

CSI General Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 5th, 2007

Members Present: Kristina Peterson, Amy Meier, Amy Martin, Sam Wede, Alyssa Brandt, Mary Cremer, Kelly Schutt, and Jason Baumgartner

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

1. Orientation for new students: Kristina stated that the Alumni Center has been booked for Monday, June 4th, to host a new student orientation from 8:00am-5:00pm. This is the first day of classes for new students. The group discussed having a trip to the library included. Costs for the student orientation are to be determined, but we would like to include dinner, possibly a t-shirt, or linen bags filled with freebie items from the Varsity Mart on campus.

The orientation team putting together the meeting is: Alyssa Brandt, Jason Baumgartner, Kristina Peterson, Amy Meier, and Mary Cremer. The team will discuss presenters and topics for the meeting.

2. Next Executive meeting: The executive committee will discuss the next time to meet. A general meeting for all CSI members was scheduled for Monday, April 16th, at 7:00pm.

3. Fundraising: Our t-shirts sales are going well. We discussed possibly selling them at fundraisers where CSI members are present. There is currently an ad in the counseling program newsletter, and we discussed the possibility of placing an advertisement for the t-shirts on the North Dakota Counseling Association list serve
Pizza Corner fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, September 8th, 2007. All CSI members are invited to attend the pizza corner fundraiser in Valley City. Each individual will receive \$42.00 for working from 8:00am-2:00pm, which includes a lunch break for pizza! This is a wonderful money making fundraiser and we encourage everyone to attend. There will also be a "social event" to follow....

4. Other Fundraisers: The group discussed adopting Special Olympics as our community service agency. A motion was made find out if Chi Sigma Iota can adopt Special Olympics.

Special Olympics would like volunteers to work at booth at the Fargo Dome. More information on dates and details will come....

On April 21st, Special Olympics is hosting a pancake breakfast from 7:00am-2:30pm. Chi Sigma Iota invites all members to help out at the breakfast. You may choose whatever hours work well for. We discussed a possible "social event" to follow the pancake breakfast.

There is a mid-April Volleyball tournament sponsored by Special Olympics. We would like volunteers to help work; more information will come.

On Friday and Saturday evenings in the summer, Special Olympics will be selling brats and hot dogs from 11:00am-7:00pm and would like some volunteers. More information on this will be coming....

5. Social Events: Possibility of a social event after the April 21st pancake breakfast fundraiser. There will be a social event after the pizza corner fundraiser on Saturday, September 8th, 2007. More details will follow....

6. Mid-winter conference: There were very good reactions to the counseling students being at the seminar. The t-shirts were a big hit. The CSI induction and recognition ceremony went very well.

We discussed having more opportunities to help out with the conference. It was a great way to network with other professional counselors. We would also like to have students present during sessions.

7. Academic Planner: We discussed putting together an academic plan for incoming students. This way a list of required classes and information regarding internship and practicum, as well as comps, could be laid out for the students.

We discussed pairing up incoming students with former students at the orientation in the summer, in order to answer any questions pertaining to their academic plan.

The team putting together the academic planner will be: Amy Martin, Amy Meier, Kristina Peterson, Jason Baumgartner, and Alyssa Brandt

8. Hooding Ceremony for graduates: The hooding ceremony will take place with the counseling graduates of 2007. CSI students will host the ceremony. The ceremony will take place in the "Founders Room" on Friday, May 11th, 2007, at around 1:30pm until about 2:30 or 3:00. We would like to formally invite all graduates as well as their family members to the hooding ceremony. We discussed serving a sheet cake and punch for refreshments.

CSI would like to be able to purchase honor cords for all members who will be graduating. This will depend on CSI funds and the number of students who are graduating.

9. Other items: We discussed the possibility of pairing up new students with a "buddy" from the program. The buddy would be a current student who could help the new student with any questions they may have and just check in with them periodically throughout the semesters to see how things are going.