

INVST Directors' Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, Jan 22, 2016

3-5 pm in UMC Room 247

Anti-Oppression Training: Including Undocumented Students, 3-4 pm

Guest Presenter from the University of Denver:

Darsella Vigil darsella.vigil@gmail.com

(Power Point presentation is available online in our Directors' Committee Corner, Under "Resources")

BREAK and Snack provided by INVST, 4-4:15 pm

Call to Order (Marina Witt, Facilitator) 4:15-4:30

- Introductions/Opener (5 mins max)
- Assign roles: time keeper (Maddie), vibes watcher (Otter), note taker (Kelley) (1 min)
- Last meeting's minutes: review them & seek approval (5 mins) - approved
- Agenda review and consent (1 min) - approved

Curriculum Committee: Summer Program in Nicaragua, 4:30-4:50

Update on community discussions since November 13th 2015 DC meeting (Sabrina)

- Recap: November meeting + December 9th meeting, and two additional meetings with the Sonder Root Sky cohort
 - After Dec 9th mtg, Sabrina began calling members of SRS but it was not possible to achieve clarity on a path forward, in individual conversations. Chose to have the next meeting be for SRS only, & Sabrina, in order to strive to hear from all of them. "To get ppl in the room" – half of SRS cohort members met before winter break during finals.
 - Generated a list of proposals – what would an in-country ISSLE look like
 - Another convo took place during 1st year skills class with all members present
 - Consensus that Sonder Root Sky will go to Nicaragua
 - Update: Andrea now believes she can go to Nica
 - Summer of 2016 and new inclusion commitment
 - Return to choose SIT and Aynn Setwright as our new Community Partner in Nicaragua for 2016 (Sabrina)
 - International partnership and what are their goals?
 - Previous SIT experience? (Becca believes that SIT was INVST's official partner in summer of 2006 in Mexico; Sabrina believed it was Augsburg College & the Center for Global Education; Sabrina to review our files & see if we have previous formal partnership experience with SIT: TO DO
 - What is different about SIT vs WFP
 - We want to have a different opportunity to access knowledge than was offered by WFP: they don't seem to be on the cutting edge of what is happening with civil society in Nicaragua, at this time
 - Give us more information rather than repeating what we already have had the opportunity to learn in our 1st yr in INVST training; was not advanced enough
 - SIT: They have also been in Nica for a long time, and they may have deeper partnerships
 - Lots of other staff members in Nica working with SIT, vs only 1 working with WFP; plus WFP is looking to pull out of Nica & Honduras together in next 1-2 yrs
 - With WFP, INVST cohort was cut off from the rest of the community; SIT offers many more immersion options

- Proposal passed to go with SIT/Aynn Setright to Nica

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- Inclusivity & Outreach Committee (1 min)
 - Please join!! Contact Sabrina if you would like to join & meet 3 times in the coming semester.
 - We need to give our attention to this area; this semester it's important that the conversation on inclusivity continues and follows through – this standing committee can help that to happen
 - Documentation and physical ability status – how do we need to rethink our 4-5 day backpacking as part of the DSSLE?
 - What would the committee do: We would talk specifically about how to change SSLEs in order to be more "inclusive". It could act as a "pressure button" for DC in that area; benefits of a smaller group is that they can meet outside this space, look for more concrete information and research to bring proposals back to DC
- Staff search and selection committee
 - Jan 29th – application for SSLE facilitators is due
 - So far we have 3 applications (1 completed, 2 pending)
 - If you are in touch with INVST alumni --- encourage people to apply
- Closing
 - Facilitator for next month: Otter
 - Next Snack: Grant and Michael
 - Agenda for next meeting:
 - Conflict resolution committee (Maddie)
 - There was a lot of discomfort from the decision being made about Nica without everyone in the community being a part of it – how can we discuss the ways we use the democratic process in DC in the future (Becca)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

DC Meeting Schedule for Spring 2016:

Next meeting: Fri, Feb 26 from 3-5 pm

Fri, April 1 from 3-5 pm (Includes our next Anti-Oppression Training)

Fri, April 29 from 3-5 pm: Final SOL Project Presentations

In-Class Anti-Oppression Training on Media Literacy: Mon, 2/29 in INVS 3932 & INVS 4932

Spring Gathering to welcome the new INVST CLP Class of 2016-2018: Fri, April 8 from 6 – 8 pm

INVST Graduation celebrating Grey River Kindling: Fri, May 6 from 6-8:30 pm in Old Main