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DWC Executive Board Meeting

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In attendance: Venessa Garcia, Joan Antunes, Danielle Slakoff, Aneesa Baboolal, Sean Wilson, Sarah Murray, Michelle Hughes Miller, Catherine Kaukinen, Cheryl Johnson

Meeting called to order at 2:34 pm.

1. Approve agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda by Sarah. Seconded by Venessa. All approved.
2. Updates on recent work by DWC committees and board
 - a. Chair report sent to ASC shared by Venessa Garcia. Discussed transparency, accomplishing changes, diversity and inclusion, *Feminist Criminology*, and committee work.
 - b. Transparency
 - i. There is a need and want for transparency to the over 350 members of DWC. In the past, the minutes had no detail or transparency, so now, minutes will be available to the members with some level of detail to include what has been decided/not decided and a log of motions that have been passed.
 - c. Accomplishing changes
 - i. We cannot make any policy changes until the Constitutional Revision committee brings forth a recommendation for a change. After that, the membership can vote on it.
 - d. Diversity and inclusion
 - i. In the past, it has been up to the chair to assign committee members. We want to ensure that the committees are diverse. To do so, we added co-chairs to ensure that there was diversity within the committee leadership. The whole board and the Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Committee should be involved with this goal.
 - e. *Feminist Criminology* (FC)
 - i. After our members' response to an article published in the journal the DWC submitted a statement of inclusivity, which can be found online. Leslie-Dawn Quick was asked to put the statement into the Public Records "Executive Board Statements" on the website.

- ii. The contract between Sage and the ASC DWC (the sponsor), makes it clear that the DWC has the responsibility to appoint the editorial board for Feminist Criminology.
 - iii. As the contract with Sage is modified, the mission statement of the journal will be changed to have “inclusion” as part of the statement.
- f. Committees
- i. No language about special elections. The DWC did not post the special election on the website, which was an oversight and needs to happen for all subsequent elections.
 - ii. **Motion:** Include an election section on the website to provide calls for elections and candidate information. Seconded by Michelle. Passed 9-0.
 - iii. Newsletter Committee
 - 1. Special edition just released. A previous Executive Board voted to recognize individuals for their work via a symbolic form of compensation to ensure diversity and inclusion.
 - 2. There will be an addition of a Teaching/Service/Learning/Action section.
 - 3. Reach out to participants and subsections from the Division of Victimology to sponsor/promote any panels at ASC.
- g. **Motion:** To recognize Venessa Garcia for all her leadership and hard work and for bringing diversity and inclusion to the DWC board. Seconded by Sarah. Passed 9-0.
- h. We have received two reports of harassment from people on the listserv. We will need to update the listserv policy and language. Listserv may have to transfer to a new location.

3. ASC Social

- a. Restaurants and bars are wanting groups to book the entire venue due to current COVID restrictions in Chicago.
- b. Ideas
 - i. Rent one of the hotel rooms. Costs ~\$7,000-\$8,000 for the room and catering costs.
 - ii. Idea: Google doc calendar where established members put down availability and other members could sign up for times to meet with them and go out for coffee in groups of 2-3. (Similar to what the Policing division is doing).
 - iii. Idea: Have members sign up for 1 of the 2 hours of the social and then come during their assigned time
 - iv. Idea: Put a junior scholar/early career researcher as main person and have other scholars sign up for times to meet with them
 - v. Idea: Cancel the social. Would have to be put to a vote by the membership
- c. Send ideas to the special events committee

4. ASC meetings/breakfast on Thursday and Friday
 - a. Two meetings: formal business meeting and awards & working meeting
 - b. **Motion:** Have the business meeting on Thursday and make Friday the awards ceremony and thematic table (Katie). Seconded by Venessa. Passed 9-0.
 - c. Thematic tables – similar to a get-to-know-you. Joan will ask Bree Bopree to create a roundtable with creating/establishing connections

5. IT Language
 - a. Received an email that the term “guru” is cultural appropriation. After the email, the title was temporarily changed to “IT Expert.”
 - b. **Motion:** Change the language to “IT Coordinator.” Seconded by Joan. Passed 9-0.
 - c. Discussed the need to continue to ensure our language is inclusive.

6. Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC) Update
 - a. Want to have a meeting with Executive Board with full CRC sometime in May to provide updates on progress. They will take on sections of the Constitution and then present a full draft by July so the general membership can make comments before sending it to ASC for their approval.
 - b. Recommendation that we compensate all faculty of color who are serving in recognition of extra load they are carrying.
 - c. **Motion:** Compensate Vera Lopez \$300 for her work on the CRC and for her work on the Internal Awards Committee. Seconded by Venessa. Passed 9-0.

7. SocJobRumors Board
 - a. This is affecting a number of early career researchers and other members. It is important that our membership feel safe and heard. There have been posted statements to the DWC website and listservs. The EB is working to create a statement addressing this.

8. Healing Equity United (HEU) presentation
 - a. Presentation by Jane Palmer
 - b. HEU proposed an interactive preconference workshop, titled “Dismantling Your Bias and Owning Your Privilege” (3-hours), designed to:
 - i. Define privilege and clearly articulate the areas of privilege in their own lives
 - ii. Determine ways in which they may leverage their privilege to support others
 - iii. Understand how implicit biases manifest in our social and professional lives

- iv. Learn how to recognize our own biases and how to address them in order to more effectively engage marginalized communities (list taken from proposal)
 - c. Addresses the question: How do we repair some of the harms that have occurred?
 - d. Cost: \$1,250
 - i. Discussed whether attendees should be charged in order to lock in commitment to attend; lesser or no fee for students
 - e. Concerns
 - i. Some of the members might see it as too basic for them
 - ii. The people who might benefit most from the workshop may not attend
 - f. Have this presentation be a kick-off before ASC conference and move to the fall. We would still like to partner with HEU in some way in the future.
- 9. Review language on edits for the DWC awards
 - a. The Claire Renzetti Award
 - i. The language is similar to prior years, but the requirement for the winner to be a DWC member has been removed. Google doc link and submission deadline updated
 - b. Change in language to “historically underrepresented” in all awards
 - c. **Motion:** Change language to “historically underrepresented” in all awards. Seconded by Katie. Passed 9-0.
 - d. Pace Kaur Bahl grant
 - i. **Motion:** To accept the changes (Venessa). Seconded by Katie. Passed 9-0.
 - e. Aruna Jain International Travel grant
 - i. For individuals who are outside of the states that want to attend ASC. It is not for international students who are studying in the States.
 - ii. **Motion:** To accept the changes (Venessa). Seconded by Katie. Passed 9-0.
 - f. Community Engaged Scholar Award
 - i. Needs to add the DWC letterhead to the actual award
 - ii. **Motion:** To accept pending the addition of the letterhead (Michelle). Seconded by Katie. Passed 9-0.
 - g. All awards will go out via listserv.
- 10. *Feminist Criminology* Editorial Board Committee report
 - a. There is a need for training for special issue editors.
 - b. **Motion:** To empower the newly formed executive board committee to make recommendations to revise the contract. Seconded by Katie. Passed 9-0.
 - c. **Motion:** To add 2 deputy editors; however, the committee will ask the current editors to see where they stand for their continuation of service. Seconded by Danielle. Passed 9-0.

- d. **Motion:** Empower committee to develop a draft of the scope and aim of FC. Seconded by Joan. Passed 9-0.
- e. **Motion:** Editorial Board will serve a 3-year term with no more than 2 consecutive terms. Members can rejoin after 3 years. Passed 8 - 0. (One EB member left the meeting prior to the vote.)
- f. **Motion:** Editorial board should be working members of the journal. Motion withdrawn by Venessa due to lack of clarity on what a “working member” entails.
- g. **Motion:** Remove Callie Harbin Burt from Editorial Board. Seconded by Joan. Vote passed 7 - 1.
- h. Venessa Garcia stepped down from the Editorial Board as she has served since 2006, which she noted to the executive board is far too long. She did not want to have the appearance of a conflict of interest as she co-chairs the *Feminist Criminology* Editorial Board Committee.

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Johnson, Assistant Professor of Sociology