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University Women’s Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2010
10 a.m. PSC Mound Room

In attendance: Bouck, Ford, Mroch, Williams, Peters, Salmon-Stephens, Hines, Martens, Kronkow.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

1. Minutes: Salmon-Stephens moved to accept; Hines seconded; minutes accepted.
2. Agenda: Williams moved to accept; Salmon-Stephens seconded; Agenda passed.

3. Announcements:
   - Unity Week – Events coordinated by Diversity and Gender issues groups. Participation by faculty and their students is encouraged
   - Women in STEM Durant Banquet will be on Thursday, April 17.
   - STEM: Outreach to K-12 will focus on renewable energy. April 30 – May 2. Students will make solar ovens this year. They hope to send their ovens with Engineers Without Borders to Ghana. STEM will submit a grant proposal to the Open Meadows Foundation to help support this activity.
   - WWHEL Stipend for survey with freshmen: Survey is at IRB. Results of the survey will guide questions for focus groups at the luncheons.
   - Taste of Asia coming up on March 27 at St. Augustine’s Church.
   - Lesbian comedienne, Jenny McNaulty will perform on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in Pioneer Crossing.

4. WWHEL Southwest Spring Workshop Finances: We have received the check for $1000. To host the event. We are still waiting for the next check for the workshop fees. The projected budget for the workshop was pretty close to actual spending. We paid a little more for tech fees than anticipated. Also, we needed more coffee. In the end, we will make just under $1600 profit.

5. Woman of the Year Celebration Budget: We have about $350.00 for this. The slide show that Pusaporn’s students are preparing will begin at 2 p.m. and repeat until 4 p.m. Note to WC regarding the awardees for 2010: contact publications as soon as we know the names of recipients.
6. Brochure: Burns will have information about the brochure to us by Friday. She said the information isn’t in brochure form yet, so it won’t get done in time for Pioneer Appeal this year. However, Salmon-Stephens has a draft from publications on file. Martens volunteered to check with publications. Since there was a draft produced, publications should have it on file. Bouck spoke with Holly in Foundation and she said the brochure will not overlap with Foundation’s literature. Salmon-Stephens will send the draft copy to all of us to review.

7. Council’s Human Diversity Action Plan: Salmon-Stephens will provide us with the concerns of female students that have been compiled. We can create some of our initiatives with that information in mind. Other suggestions included: Surveys that we will be producing by the end of the term and the luncheon focus groups; the WWHEl workshop; Celebration of Women, 2011; Workshops we could provide; Woman of the year awards; mentoring; recruitment of minorities and differently-abled; publicize our meetings as open to the public; encourage women’s studies classes to attend our meetings. Look over the form on the website. At the next meeting (April 14), be prepared to identify, specifically 2 or 3 of those goals so we can finalize them the following meeting and submit by end of April deadline.

8. Mentoring: Woman’s Council may be able to support a mentoring program across the campus. What we have now is within the traditional ranks. But, there needs to be an organization and training. Salmon-Stephens has some ideas of how to do it. We will discuss this matter further.

9. Other:
   • Reminder that there are professional development funds available to bring in speaker or for training. Proposals are due Sept. 1. We should consider making a proposal.

   • Safe Walk: The walk scheduled for March 25th has been cancelled. The students want to revisit what recommendations were made from previous walks and whether there was any action taken on those recommendations. The concern seems to be that doing the walk and making the recommendations may be a fruitless effort. Mroch will keep us updated on what happens next with the walk.

10. Adjournment: Mroch moved, Peters seconded: meeting adjourned 10:55 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Mary Rose Williams