SGA General Body Meeting – Agenda

Monday, March 6, 2023

5:00-6:00 pm

* Icebreaker Activity
* Old Business
* New Business
  + Updates from SGA Student Leaders
    - Student Groups
      * LUCHA, Julia Vazquez and Gabriela (Gabi) Santana-Ufret
        + Had a monthly meeting on March 3rd at 2pm in room 2E02 and Zoom
        + Upcoming community dinner with QCA & LUCHA on March 13th at 5pm in room 2E29
        + Next meeting will be April 7th at 2pm in a hybrid format
        + Gabi and Martha might be potential student leaders for next year, but working on recruiting
      * DREAM, Olivia (Libby) Nuss, Jillian Ginsberg, and Sheena Ogee
        + Working with QCA to plan Lavendar Ceremony
        + Continuing to do advocacy with ASWB about accreditation process for LMSW exams

Creating a video on the SSW website on how to get disability accommodations

* + - * + Working on creating accountability buddies to help with the process for accommodations and having a safe space (either with or without disabilities)
        + Working on recruiting students for next year since student leaders are graduating
      * QCA, Edgar Fields, Jessica Libowitz, and Kostas Canelos
        + Upcoming community dinner with LUCHA & QCA on March 13th at 5pm in room 2E29
        + QCA and DREAM are working together on Lavendar ceremony May 12th
        + Next meeting will be on March 31st at 2pm
        + Working on recommendations on curriculum for the SSW program
        + They have 3 potential student leaders for next year, but still recruiting students
      * CSWF, Michelle Penka and Alana Amballa
        + Have been holding meetings bi-weekly
        + Had Bible study meeting on March 3rd at 12:15pm in room 2E10
        + Had a foundation student, but talking about doing a luncheon for foundation students regarding recruitment efforts
        + Possible tabling event in April and end of the semester celebration event (TBD), possibly collaborating with other UMB students
        + Next meeting with March 17th at 12:15pm
      * TIKKUN, Brett Gelfand
        + Attended Healthcare Shabbat (non-SGA affiliated event) that was hosted by UMB Chabad on March 3rd at 6:30pm
        + Spoke with SSW students and received the following information:

provided suggestions of having kosher meals in the student lounge

* + - * + Looking into Jewish scholarships for UMB students
        + Still recruiting potential foundation students for TIKKUN leadership neat year
      * Eco Social Work, Lucy Zhao, Maura Hogan, and Allie Sirrine
        + Monthly meeting was held on March 3rd at 12:30pm via Zoom to discuss planning ECO Fest and inclusion of environmental justice and Eco social work integration in SSW
        + Also another event was on March 3rd at 12:00pm to have a Q&A session with Delegate Jared Solomon
        + Eco Fest is April 21st from 12-2pm (time is TBA), but will meet with student leaders after GBM to confirm
        + Meeting with advocacy committee this Friday, March 10th via Zoom at 12:30pm
        + Maura and Allie are foundation students, so they will be student leaders for Eco Social Work next year
    - USGA Senators, Toya (Tatum) Brown and Phillip Marini
      * Tatum was unable to attend SGA meeting, so Phillip provided updates from last meeting:
        + Last SGA meeting, President Jarrel attended to address UMB concerns (lack of COVID protection and banning Chinese/Russian social apps)

Administration states that it’s up to students when it comes COVID protection and seem like they plan to ban the social media application

USGA senators voted to send letter to Dr. Ward about students’ stance against banning Chinese/Russian apps

* + - Faculty Committee Student Representatives
      * + Master’s Program Committee (MPC) representative, Kelsey Logan

Not present

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

Not present

* + - * + Field Education Committee representative, Gabriela (Gabi) Santana-Ufret

Gabi was unable to attend meeting, but emailed SGA e-board updates prior to meeting:

Laura Loessner brought up changing the name of “Field” to practicum, considering its racist connotations.

No additional updates

* + - * + Macro Program Committee representative, Kadija Kamus

Not present

* + Hold space for students to speak out
    - There was an announcement of holding an SGA Fair for UMB SSW students in person
    - It was mentioned that April 5-13 is Passover if SGA Fair will be held in early April
    - There were concerns about feasibility of SGA Fair
      * In-person is not realistic for most students based on their schedules and most student leaders are graduating this May
      * Some student groups already have potential student leaders for next year, but other student groups do not need this
      * Discussions surrounding student groups creating a VoiceThread to distribute to foundation classes as an alternative to having SGA Fair
* Additional school announcements & reminders
  + **SSW Career Fair**
    - Event will occur on April 5th

**Attendance:**

Rebecca Watkins– SGA e-board

Jonathan Holtzman– SGA e-board

Ms. Washington – OSS

Dean Taylor – OSS

Alana Amballa  – CSWF

Jillian Ginsberg – DREAM

Jessica Libowitz – QCA

Edgar Fields – QCA

Lucy Zhao – Eco Social Work

Phillip Marini – USGA Senator (secondary)

Julia Vasquez – LUCHA

Brett Gelfand – TIKKUN