SGA Meeting

3/16/21
12pm-1pm

Sign in Sheet
Courtney Barbier
Alexandra Richards
James Sapp
Ayana Sylvester

Dr. Cairo discussed Dr. Fair's Town Hall meeting and asked the members for our opinions.

James' summary: More students need to be involved and not stating just people of color. I am in the PA program, we have 2 black, 2 Hispanic, and 1 middle eastern student so we all come from different backgrounds. The phrase "people of color" is vague. It groups us as a whole and takes away from issues that need to be addressed from each culture. Black, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Asian, and many other minority communities should have their needs met individually.

Ayana's summary: It would be very beneficial to have a Department meeting with students, faculty, and guest speakers to discuss racial issues, how it affects us collectively, and how to become more competent in our field while we are students and even after graduation. Multicultural Competency class is a mandatory class we have at the CRC department. This class, taught by Dr. Frazier, allowed my cohorts and I to challenge any hidden biases we didn't know we had while also sharing personal stories of microaggressions, prejudices, and stereotypes. Also, multicultural competency is much more than race; it involves people with disabilities, sexual orientations and gender identities, language, socioeconomic status and much more. When we graduate, we will be faced with clients who may not look like us or have the same values as us. It is our job as professionals to incorporate the proper skills to meet the needs of our clients while also respecting their background.

Alexandra's Summary: Alexandra shared a story where she had a patient that was both blind and deaf. She stated that she was able to meet the needs of her patient by using the skills taught at LSUHSC. As professionals, we should provide the care we give to patients as if they are our family members and learn how to be around others in advance. Regarding the Town Hall Meeting she stated that they are "Sensitive issues", so students should be able to submit questions anonymously.

Courtney's Summary: My program (audiology) educates us on working with patients of various races, cultures, etc. through CORE and other courses, most of my learning happens at my clinic sites. In clinic (Woman's Hospital, Children's Hospital, UMC) I've seen patients who speak another language and had to use an interpreter, iPad translator, the language line, etc., to communicate, but those things aren't always available. I've had to "think outside the box" when it comes to treating these patients and being thrown into those situations where I've had to navigate the waters on my own have helped me grow the most.

Regarding SGA and graduation- students will be recognized with a certificate, medal, and listed on pre-commencement program. Yudi will handle these items for us.

Dr. Cairo stated that the future SGA members (starting in Fall 2021) will be a part of the Technology group where they will help decided what to spend the money on.