University of Maryland School of Social Work

SGA General Body Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2022

5:00-6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm

Ended at 5:40pm

* **Call to Order:** “The meeting will now come to order”
  + Review Agenda
* Icebreaker Activity to get to know everyone!
* New Business
  + Introduction of SGA E-Board & OSS
    - SGA President is Rebecca Watkins and SGA Treasurer is Jonathan Holtzman
    - SGA is still looking for student leadership among the SGA executive board for Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary
      * Email [sga@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sga@ssw.umaryland.edu) if interested
  + OSS (Ms. Washington & Dean Taylor) were introduced to student leaders
    - Dean Taylor was not present but conveys her apologies about not being in attendance.
* Introduction of SGA affiliated **new** and continuing group leaders (*names underlined in attendance*)
* LUCHA, Julia Vazquez and Gabriela (Gabi) Santana-Ufret
  + - First meeting is planned for September 30th, time is TBD (still coordinating with interested members for an agreed time and date)
    - Other Events LUCHA is promoting for the semester:
      * Intercultural Center (ICC) will be hosting an event on September 15th for Hispanic History Month
        + Event will also be promoted on the Daily Bulletin, as it has been promoted on ICC email listserv
      * Salsa dancing at UM Center
    - Co-leaders are still looking for members who are interested, so interested people can reach out to Julia or Gabriella if interested at lucha@ssw.umaryland.edu
* MSU, David Foster
  + - First general body meeting will be held in October
    - Would like to implement a book club as one future event
    - Email [msu@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:msu@ssw.umaryland.edu) if interested
* DREAM, Olivia (Libby) Nuss, Jillian Ginsberg, and Sheena Ogee
  + - Not present for meeting, but provided following report below to SGA President
      * + Next Meeting will be Monday,10/17 from 5:15pm-6pm
        + Open to collaborating with other SGA groups during monthly DREAM meetings to build attendance and collaboration between groups.
      * Upcoming Events/initiatives for the school year:
        + Partnering with Special Olympics Maryland for the December Thurz Lecture entitled Ableism and Health Advocacy: A Focus on Affirming Practice and Service Provision with Disabled People/People with Disabilities
        + DREAM Leadership past and present will be providing faculty/staff/community Ableism 101 Trainings.
        + Advocating for more inclusive and transparent accommodations procedures for the ASWB LMSW licensure process
        + Collaborating on the SSW Association for Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) Evaluation
      * Email co-leaders at [dream@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:dream@ssw.umaryland.edu) if interested in being a member
* QCA, Edgar Fields, Jessica Libowitz, and Kostas Canelos
* 1st meeting was 9/2
  + - meetings will be on the first Friday of each month at 3pm
* Upcoming events/plans for the school year:
  + - Spooky movie night next month and next February for Black history month
    - Potluck gatherings (in-person)
    - Lavender graduation (with DREAM)
    - Co-leaders are still involved in the foundation year curriculum (e.g., how SSW discuss LGBT classes) and mentorship (open to collaboration)
* Co-leaders are looking to add a Treasurer position within the group
  + - Currently have a PhD student who is interested, but still looking
* CSWF, Michelle Penka and Alana Amballa
* Upcoming events include bi-weekly bible studies,
* Also expressed collaboration with other SGA groups if possible
* TIKKUN, Brett Gelfand
* Meetings will be held weekly on Thursdays at 6pm via Zoom to gauge interest
  + - * + 4 people have expressed interest in attending the meeting
* Potential plans to collaborate for a holiday event with CSWF
* Open Leadership Positions in USGA Senators & Faculty Committees
* Still looking for student leadership for the following
* SGA student groups (currently in-active):
* AOWG
* The Alliance
* ISWO
* IFSW
* SSW Parent Alliance
* OASIS
* Additional information about SGA student groups can be found here: <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-supported-groups/>
* Email [sga@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sga@ssw.umaryland.edu) if interested
* USGA Senators
* **5** seats are currently open, so we are trying to fill all seats, so we do not lose any seats
  + (1) primary (3) general and (1) alternate
  + Schools are encouraged to have senators selected by 1st week of October, but email [sga@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sga@ssw.umaryland.edu) if interested
  + Announcement will also be on Daily Bulletin and MSW Student Weekly Emails
* Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm
  + 1st meeting will be 9/14 at 5:30 via Zoom
    - Tatum and Jonathan are interested in being USGA senators, so will email Cynthia Rice to send Zoom link to them
* Student Representatives for Faculty Committees
* Email [sga@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sga@ssw.umaryland.edu) if interested and indicate which committee you would like to be a student representative for
* Admissions
* Clinical Concentration
* Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
* Field Education
* Foundation
* Global Initiatives
* Macro Concentration
* Master’s Program’
* Student Grievance
* Student Review
* Lucy Zhao attended meeting to present there was some interest from student in starting an Environmental Club at UMB, but club is not an SGA recognized group
  + How to create a group can be found on SGA website: https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/sga/sga-supported-groups/?&
* SGA Office
* Office is located in room 2E34
* OSS will request keypad on the door and notify group leaders once complete
* Please wear a mask if more than one person is present
* Remove all trash and place outside door in trash can upon leaving
* Email and passwords
* OSS (Ms. Washington) has sent emails about resetting passwords to student groups; please check emails if you did not receive it
* SGA Leaders Retreat
* Will be on Friday, September 23rd from 3:00-5:00pm via Zoom
  + Mandatory for all SGA student leaders
* Budget/Funding
* Budgets are due October 3rd
  + No budget=no funding
    - Each group is given $1,000/semester
    - Additional funding available via USGA
  + More information about this will be shared at Leaders Retreat
* SGA Calendar
* Student leaders need to send a calendar invite to SGA email, OSS, and faculty advisor of upcoming events for the semester
  + This is to ensure OSS and SGA are on the same page regarding events
* Upcoming Events
* Read the Daily Bulletin and MSW Student Weekly Emails from Dean Lehning
* Dean Lehning will send these emails once a week Monday afternoons
* Important Info for Students
* September 13: Deadline to submit graduation application via SURFS for December 2022 graduates
* October 21: Deadline to drop a course
* Reach out to the Office of Student Services ([studentservices@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:studentservices@ssw.umaryland.edu)) if you’re having difficulty managing your courses and field work with all of the other responsibilities in your life
* Next SGA meeting
* Monday, October 3 from 5-6pm
* Format is TBD

**Attendance:**

Rebecca Watkins– SGA e-board

Jonathan Holtzman– SGA e-board (incoming)

Alana Amballa –CSWF

Lucy Zhao– unaffiliated with any group

Brett Gelfand -TIKKUN

Edgar Fields – QCA

Jessica Libowitz–QCA

Kostas Canelos–QCA

Julia Vazquez – LUCHA

Gabriela (Gabi) Santana-Ufret – LUCHA

David Foster-MSU

Toya (Tatum) Brown– unaffiliated with any group

Dean Dawn Shafer-Student Affairs

Ms. Washington – OSS

Vi Bui  – unaffiliated with any group

Shawn Rill– unaffiliated with any group

Dean Amanda Lehning – Academic Affairs