

The President's Commission on the Status of Women

Monday, February 23, 2009

12:00 PM, CSU 285

Minutes

Attendance: Gail Abraham, Julie Carlson, Jane Earley, Carol Endres , Jen Guyer-Wood, Linda Hanson, Carol Jensen, Deborah Jesseman, Elizabeth Lindstrom, Denise Thompson, Deborah Schulz

Regrets: Maria Bevacqua, Mary Dowd, Suzanne Dugan, Sara Granberg-Rademacker, Megan Hagerty, Shannon Jeffries

Absent: Luda Lindahl, Rosemary Krawczyk

1. Midwest Women's Leadership Institute
 - a. Advertisements and announcements were handed out for May 6, 2009, institute at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
2. Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA)
 - a. Linda Hanson has had communication with CADA regarding a program for women to receive gently used career clothing donated by women at the university.
 - b. The Women's Center would be willing to be a collection site for this project.
 - c. Gail will check to see if the Women's Center students would be willing to help with advertisement and collection.
3. Committee Assignments
 - a. Professional Development and Research Grants
 - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Sara Granberg-Rademacker, Denise Thompson, Carol Endres
 - ii. Spring deadline is March 6th
 - iii. Elizabeth will email Fall recipients who have not claimed funds yet in order to re-allocate unused funds
 - iv. Committee will look into making semester deadlines for grant disbursement in the future.
 - b. Listening Panel
 - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Gail Abraham, Jen Guyer-Wood
 - ii. 31 individuals attended the February 18 diversity panel sponsored by the President's Diversity Commission and the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Discussion was good but seemed to repeat some issues.

- iii. It was stated that a more diverse membership was needed in both commissions. Commission will encourage diversity in our future membership but the unions appoint members so we are not able to choose individuals.
 - iv. PCSW Listening Panel is Tuesday, March 24, from 12pm-1pm in CSU 201. Registration is on the professional development website.
 - c. Women of Courage and Vision Recognition Reception
 - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Gail Abraham, Carol Jensen, Carol Endres, Meagan Hagerty
 - ii. Nominations are currently coming in and invitations will be sent out on a weekly basis rather than one large invitation.
 - iii. Committee needs to come up with talking points for Provost Olson before the reception. Jen will assist Elizabeth with generating this information.
 - iv. The committee is still having trouble making it clear that this event does not have a "winner". It was suggested that in the welcome for the event we mention the amount of women honored and that they are all the winners.
 - d. HERS Leadership Institute
 - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Deborah Jesseman, Julie Carlson, Carol Jensen, Rosemary Krawczyk
 - ii. The committee has reviewed and forwarded applications to President Davenport, we are currently waiting for an announcement.
 - e. Project of the Year Awards
 - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Linda Hanson, Deb Schulz, Julie Carlson
 - ii. The committee is currently accepting applications. The due date is March 16th, 2009.
 - f. Mentor Match Project
 - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Julie Carlson
 - ii. Elizabeth will attempt to have a university wide email sent out regarding Mentor Match as well as publicizing the project in the MSU newsletter.
 - iii. This information would be beneficial to include in orientation information for new employees. It could also be included in our new women reception.
 - g. Point of contact
 - i. Members: Linda Hanson, Denise Thompson, Sara Granberg-Rademacker
 - ii. Linda is currently working with other committees to further this project.

h. PCSW Membership

- i. Denise will be completing her term as Commission co-chair at the end of this year so we will need to find a new co-chair to serve with Jen.
- ii. Commission needs diverse members as reflected from the Diversity Dialogue
- iii. Some positions need to be added to the Membership positions list posted on the commission website, including Director of Security and the HERS recipient for the past year. Elizabeth will update this information.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Lindstrom