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Women’s Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2012
PSC Mound Room 10 a.m.

Attendees: Burns, Peters, Tabrizi, Dreessens, Foster, Wetzel, Sargent, Salmon-Stephens, Wildermuth, Schulman, Wilson, Williams

Guest: Catherine Peshkin

Burns called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

1. Minutes: Wetzel moved to approve March 28 Minutes; Peters seconded. Minutes approved.

2. Agenda: Wetzel moved to approve; Peters seconded. Agenda approved

3. Announcements:
   - Congratulations to Kim Sargent, Darcey Wildermuth and Whitney Adams for their awards. Thanks to Burns and Williams and all who participated in and nominated folks for leadership awards.
   - Distinguished lecturer polling on line. 895 voted within seconds after survey was posted.
   - Involvment center for fall---student groups need to sign up.
   - Stop the hate train the trainers—registration on UWPLink. Scholarships are available.
   - There is a new student organization called Every Woman.
   - Grants: NSF 1M ask. Proposal is for recruitment & retention in EMS. The writers have been contacted by NSF, which means NSF is interested.
   - Tonight, Women’s Volley Ball team will go to Lowes to learn how to use power tools. Will work on site in Cuba City.
   - There are 150 applications for STEM scholars and 50 are women, 17 are underrepresented.
   - Maggie Rick will do an internship –getting information on sexual assault and reproductive services.
   - Lavender Reception for Alliance May 11 PSC East-West Room, 6 to 8 or 7 to 9 for graduates.
   - Multi cultural graduation reception 6 to 8 on May 11 in Nohr Gallery
   - Commencement dinner is from 5:30 – 9 on May 11.
   - Student Planner. If we have a room reserved for events next year, the event will go into the planner. If you have a program in Doudna or a week of celebration & you want that in the student planner calendar get it to Val Wetzel by May 11.
   - Leadership awards will be on Friday April 26, 2013. International night Saturday April 27, 2013.

4. Treasure’s report: no changes.
5. Report from UWP summit on sexual assault and Strategic Plan:

Follow ups. Artanya will speak to all introduction to college life sections. It was decided that the group needs to meet several times each term in order for more to be accomplished.

   - Volunteers are needed for the action teams for strategic plan priorities.
   - Right now they want input on the 4 priorities. The council agreed that enhancing the environment—focus on women—should be part of all 4 of the priorities—not a separate action plan.
   - Vision statement conforms to stereotype of individual achievement—which is often dismissive of community vision. Part of our vision should be community driven. As it is, this vision represents white male culture. Collaboration and anything that moves beyond individualism is opposite of white male culture.
   - E-mail Catherine or Joanne if you want to be part of action teams or have any other suggestions.

7. Other:
   - Do we want to be involved in the convocation? Burns will suggest that we are interested in doing something during convocation. Also, it was suggested that violence needs to be addressed from the top and it should be an issue for all levels at the university to address. A paragraph in the convocation address that indicates the culture we intend to create was suggested—make it a bullet point for the Chancellor to put in his speech.
   - We have one more meeting this year. We’ll continue this discussion.
   - Joanne and Angela attended a Minority Leadership Conference at Stout. We might try to work on something like this. Maybe we should make a plan to have Josh Jasper here during welcome weekend.
   - Salmon-Stephens thanked all for attending the Women in STEM banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Rose Williams