

IPI Minutes: Steering Committee: 3-11-2020.

Present: Charles Ashbach, Patrizia Pallaro, Caroline Sehon, Karen Fraley, Suzanne St. John, Michelle Reed, Michael Kaufman, Karen Mohatt, Lorrie Peters, Anna Innes, David Scharff, Jim Poulton, Steve Morris, Jane Garbose, Karla Trusty Smith, Sue Cebulko.

Previous Minutes approved.

Question on the Floor: April Weekend structure in light of coronavirus.

SSJ: our first priority has to be the health of our students and faculty and the circumstances are much worse than revealed in the media.

Patrizia: we have some experience with video conferencing that should help us remain connected.

Jane: Our presenter is prepared to present through video and has history with teaching online.

Jim: In SLC we had a confc scheduled for last weekend and we cancelled it. I prefer to do all conferences and communication online.

Mike: at this point the airlines are more accommodating.

Caroline: I will provide documentation for students that need evidence for the airlines of our cancellation of onsite conference. I'm hearing a strong preference for an online conference offering for the weekend and I see a consensus has formed.

Caroline and Anna discussed the offer of a refund of their conference registration fee to those weekend-only registrants if they would prefer to attend on-site in the future, or to apply their payment to a future conference.

Caroline: In the past, we have already discussed offering a weekend conference as an online format. We might want to offer a new model of offering a conference online as a new element in our regular structure -recommended that this topic be discussed at the retreat.

David: we do this in China and have experience with the details of that type of offering and are uniquely positioned to offer such an experience to the IPI community.

Anna: it will be simple to offer GAM groups online because the PPP has already done this: to move from large group to small groups by means of the use of a 2nd set of zoom numbers.

Patrizia: we have great success with PPP offerings especially because the students are familiar with the model of using the Zoom platform.

David: the open Sat morning lecture could be offered to a world-wide audience.

Caroline: we would have to be sensitive to the total time we ask the members to attend through the video link.

Karen Fraley: Suzanne and I have already used Zoom for a 2 day conference of teaching and GAM groups, with 8 people and that worked out wonderfully.

Jim: when we used zoom for our offering we found it important to have faculty meetings.

Jane: what about using Zoom for the graduation ceremony in April?

This topic was discussed and it was decided to continue with the usual graduation ceremony online.

Patrizia: we could focus on each of the graduates and have them recognized by the group.

Karen Fraley opened the subject of providing the graduates with an opportunity for Zoom rooms for them to share their experience in a more intimate moment. Anna said this idea could definitely be actualized using our Zoom format.

The subject of the retreat was discussed also as an option, with all endorsing the idea. Caroline stated that she would make contact with the Rockville hotel's management to discuss their waiving their cancellation fee.

Caroline: We will consider running the Summer institutes through Zoom: Core, IIPT and Child psychotherapy tracks, though the Core at present only has 2 members back.

Lorrie: I think the numbers will be small. At this point there might be only 2 members back from the first year and hopefully we'll have a first year class.

Sue: the IIPT summer institute could offer a lot of advantages to new students.

Caroline: We will need to explore whether the summer institute will be cancelled or held online, and current students need to be informed as soon as possible. Caroline will discuss with Lorrie, Colleen and Sue.

Caroline: The Everyday Terms Course has been very successful through the work of Jim and Steve and the Curriculum comm. It's a 12 session course, on line and welcomed people that aren't licensed. People can benefit from this course as a way to welcome more students. The question is: where does it belong? I think it belongs in the Core as a potential prerequisite to the Core. The Fellows Program belongs in the Core as a follow-up.

Lorrie: It would be a great offering to appeal to a Fellows group format. Such an offering would require more faculty to teach in that course. Jim has offered to mentor younger faculty so that they can teach 2 or 3 classes. Lorrie agreed to organize the Everyday Terms course with Jim's mentoring of teaching faculty.

Caroline: commended Lorrie for her willingness to take this on within the Core. Start time to be discussed.

Suzanne: I'm present to every session of the Supervision class and it's helpful to have a more limited and more stable faculty so the students have more familiarity. I would suggest that we carefully assemble a committed faculty group to teach this very important course.

Jim: the 12 sessions included 9 lectures and 3 case presentations with one person (Anna Maria) there all the time.

Jane G: With trying to get new students to deepen their training could we offer a free consultation with a faculty member in order to find the best program that they might be able to fit into. This might be offered as a consultation after the student finishes their existing course.

Patrizia: the Diversity committee would like to have Dr. Tummala-Narra present at IPI. She's focused on Immigration and consultation. Please check out my notes on her and her credentials as I feel she would make a valuable contribution for IPI's program offerings.

Caroline: put this at the top of the agenda for the next SC meeting in April. Please keep your ideas and suggestions coming to me to help us prepare for next month's meeting.

Caroline: at the next meeting we will decide if we want to offer her an invitation. Thanks for helping to support IPI during this present health and mental health crisis.