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Dear Foundation Masters of Social Work Student:

As chairs of the Social Work Student Organization (SoWoSO), we would like to congratulate you on your acceptance and decision to attend the UNC-CH School of Social Work. SoWoSO is the School of Social Work’s student run organization that intends to enrich your graduate experience at Carolina by:

- Providing a collective voice for student ideas and concerns on curriculum, field education, and special events or presentations
- Helping students cultivate a sense of connection and cohesion within the School of Social Work and the larger community
- Supporting and encouraging forms of student initiative
- Promoting and developing leadership within the field of social work
- Organizing and facilitating various educational, cultural, social and political opportunities
- Being the funding organization for the individual School of Social Work student caucuses, and approving small funds for student conferences

SoWoSO meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 12:00 PM in Room 135. All students are encouraged to come to the meetings to share concerns, ideas, and to learn about current events in the school. The structure of SoWoSO is made of an Executive Committee and a General Committee of students representing various interests of students, although everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Caucuses are special-interest groups that consist of students seeking to learn more about a particular subject or to distribute information to the broader student body. Caucuses that have been active in these efforts, but not limited to these, include: Black Student Caucus, Social Justice Caucus, Macro Caucus, Self-Care Caucus, Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Intersex & Queer Caucus (GLBTIQ), Aging Caucus, Mental Health Caucus, and the Military Caucus. SoWoSo encourages new caucuses and will assist any student interested in forming a new one.

We will be recruiting for many positions within SoWoSO when you get to campus, and we welcome your involvement in the organization. We look forward to your input in shaping what you want your student organization to be.
Lastly, SoWoSo will be hosting a mixer at the Back Bar (at Top of the Hill) on August 15th following JumpStart! The address is 100 E Franklin St, 3rd floor and will be from 5-7pm. Please don’t hesitate to contact us about SoWoSO, caucuses, or general questions you might have before you arrive.

Looking forward to meeting you,

The 2014 SoWoSO Chairs

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