

The President's Commission on the Status of Women

Monday, April 10, 2006

9:00 a.m.

CSU 256

Minutes

Attendance: Deirdre Rosenfeld, Carol Endres, Kelly Meier, Maria Bevacqua, Kristeen Giese, Julie Carlson, Katie Boone, Shannon Villwock, Rosemary Krawczyk, Betty White, Suzi Dugan.

Regrets: Susan Taylor, Denise Thompson, and Kenneth White

Absent: Margaret Frazee, Jane Earley, Lisa Darvell, and Sarah McLaughlin,

Women's Leadership Program

The Commission reviewed the draft of the proposal to be submitted to the President. Several changes were suggested and a revised proposal will be submitted the week of April 17.

Open Forum

The CSU will sponsor an Open Forum on Wednesday, April 26 in CSU 201 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Thank you to Katie for coordinating the logistics for the event. Our format for the forum will be to encourage participants to share their feelings, thoughts, challenges, ideas, etc. about the status of women on campus. This forum will serve as a data collection activity and the information will be used to frame our annual report and other recommendations to the President. Participants will be encouraged to share information at the forum, on provided forms and via our website. An information sheet will be provided with contact information.

Questions that will be asked include the following:

What are the main issues facing women at MSU?

What obstacles do women encounter at MSU?

How can MSU become a more positive and supportive place for women?

What success stories do you have??

Rosemary and Julie will take notes and Shannon will facilitate. Other CSW members plan to attend and will help as needed.

Co-Chair Selection

We have a two year cycle for the co-chairs of the CSW. Deirdre is nearing the end of her term as a co-chair. Kelly has one more year in her term. At our next meeting, we will be selecting a new co-chair. Please consider volunteering for this leadership opportunity.

Annual Report

Discussion was held about developing our annual report to the President. A brainstorm about topics for inclusion and recommendations included the following:

Suggest the development of a plan

Review Open Forum information and the study from 2003

Kudos on the funding of a full-time sexual violence prevention position

Ensure the report is accessible

Co-chairs will draft the report and bring it back to the group for editing and approval
Some of the editing work may have to be done electronically
List accomplishments
Suggestions for future work

Other Suggestions and Announcements

CSW should have a table at the employee resource fair in the Fall
Results from the Campus Walkaround were distributed and briefly discussed
A temporary location for Campus Security is being considered
Security will have a new MMA supervisory position beginning in the Fall