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University Women’s Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 23, 2011
PSC Mound Room

Attending: Bitting, Wildermuth, Hines, Foster, Tabrizi, Wetzel, Peters, Schulman, Olson, Salmon-Stephens, Burns, Dreessens, Martens, Williams.

Guests: Rako, Ranney, Curtiss.

Chair Dreessens called the meeting to order at 10:05.

1. Minutes from February 9 meeting: Peters moved to accept, Olson seconded. Minutes approved.

2. Agenda: Burns moved to accept, Salmon-Stephens seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Announcements:
   - Pre-college research camp received 920 applicants. 720 were complete and on time. 600 reflected gender/ethnic diversity.
   - Women’s Studies Consortium is drafting a letter that raises the concern with the disproportionate number of females that will be hurt by Gov Walker’s bill. Wetzel moved that Women’s Council be added as supporters. Tabrizi seconded. Motion approved.
   - Posters for leadership awards are available. Some were distributed to WC members.
   - March 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. is the Women and Jazz program in PSC East & West.
   - Civility Conference: Wetzel and Wildermuth will attend on 2/24 & 25. They will report to WC at the next meeting.
   - Performing Arts, Cape Town Philharmonic series at UW-Platteville tonight.

4. Treasurer’s report: no change.

5. Celebration of Women:
   - Tickets: Due to be completed later today.
   - Programming: sub-committee is meeting at 11 a.m. today.
   - The Society of Women Engineers for Students began in 1975 ish. We should find someone who was in it to interview for the video.
   - Budget: A chart was provided, indicating costs based on various numbers of ticket sales.

6. Women of the Year and Student Woman of the Year: Deadline for Student is March 4.

7. Reception for Marcia Sola: Wednesday, April 13, Nohr Gallery. We’ll order food for 100 people. Tabrizi and Foster will take care of publicity.

8. Sexual Assault Awareness Month: National day of Action is April 5. We’re observing it on Tuesday April 19. PSC West & East 10 am to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of activities. Schedule will be provided to Women and Gender Studies classes and Women’s Council
9. Sexual Assault Council: Complaint against fraternity for sexual harassment during their raffle was discussed. There were 3 primary concerns: (1) the sale occurred right after there was a sexual assault (off campus); (2) There was harassment reported as some females felt pressured to buy a ticket; (3) There was a violation of procedure. Two different offices should have approved the raffle and ticket sales. Only one office was notified and did give their permission. Wetzel will connect with the fraternity’s advisor to relay our concerns. Burns encouraged folks to fill out the campus climate survey and comment on this. Salmon-Stephens wants there to be some consequence for the fraternity, since it seems there has been none. Burns moved that Chair Dreessens inquire of Dean of Students what actions are being taken with regard to the situation. Williams seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

10. Adjournment: Wildermuth moved to adjourn, Schulman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.