

The President's Commission on the Status of Women
Monday, January 30, 2006
9:00 a.m.
CSU 256
Minutes

Attendance: Kenneth White, Deirdre Rosenfeld, Carol Endres, Kelly Meier, Maria Bevacqua, Denise Thompson, Kristeen Giese, Julie Carlson, and Katie Boone.

Regrets: Suzi Dugan, Rosemary Krawczyk

Absent: Margaret Frazee, Jane Earley, Lisa Darvell, Susan Taylor, Sarah McLaughlin, Shannon Villwock, and Betty Young.

New Graduate Assistant

Kristen B did not return to MSU this semester. We are happy to welcome as our new graduate assistant.

Programs & Projects

Katie talked to the Commission on upcoming projects and programs. Specifically, the Project of the Year (three people needed to review applications), Professional Development and Research Grants (three people needed to review applications), Women of Courage and Vision Reception (everyone invited to assist) – March 28. Denise and Deirdre will review research grants and Maria will assist with the project of the year. Chris will assist with planning of the reception. Katie will send an e-mail requesting additional volunteers. Discussion was held about the time of the Women of Courage and Vision reception and if it is accessible to most of our campus women. The time will remain the same this year but changes may be proposed for the 07 reception.

HLC Visit

Deirdre and Kelly will represent the CSW at a diversity session for the HLC visit.

Leadership Sub-Committee

The CSW is forming a sub-committee to put together a proposal for the Women's Leadership Program. This sub-group will include members of the Professional Development Committee. Anyone interested should e-mail Kelly by Wednesday, February 1.

Capacity and Scope for the Commission

Discussion was held regarding the role of the CSW and how we can consider a short and long-term plan for our work. A half-day retreat was suggested. Discussion items for the retreat: the development of a plan, better marketing, action vs. implementation, communication, etc. Additional discussion was held about increasing the frequency of interaction with the President.

Sexual Assault Position

An update on the current state of the request for a full-time sexual assault position was given. The Commission continues to be concerned about the funding commitment for a

full-time position. This has been an on-going recommendation from the CSW. Maria, Rosemary, Deirdre and Kelly will meet with the President to learn more about the status of this situation.

Bullying

Discussion was held on how the CSW can mobilize efforts to respond to the issue of bullying on campus. Suggestions included compiling a list of educational and campus resources, holding an open forum, surveying the campus about needs, etc. We will continue to look into what we can do to support a favorable campus and workplace climate. This discussion will also take place at our retreat.