated on important announcements and events!

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| December 8th | 12:00pm | Social Work Affinity Space: A Space for People of Color  Social Work Affinity Space: A Space for White Accountability |
| December 9th | 5:00pm | BHWISE Fellowship Information Session |
| December 11th |  | LUCHA - End of Semester Celebration @6:30pm, The Alliance - Last General Body Meeting @4pm |
| December 15th | 12:00pm | Social Work Affinity Space: A Space for People with Disabilities |
| January 11th |  | Orientation for New Students |
| January 19th |  | Spring 2021 - 1st Day of Class |
| February 1st | 12:30pm  5:00pm | The Alliance General Body Meeting  February SGA Meeting |

* Are there any other events anyone would like to announce?
* Will update events on FB due to time and anyone can email SGA if don't have access to Facebook

1. Other

* It's 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