

**MSWSO Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
Wednesday October 31,2007  
*Happy Halloween!*

**Attendance**

Al Ianotti  
Katie Saraiva  
Kate Golbitz  
Tom Lapierre  
Steph Sturdahle  
Dennis Ghinida

**1) Updates**

a) *Al's Falun Gong Group*

-One person was taught Falun Gong on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

b) *Human Rights Rally*

- In April, Al is putting together a 5k walk/run that will assist in the investigation of the persecution of falun gong in China. There will be public speeches and a variety of other things that will occur at the walk/run. Al will bring a briefing about the walk/run and the history behind the subject matter to the next meeting.

b) *Mark's Support Group*

-Noone showed up last week, because of the Red Sox!:( There will be another meeting of the support group on Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>.

c) *Faculty Meeting*

-Dennis is not sure of the next meeting. He has not received an email. Tom is going to contact Eileen to find out the meeting time and he will let people know.

d) *Lounge*

-Ratk wasn't able to get into building this past weekend. The student lounge cleaning will be Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12.

e) *Advocate*

-Amanda is interviewing Deb Siegel ,a professor at RIC about adoption, because its adoption month. Tom may be interviewing Oran about diversity. Amanda would like everyone to make submissions! The first deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>, but the final deadline date is Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

f) *Website*

-The website has been updated. Ratk will be taking photos at our next meeting; so make sure that you are "photo-ready"! Tom is interested in being the website editor and he is currently in negotiations with Ratk about it.

**2) Constitution & Bylaws**

a) *Update*

- Katie would like to revisit this issue next week; so that she can make any additions needed. Dennis has mentioned the bylaws & constitution to Sue. He feels that the chair and the dean need to approve the documents. A final decision on the by-laws and constitution will hopefully be made at the next meeting.

### 3) **Food Drive-Cranston Food Bank**

#### a) *Update*

-Kate put a box in the student lounge and a lot of food has accumulated. She will be delivering the food soon and then she will replace the box. This will be an ongoing donation process. Kate attached an article from the CAP program in Cranston that highlights their needs for food donations. The article speaks about the depletion of the donations of food to the pantry. It mentions that money from other programs that the CAP runs is being shifted to the pantry, which in turn is not allowing the others programs to function properly.

### 4) **Food in the Student Lounge**

#### a) *Idea*

-An idea was given to members of the MSWSO to place some “community food” in the student lounge. Students would be able to take the food when they need it and students can replenish the pile for other students. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

### 4) **Activates Discussion**

#### a) *Brainstorm*

- Kate stated that it would be great to brainstorm what types of activities the MSWSO would like to host or get involved with. She suggested a job fair, assisting with a better field placement process, the human rights walk/run or a holiday activity. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

### 5) **Treasurer's Report**

#### a) *Dues*

-Steph collected the dues. She requested that if you have not already paid your dues, then bring the \$15 to the next meeting.

#### b) *Account Update*

-Dennis & Steph are going to investigate where to find out about our account balance and exactly how much we have in the account.

*Next meeting will be Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in Faculty Lounge.*