

## The President's Commission on the Status of Women

Monday, March 23, 2009

12:00 PM, CSU 285

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Gail Abraham, Julie Carlson, Jane Earley, Carol Endres, Sara Granberg-Rademacker, Jen Guyer-Wood, Linda Hanson, Carol Jensen, Deborah Jesseman, Rosemary Krawczyk, Elizabeth Lindstrom, Deborah Schulz, Wanda Viento

**Regrets:** Maria Bevacqua, Mary Dowd, Suzanne Dugan, Megan Hagerty, Shannon Jeffries, Denise Thompson,

**Absent:** Luda Lindahl

1. Introductions for new Women's Center Director Wanda Viento
2. Student Affairs Reorganization
  - a. With current reorganization happening on campus, President Davenport has released some new reorganization models for feedback from the unions. Some of these models separate the Women's Center in a way that would disconnect it from the campus community and change its focus to addressing marginalization.
  - b. The commission would like to draft and send a letter to President Davenport to express our concerns with these specific reorganization models.
  - c. Jen & Denise will draft a letter with the help of Wanda and send out to the commission as well as the President.
3. Committee Assignments
  - a. Professional Development and Research Grants
    - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Sara Granberg-Rademacker, Denise Thompson, Carol Endres
    - ii. \$1700 allocated for Spring Semester since one person who received a fall grant has recently declined.
  - b. Listening Panel
    - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Gail Abraham, Jen Guyer-Wood
    - ii. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 12-1pm in CSU 201
    - iii. Encourage attendance as the online sign-up has been low.
    - iv. For next year the commission would like to avoid the online registration for this event as it may discourage attendance out of fear of identification.

- c. Women of Courage and Vision Recognition Reception
    - i. Elizabeth Lindstrom, Gail Abraham, Carol Jensen, Carol Endres
    - ii. Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 3:00-4:30pm
  - d. HERS Leadership Institute
    - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Deborah Jesseman, Julie Carlson, Carol Jensen, Rosemary Krawczyk
    - ii. Debra Schulz has been selected as this year's recipient.
    - iii. None of this year's applicants selected the summer Institute at Bryn Mawr but rather the Denver option that was added this year. This supports the committee's hopes that this would provide opportunity for more individuals.
  - e. Project of the Year Awards
    - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Linda Hanson, Deb Schulz, Julie Carlson
    - ii. Is currently in the process of selecting this year's winners. Will announce at Women of Courage and Vision Recognition Reception
  - f. Mentor Match Project
    - i. Members: Elizabeth Lindstrom, Julie Carlson
    - ii. Was sent out in the campus newsletter
    - iii. Would like to find better ways to publicize for next year, Julie and Liz will work on this to find options.
  - g. Point of contact
    - i. Members: Linda Hanson, Denise Thompson, Elizabeth Lindstrom
    - ii. Linda is currently working on the Great Place to Work Taskforce and incorporating their information with ours. Any updates will be provided in the future.
4. It was suggested and supported that the commission send a letter of congratulations to the Maverick Women's Basketball team for their success.
- a. Jen and Denise will draft a letter and work with Liz to get it printed on letterhead.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Lindstrom