

SERD 03-16-2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gargi Roysircar, Josefina Irigoyen, Corey Gifford, Michael Brodeur, Emily Pimpinella, Wendy Vincent, Francis Berry-Worcester, Amanda Blanchard, Vincent Pignatiello

SERD members briefly checked in with each other.

Disaster Shakti's upcoming press release was reviewed and discussed

- Shakti discussed the changes to the explanation paragraph of the Villahermosa Mexico trip.
- We also discussed the application and the itinerary.
- Tomorrow we should get together via conference call and order the tickets for Mexico.
- Corey will place Shakti's press release regarding their upcoming Mexico trip onto the multicultural center web site.

SERD/Shakti then discussed Gargi's disaster work in Mississippi

- They are getting ready for the upcoming trip next week.
- The schedule for the training in Mississippi is becoming more firm and cohesive.
- There is a great brochure and press release for the upcoming trainings.
- Time was spent conversing about the agenda of the trip, as well as the content of their training.

Blog update

- Vince updated us on the continuation of the blog.
- The name will need to be changed due to different reasons.
- The popularity of the site is increasing.

Internship update

- Michael updated us on his internship placement at UNH.
- Congratulations Michael on this great achievement!

Upcoming Ethnic Potluck

- Josefina suggested that we have a potluck gathering for the school, soon.
- Ethnic lunch might be a great idea.
- Corey mentioned that she thought that Brian was also interested in a potluck soon.
- Gargi suggested that we send an email out to the community to bring their favorite ethnic food from home (whatever that is to you).
- It might be a good idea to have the potluck on the last day of classes during the celebration.

- Gargi suggested that Roger might let us do this if we contribute ethnic food alongside the food that the department contributes.
 - Wendy is going to have a conversation with Roger and at the cabinet meeting today.
- We discussed different dishes that we would be willing to bring.
- We might want to dress in ethnic clothes or SERD t-shirts.
- It might also be nice to have a separate table with a display of different SERD/Shakti work or information.
 - Maybe a DVD to show the work we have done.
- Francis is going to help organize the food component, if this idea becomes more developed.

Literature Review for Shakti Mexico Trip

- Corey gave an update.
- At the next meeting we are not going to do any updates.
- Instead, we are going to spend the time talking about different literature that will be valuable for those attending the trip in May.
- It would be great if people were willing to help summarize some of the great articles that Josefina sent along.

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SERD 02-11-08 Meeting Minutes

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Introductions to new members

- Welcome Ron Miatoka!
- Emily stated her connections to SERD:
 - **Research assistant**
 - **others**
- Josefina discussed the roundtable
 - Has to do with issues of multiculturalism and diversity in psychology and education
 - Smaller conference, but it's so student friendly
 - Everyone there is open to talking to students
 - Josefina will present about women of color, and the common barriers they face
- Michael
 - Talked about his research with Gargi over the years
 - His dissertation is coming out of his work with Gargi in New Orleans
 - He also stated that he enjoys the interpersonal aspects of SERD
- Gargi discussed their proposal
 - **Ben: help seeking strategies of Muslim students**
 - **Fran: Assessment competencies of school psychologists**
 - **Barb: Transgendered**

Gargi's Mississippi project

- **Gargi met with the director of the American Red Cross of this unit**
- **They talked about Antioch providing workshops**
- **Maybe governer of Keene may be one of our key stakeholders, as well as the preseident of the school**
 - **The president actually want to take part of this**

- Gargi was invited to be the Key-note speaker in New Zealand, and give a workshop on self-care and her disaster work

Ron

- Ron has experience in Intelligence operations for the Navy
- He also has experience in community mental health, and private practice (UAP)
- Has been at UAP since last year
- He is a second-generation Japanese-American Clinical Psychologist
 - Gargi and Ron shared stories about discrimination
 - Talked about not being accepted by either culture, which raises the question, "Where do you belong?"

We talked about our experiences in the field

- Brian shared about...
- Gargi shared about her mothers comment
 - "I have four votes; one for Hillary, and three for my daughters"
- We lamented about 'what a waste of money'
 - Millions of dollars wasted in election
- Some of us have wondered about why we go through all of this hype with the primaries.... Why can't we have one general election?
 - If we could choose our candidates and have one election
- But democracy is expensive
 - You need money to survive;

Corey: Mexico Trip

- She talked about literature
 - She's found about 6-8 articles, and she's wondering if SERD members are willing to take an article and write a summary of them
- Corey will schedule with Brian about which dates we'll discuss which articles
- Corey will also send an email to SERD, asking them to pick an article

Josefina: Mexico connections

- **Looking into air-fare**
 - **Josefina's parents are willing to drive Shakti to Monterre; from there we would fly to Villahermosa**
- **Josefina has also attempted to contact the universities and government officers down there**
 - **She's also contacting the Mexican Red Cross**

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