## Executive Board Meeting – February 24, 2021

Members Present: Leslie Gordon Simons, Janne Gaub, Sarah Murray, Leslie Dawn Quick, and Venessa Garcia

- *Feminist Criminology* issues
  - We cannot make any decisions about FC, but we can advise
    - Tech issues – changes with journal status
      - The tech issues have been going on for a while, and it's a broader issue
      - Action: Request Sage to rectify these issues
    - Editorial Board changes without notice
      - 10-11 people have stepped down or been rotated off in the last year; most of the new additions have been BIPOC
      - Some of the people that had been rotated off were removed in 2020 (prior to the letter being sent)
      - Deputy Editor has been speaking to a number of BIPOC senior scholars to diversify deputy editors
      - Action: Ensure the Editor communicates with Board members when and why they are being removed
    - Burt article
      - Article has been published, two response comments have been published
      - Action: Request that the journal Editor should make a statement condemning transphobia and apology for publishing the article
      - Action: DWC EB should strongly request FC Editor to dedicate a special issue to racial justice and feminist criminology to come out of the June Forum
      - Action:  Revise Editor contract with Sage requiring that the journal dedicate special issue to Division
      - Action: DWC Executive Board needs to make an apology for length of time to address the article make a statement condemning transphobia
    - DWC transparency/advice with the journal
      - Would need to be discussed with Sage

- Statement regarding commitment to diversity/equity/inclusion
  - Leslie Gordon Simons began a statement related to the division commitment to antiracism
  - Did ASC really tell the divisions how to manage response?
    - That is problematic if Elaine believes she can't respond to issues being raised by membership

- o Action: We edit the statement, vote on Friday, send to Elaine, ask that it be sent to membership asap
    - Giving this one week – we need to be addressing this in a way that is appropriate and respectful of the people raising these concerns
    - Note: Add specific date/time – Sarah will send out poll to gauge availability of Exec Board

- Transparency/communication issues
  - o Action:  Meeting minutes will be posted to the website
    - Webmaster (Leslie) and Elaine have access
  - o Action:  Minutes for all meetings should include detailed notes, not just decisions and votes in order to ensure transparency
  - o Action: Organize virtual "Casual Conversations" -- open to membership on different topics
    - Open it up to membership to host them as well on various topics (brown bags, meet and greet, etc.)
    - Some oriented towards committees and explaining information within their purview
  - o Action:  Send monthly emails to membership to keep membership apprised of the progress of all EB and Committee activities (and what is being discussed) in order to ensure transparency
  - o Action: This information will also be in newsletter, meeting minutes will be posted to website and in newsletter

- Election process
  - o Discussion of the issue(s): 1) The vice chair specifically, 2) the process itself, 3) the overall election of BIPOC and LGBTQIA scholars
  - o Action: Include specific questions and responses in the bios to allow each candidate give more specific information
  - o Are there issues (e.g., structural) with the election process or Exec Board
    - Action:  Add specific BIPOC and LGBTQIA positions. Perhaps necessary to force a board restructure
    - Action: Amend Constitutional to require a certain percentage (e.g., 50%) of the board must be BIPOC/LGBTQIA
    - Action:  Find out if there ethical or legal problems with this proposed process.
  - o Action: Open to voting by wider membership

- Reconstitute Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)
  - o Action:  Elaine should put out a call to membership to solicit members for the committee, this ensures transparency
  - o Action: Ensure that membership votes on amendments to Constitution before the EB approves.

- Action: Ensure that the Constitutional process is followed.