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Race Ethnicity and Cultural Issues Caucus (RECI) 2019 Annual Report

1. 2018 Spring Meeting

RECI Caucus Social Meeting: In response to requests from the membership in 2017, a social meeting was held to bring together members, old and new. It was a delightful time for everyone to become acquainted with each other consisting of students in BSW programs, MSW programs, Doctoral programs, and newly minted PhD graduates from across the country. Light refreshments were served.

The 2018 RECI Caucus meeting was attended by approximately 60 to 80 participants. Dave Sangha, Co-Chair of RECI attended by Skype. At this meeting, Dr. Kathy Hogarth, Co-Chair of the CASWE-ACFTS Education Policy Committee, provided a brief update regarding the discussions of changes to the Education Policies and Accreditation Standards that were to be ready for either 2019 or 2020. Dr. Hogarth requested that the RECI Caucus provide input for changes and areas to address in Domain 3. The RECI Caucus used the time to consult with the members present, which consisted of students in BSW, MSW, and PhD programs, as well as faculty members. It was a productive process that generated considerable discussion and feedback for Domain 3. This discussion was summarized in a document forwarded to Dr. Hogarth as input from the RECI Caucus.

2. Research

The RECI Caucus continues to monitor the research literature on the coverage of “diversity” training and its place in social work education in Canada and the United States and outcomes in professional practice. The results of this work will be presented at the RECI Caucus meeting at the 2019 CASWE, UBC Vancouver campus, Vancouver, BC.

3. Building and strengthening networks

We continue to build the list of attendees consisting of faculty and students which will be used to maintain contact, solicit feedback to RECI Co-Chairs, and facilitate communication among members.

We look forward to expanding the RECI Caucus membership and developing initiatives that reflect the needs and interests of the members.

4. Sexuality Conference, Montreal, QC

Last summer, the Co-Chairs of RECI were invited to participate on a panel at the Sexuality Conference held in Montreal, QC. Dr. Shirley Chau, Co-Chair, participated on the panel along with Chairs of the LGBTQ+ Caucus, Women's Caucus, and members of the Board of Directors to share perspectives on how sexuality issues were addressed in the respective caucuses of CASWE.

5. Joint Caucus and Students' Committee collaborate to address Equity and Inclusion:
Equity Survey

Equity Survey: At the 2018 AGM, the Student Committee, with the solidarity of the Joint Caucuses, successfully motioned to begin development of a national social work education equity survey to ensure the support of, "marginalized individuals through inclusion, equitable access, retention and promotion within education and professional development in all spheres of social work education" (Student Committee, 2018). The Joint Caucuses and Student Committee began survey-planning discussions at the Sexualities Conference, and are looking forward to this collaborative effort.

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