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University Women’s Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2010
10 a.m. PSC Mound Room

In attendance: Hines, Schneider, Dreessens, Tabrizi, Miyata, Ford, Schulman, Martens, Mroch, Peters, Williams, Bouck

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Agenda: Williams moved to approve, Dreessens seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Announcements:
   - National Women’s Sports day has 203 girls registered.
   - Feb 10 is Wear Red Day. Joan Bar will talk about food substitutes and healthy eating 12 – 1 p.m. in PSC University South.
   - Confucius Institute and Asia Club will celebrate Chinese New Year in Ullsvik Hall Sunday Feb. 7, 1 – 4 p.m.

4. Selection Committee for Woman of the Year Award: Bouck created a new rotation for the committee to include new members of Women’s Council. The committee reviews nominations/applications for Woman of the Year and Student Woman of the year, chooses the recipients and announces to Women’s Council. The 2010 Committee will consist of Martens, Williams, Olson, Clark, Dreessens, and Tabrizi. If any of said committee is nominated or nominates herself for the award, that person will be replaced by an alternate. If any of said committee is unavailable to serve, an alternate will replace her. Committee members who choose to nominate someone will remain on the committee. Deadline for nominations for Woman of the Year is Friday, March 5. Then, the candidate will have until March 26 to submit their supporting materials. The selection committee will have about a month to decide. We are waiting to hear from David Nevins regarding the deadlines for Student Woman of the Year nominations. Dreessens agreed to call the committee together for the first meeting. Williams moved to accept the committee rotation as designed by Bouck. Martens seconded. Dreessens pointed out the need to add the counseling and faculty reps to the rotation. Motion passed as amended.

5. Criteria for application for Student Woman of the Year: Clarification is needed as to the nominees’ responsibility in putting the application together. Williams moved that we clarify that the nominator be responsible for filling out the nomination form, acquiring the requisite 2 letters of recommendation and student’s résumé for the committee’s consideration. If self-nominated, the student will be responsible for filling out the form, supplying the résumé, and securing the letters of recommendation. Tabrizi seconded. Motion carried.

6. WWHEL registration: We’re about at 62 registered. Only a few of the 62 are not from UWP. Council members were encouraged to solicit participants from outside of UWP, including UW Richland, U of Dubuque, Loras, Clark, and UW Rock County.
7. Committee Updates:
   Food: Breakfast, Buffet Lunch, and Afternoon snack menu will total $13.39 per person. Mroch moved to approve the menu, Schulman seconded. Menu approved.

   Agenda and Evaluation: Hines passed around a draft of the agenda. Whether to include a morning and afternoon break on the agenda will be determined after consulting with the speaker. Mroch is working on an evaluation form.

   Promotion: All of the following are covered: Intercom; Mound City, Livingston and 1st National Banks; Web site; Calendar of Events; and the WWHEL website. A press release has been prepared and we expect that the Platteville Journal will print it. We need to get fliers to the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Program. Ford will send a message to the provost and deans at Richland Center and Rock County.

   Registration: No report yet. All registrants’ names will be available after February 12.

8. Inclusive Excellence Update: UWP’s governance group has chosen to call this the Human Diversity Initiative and encourages us to use this language. The Diversity Committee will send out guidelines and request each unit or group on campus to discuss how they will contribute to the plan. WC will need to create our own plan once we receive the committee’s guidelines. Also, WC may serve as a resource to other units as they prepare their plans.

9. Safe Walk: Mroch reported that Student Senate is planning the walk for the academic part of campus. Res Hall Association is taking leadership role in planning residential side of campus. Whether the two walks will occur together has yet to be decided.

10. Faculty Governance and Self-Assessment: After discussion of the issue, the overall consensus of the council members is that the council is fulfilling its purpose and meeting its goals. Therefore, the Women’s Council should continue its existence on the UW-Platteville campus. Bouck will contact a few members of the council to solicit input for filling out the form and return the form to Kristopher Wright.

11. Other business: Mroch reminded us to be sure to participate in Boxes & Walls, particularly the women’s show on February 2 from 6 – 8:30 pm. Ford suggested we try to reach out to the community beyond campus to view Boxes & Walls as well.

   Dreessens moved to adjourn, Schulman seconded.

   Meeting Adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

   Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

   Minutes respectfully submitted by
   Mary Rose Williams