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University Women’s Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
11 a.m.
PSC Mound Room

In attendance: Bouck, Burns, Richardson, Migala, Schmach, Dressens, Peters, Zielinski, Mroch, Hines, Williams, Schulman

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

1. Approval of September 23, 2009 minutes: Burns moved to approve minutes. Dreessens seconded. Motion to approve minutes with amendments.

2. Dreessens moved to approve agenda, Burns seconded. Agenda approved

3. Announcements:

   Bouck: in an effort to make the meetings more relaxed and open, there are snacks today. Think about having a pizza lunch meeting for November 11 meeting at Pizza Hut. The chair will reserve a table there. We’ll discuss whether we want to do this at the Oct. 28 meeting.

   Bouck: Tonight “Dig for the Cure” volleyball fundraiser for Breast Cancer.
   Burns: WWHEL conference at Stevens Point on October 22 and 23. Burns is going and will report back to us at the next meeting

4. Williams has volunteered to be recorder for the 2009-2010 year.

5. Council meeting dates and times: Salmon-Stevens thinks she has an incorrect date on our meeting schedule. Given that she is absent today, we’ll discuss this at the next meeting.

6. Council Membership Status: Burns reviewed the history of the Council membership for new members. Then, Burns made the following motion:

   I move that we extend the leadership opportunity of being Chair and Vice-Chair of the Women’s Council to any member who can commit to being on the council for the two-year period of this commitment and volunteers for the VP/Chair positions. If more than one member volunteers, the Council will hold an election. In the event that no one volunteers for chair and vice-chair, I further move that we continue to follow the rotation agreed upon last year, but that this rotation be viewed as the default rotation we will use if no one volunteers. The intent of creating the rotation was to provide for continuity of leadership, not to exclude potential excellent leaders.

   Mroch seconded the motion. Williams called the question. Motion carried.

7. Decision on Chair/Vice Chair: Burns will resign as Vice Chair. She nominated Dreessens as Vice Chair. Schulman seconded. Motion carried.
8. Celebration of Women Event, March 2010: Discussion ensued as to whether to have it this year or postpone to March 2011. Questions raised included: Did we talk with Carol Sue about it? What are other campuses doing to celebrate women? Are we celebrating women or dumping more work on them?

Comments made included: The model we have of women breaking the glass ceiling is good. Whenever we have it we should stick to the dessert bar idea instead of a full meal. We want to have it in March because of Women’s Month. April was suggested as a better month, but Burns said system doesn’t want more events in April because we have too many things going on then. And, getting speakers from other campuses is too difficult.

Williams moved we postpone the Celebration of Women to March 2011. Dreessens seconded. Motion carried.

9. Other Business:

Schulman moved to form an Ad Hoc Committee to research the Celebration of Women. The motion was tabled for the next meeting.

Should we be concerned about the student assault that occurred on September 19?

Dreessens noted that we spend time on events, but perhaps we need to go back to the basics of what this committee is about.

Dreessens noted that she and Dalsing are members of the Counseling & Health Services Sexual Assault Awareness Council but neither received notice of the recent meeting of the Council. Dreessens was charged with finding out what is going on with the Council.

Peters asked if there is a group that tours campus to look at safety. In the past, the Student Senate has done that. Zielinski was charged with finding out if they are still doing it.

Burns suggested adding campus safety on the next agenda for further discussion. Meanwhile, members of the Women’s Council are encouraged to talk to other women on campus about issues we might address.

Peters moved to adjourn, Dreessens seconded. 11: 54 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Rose Williams