

MSS Spring 2018 Committee Report

Committee Name: Student Issues

Committee Chair: Meggan Lee

Name of reporting party if not Chair: Jessica Hausauer

Date of the Report: 5/11/2018

Sessions or programs offered by your committee at the annual meeting (2018).

Academic Labor and Organization; Academic Speed Dating: Applying to Graduate School; Engaging Community Based Organizations; Film Screening: First Generation; Writing Resumes ;Balancing Unpaid Caregiving and Paid Work; Exploring Job and Funding Possibilities in Public Health for Sociologists: Research, Teaching and Practices Labor Unions Social Gathering: Calling all First Generation Students Past and Present! Stories from the Education Justice Project; Finding Your Way Tips for Professionalization from Past Presidents of MSS; Getting a Job at a Small Liberal Arts College

Main issues and agenda items discussed at committee meeting.

Program: The committee discussed attendance at sessions. Some sessions had very low or zero participants. Suggestions for next year: look at what sessions had high attendance this year to inform programming for next year. Provide short blurb descriptions of student suite sessions to increase interest. Keep the academic speed dating session. Suggest a panel with both students and faculty next year. Meeting Mentor: Keep meeting specific for next year. Solid start for the first year. Funding Request: Request \$300 for food for student suite. Consider other funding requests to expand programming. Nominations for Appointment: Olivia Mclaughlin, Western Michigan University, graduate student; Adam Driscoll, UWI LaCrosse, faculty. Process for recommendations: 1. Make sure they are interested. 2. Must be a member. 3. Send recommendation to Jennifer. 4. President makes decision to appoint.

How did committee work relate to the strategic plan?

Describe Activity 1.

The student issues committee gathered questions to include in a formal survey of students. Questions were to be included in the overall evaluation. Conversations about student programming and participation in 2018 sponsored sessions.

Identify the specific objectives from the Strategic Plan that are/were addressed by Activity 1.

Objective 2a: survey students (informally)

Assessment of the success of Activity 1 in relation to the Strategic Plan objective.

Forward progress. Better committee communication this year. Will continue to build on forward momentum to capture more substantive data.

Are there specific resources you need to meet goals for the coming year?

None

Will your committee be seeking funds from the board in the next fiscal year?

\$500, Student suite supplies and programming.

Is your committee interested in having the Chair complete a 2-year term?

Not determined.

Do you have nominations for the Board to fill positions on your committee (they must be MSS members)?

Olivia Mclaughlin, Western Michigan University

Adam Driscoll, UWI - LaCrosse