SGA General Body Meeting

Agenda

Monday, September 14, 2020

5pm-6pm

Call the meeting to order: at 5:03pm

Introductions in the Chat box

Reminders:

* Student leaders- use SGA Outlook calendar to put events/meetings on to share with other groups so there is not overlap
* Each student group needs to have one leader present at every meeting
1. Introductions
	1. SGA E-board
	2. OSS- Dean Taylor and Ms. Washington
	3. Student Groups (*names underlined in attendance*)
		1. The Alliance (Nina Duzhikhin, Ivania Morales, Shanice Harris)
		2. AOWG (Yael Ben-Chaim, Isabel McLain, Mj Lanier, Loraine Arikat, Melia Jannotta)
* First meeting coming up this Thursday (9/17), book group for White Supremacy and Me
	+ 1. Macro Student Union (Eva Bialobrzeski & Lucy Zhao)
* First meeting next Friday 9/25
	+ 1. ISWO (Anna Thompson & Sheila Winter)
* First meeting was today, panels coming up in the future
	+ 1. IFSW (Jada Maultsby- no representative)
* Looking for co-chair
	+ 1. OASIS (La’Nia Latimer, Sakiera Malone, Sierra Somerville- no representative)
1. Open Leadership Positions
	1. USGA Senators
		1. 6 seats are reserved for reps, so far 3 students are interested, trying to fill all positions so we don't lose seats
		2. One primary senator
		3. All others are general senators
		4. One alternate senator (in case someone backs out, so we don’t lose seats)
	2. Faculty Committees
		1. Admissions ( Open-no reps.)
		2. Clinical Concentration (1 student expressed interest)
		3. Diversity and Anti-Oppression (2 students expressed interest)
		4. Global Initiatives (1 student expressed interest)
		5. Field Education (Open-no reps.)
		6. Student Grievance (Open-no reps.)
		7. Student Review (Open-no reps.)
		8. Masters Program ( Joy Scalabrin, also looking for Foundation student)
		9. Macro Curriculum (Eva Bialobrzeski)
	3. Student Group leadership- IFSW is specifically looking for co-chair
		1. Other in-active groups:
			1. CSWF
			2. DREAM
			3. LUCHA (2 students expressed interest)
			4. QCA (1 student expressed interest)
			5. SSW Parent Alliance
		2. Student group info- <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-supported-groups/>
	4. Fill out student leadership form if interested: <https://umbforms.wufoo.com/forms/z1hxn6ma03arlm2/>
2. SGA Priorities
	1. Sustainability
		1. Create continuity in work from year to year
		2. Most students in leadership positions are Advanced students, start looking for foundation students to take over, create documents that will be helpful in future and create continuity from year to year
		3. Many students didn’t know antiracist efforts at SSW that happened previously
	2. Community
		1. Can be challenging to create community this year virtually, SGA priority is to find ways to still build community
		2. Chat and Chews, self care topics
		3. Support students to create community this year
		4. Building this community is a self care practice in itself for us as students
	3. Accountability
		1. Improved communication, shared responsibility between administration and students and vice versa
	4. Field Experience
		1. How can we support students this year in field, changes related to Covid
		2. Develop avenues for communication between students and field office/administration
3. Anti-racism Updates
	1. SGA orientation powerpoint w/ anti-racist history is on SGA page
	2. CSWE Visit on 9/11
		1. Following up on complaint from 2018 (accreditation standards around anti-racist curriculum)
		2. CSWE- themes they saw coming up: process vs product, symbolism, accountability, lack of communication
		3. Students also mentioned that CSWE should have anti-racism in accreditation standards
		4. CSWE- last time they are coming back, need to continue the work as students, keep holding the school accountable
		5. School never officially lost accreditation
		6. SGA will schedule debrief meeting with student leaders to discuss next steps
	3. Social Action Class
		1. Meets every Monday, 8:20pm- time to discuss anti racist history, and brainstorm ways to mobilize around this work
		2. Anyone can join! Link: <https://v.ht/SWOA735>
		3. Can also get involved in this work through AOWG and the Alliance this year

Student concern: Amount of reading that professors provide, would be easier to break down in a list, professors should be more conscious of time

* Can email SGA for examples of how other professors present readings
* Dean Taylor- Can contact OSS for support or needed resources
1. Student Journal-Anna Britton
	1. Student run and edited Journal for SSW
	2. Build student community to create more effective ways to communicate
	3. Strengthening student group efforts
	4. School events as well as events/actions locally related to social justice
	5. Community around field-highlighting students about experience in field, don’t have field seminar in second year
	6. Place to share ideas and academic work
		1. Dean Taylor: plagiarism could be an issue, need to be mindful of this
	7. History of organizing work, collaborate with AOWG on schools use of prison labor
	8. Not just writing, can include poetry, artwork, photography
	9. Looking for people who want to be involved, want to share their voice
		1. Email Anna at: abritton@umaryland.edu
2. Upcoming Events
	1. Sep 15 at 12pm- Social Work Affinity Space
		1. Provide a space to create community of support for those with disabilities
	2. Sep 15 at 5pm- Thursz Lecture Election Tuesday Series #1
		1. Role of social workers before, during and after the election
	3. Sep 17 at 7pm AOWG Social Hour
		1. Build community, get other students ideas
	4. Sept 25 at 1:30pm MSU- Virtual Meet and Greet
		1. Students can talk to professors
		2. MSU to talk about goals for upcoming school year
	5. Oct 5 at 12:30pm- The Alliance
		1. More info about Alliance, plans for rest of semester
		2. How to become antiracist practitioners
		3. Have amended constitution to be voted on

Took official vote during meeting to move vote to next meeting

* + - * 1. Majority voted yes to vote on amended constitution at next months meeting on October 12
	1. Oct 6 at 12pm-Anti Racism in the workplace
	2. Oct 12 at 5pm- SGA General Body Meeting
1. Other
	1. Diversity and Anti-Oppression Faculty Committee- important for students, anyone can come to meetings, work collectively with faculty and staff, can reach out to MJ for more info on the committee:mlanier@umaryland.edu
		1. Can fill out student leadership interest form if interested or email SGA at sga@ssw.umaryland.edu