

INVST Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday the 14th of April, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 PM in HUMN 190

Those present: Lorena, Andrea, Ruby, Sabrina, Haley, Josh, Becca, Elana, Morgan, Lupe,
Annie

- Anti-Oppression Training & Community Conversation (50 mins) with Manual High School Writing Center students & staff
- 3 pm Welcome & introductions
- 3:10pm Presentation by Manual students & staff about creating the writing center
- 3:30pm Poetry by Manual students
- 3:40pm Dialogue about similar change making projects & tactics that the writing center evokes for INVST students
- 5 min break

I. Call to Order (Elana Brown), 3:55-4

- Snack (brought by Annie Miller)
- Assign roles: time keeper-Elana, vibes watcher-Becca, note taker-Annie
- Approval of previous meeting's minutes
- Today's agenda: review and consent – all thumbs up

II. Old Business,

- A. Evaluating the past 2 years of Anti-Oppression Community Conversations (Elana, 4-4:10)
- We completed evals

B. Our name (Elana, 4:10-4:45)

- a. Elana shared process of planning to facilitate today's decision: it's not that we're going back to drawing board & throwing out all the work that was done last month. What we are doing is slowing down to make sure that we are including enough voices as we choose.
 - i. Desired outcome for today – not necessarily to complete our decision making process; it would be better to make a good decision our community feels great about, than to rush a name change. It would be OK if we completed this process at first DC meeting in Fall. Showed the poster that was up at the Spring Gathering, explained that last DC meeting was small and we don't want to backtrack in the process but to ensure inclusion, put 6 more names back into the pool of names (see below):

Name Discussion:

Elana -restated concerns previously discussed: multiple concerns of word “voices” and also (en)visioning since it doesn’t start with “V”- also Interdisciplinary was preferred.

Question: do people think it’s ok to revisit old options, or stick with 3 finalists? Talk about the process...

Ruby- what does INVST currently stand for? International and National Voluntary Service Training

Haley- What was the conversation at the Spring Gathering?

Elana- heard people say they weren’t digging on any of the options

Sabrina-Brought up that people who didn’t make it to last DC meeting were bummed other options were gone

Becca-We want name to represent who we are and what we do-and make sure interested students find us! Consider marketing – should we consider bringing in a communications or marketing person? Jenn Ciplet perhaps. It feels too quick to choose a name already.

Ruby-agreed. Choices also seem similar with starting with “Interdisciplinary Network” Also likes choice 5 for direct clarity.

Haley- what if we include alumni- maybe send out a survey. Then we can hear voices from other years. Morgan would like to work on this with someone. Ruby agrees it would be nice to include others-survey idea.

Sabrina- Jenn Ciplet made the 3 posters for us-she would be a great person to create a visual to accompany a survey/questionnaire going out to alumni and 4 cofounders.

Becca- a lot of language and in some ways too many words and very long-do we need to keep acronym? Then maybe create a tagline.

Annie-Read what is on the website now.

Sabrina-Option #10 gets at the “let’s not change the name” comment. We are not looking at changing INVST itself since it is established and would be confusing to change.

Lupe-Having a different tagline will help us speak to INVST better.

Move to vote-took 7 minutes for all present to mark top 3 choices of 10 options (written below). The top 5 choices based on each person choosing top 3 at DC meeting as well as name with most stars from poster are in **red** below.

- 1. Interdisciplinary network of voices for social transformation (6 votes)**
2. Interdisciplinary network enVisioning Environmental and Social Transformation (2)
- 3. Interdisciplinary network of visionary students and teachers (4)**
- 4. Intersectional Network of Students envisioning Environmnetal Social Transformation (5)**

5. Inclusivity, Nonviolence and Social Justice Training (5)

6. Intersectional Network of Voice for Social Transformation (0)
7. Inclusive Network of Voices for Environmental and Social Justice(0)
8. Integrating Necessary Visions of Enviromnetal and Social Thinking(0)
9. Inclusive Network of Visionary Social and Environmental Transformers(0)

10. Keep INVST name but not acronym-create tagline (11)

TAG LINES: (compiled on the chalk board by those present at DC meeting)

Take out “young people”
Take out “leadership” and “training”
Use “community-based leadership”
“anti-oppressive education”
“collective liberation”
community

ACTION: Sabrina will create a survey to send out to Staff, Sonder Root Sky and Seekers -but not new members with 5 name options as well as possible taglines to vote on. Then, we will compile results and send out a more refined 2nd tier survey to founders and alum. Jenn Ciplet will help us create the survey to send out.

III. Standing Committee Reports, 4:45-4:50

- A. Curriculum Committee: In the process of scheduling next meeting
- B. Staff Search & Selection Committee Updates (Annie, 3-4 mins) 5 facilitators interviewed and 4 hired and we are waiting to hear who will accept. Lecturer position is open we have interviewed 2 people and will interview others.
- C. Admissions Update (Sabs, 1 min or less)- 6 new members of Seekers of Sound Solidarity joined – met current cohort and shared about cohort and INVST, they asked questions and then met mentees.
- D. FAB Update (Josh, 30 seconds) ☺ Benson 180 fundraiser tonight-last fundraising event for the semester. Next meeting on May 22nd at the Southern Sun.

IV. Community Announcements

- Come to movie night!
- 3 week PDC course over Maymester-it’s awesome and a couple more people are

needed to get the course to run-Elana will send an email.

ACTION: Andrea will write a TY letter to Manual writing students

V. Closing (Last 5-10 mins)

- a. Next facilitator will be chosen in the fall with the instructor for INVS 3931
- b. Next snack will be brought by Annie Miller, Administrative Assistant
- c. Agenda items for next meeting? Will collec via email.
- d. Final round of facilitator feedback for a Sonder Root Sky DC facilitator

UPCOMING DATES:

For all:

SOL Project presentations, 5-6:30 pm on Fri, May 5th in HUMN 135

INVST graduation is on Sat May 13 at 4:30 in Old Main

For Sonder Root Sky only:

May 11 at 11 is graduation *rehearsal* in Old Main