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

Members in attendance: Salmon-Stephens, Williams, Foster, Olson, Zipfel, Fisher, Martens, Wildermuth, Wetzel, Tabrizi, Peters, Burns

Guests: Wilson, Bauer-Leffler, Bernhardt

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Burns

1. Minutes from October 27, 2010: Olson moved to approve; Salmon-Stephens seconded. Minutes approved as amended.

2. Agenda: Williams moved to approve agenda, Salmon-Stephens seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Announcements:

   - Dreessens will report on her experience at the Sexual Assault Conference next time.
   - Mark Wruble was invited to today’s meeting. But, he’s in class at this time. He is working with Duane Ford on putting together a men’s group. Ford is out of town this week so he couldn’t make our meeting.
   - Burns wrote up the nomination for Women of Color award. She will get it to PR folks who will do a press release. Salmon-Stephens will send the ad to the women’s list.
   - Motion from the last meeting about the mascot: Burns wrote a letter to Tresevant. The Image committee was told by the Chancellor to work on different mascots that can be published in the Exponent for feedback. Then the Chancellor will make the final decision.
   - Salmon-Stephens passed around the first targeted marketing piece for females. The University printed 1000. Suggestions for the next run include: have Women’s and Gender Studies program, Alliance, Women’s Center, women of color, Sister-to Sister organization, and females with disabilities represented.
   - Salmon-Stephens has put the Women’s Council goals on line.
   - Iron Jawed Angles turnout: 148 – 150 people attended
   - WWHEL Institutional representatives report: We received the chapter stipend. The Conference next year will be Oct. 20-21 at Waukesha Technical College. Deadline for the executive leadership development stipend of $1500. Is Dec 1.
   - Hmong Thanksgiving dinner: fewer than 50 tickets left.
   - St. Augustine’s is requiring an indemnification clause. The University won’t sign such a clause, so any University group wanting to use their facilities will be denied except for the Newman Club.
4. Treasurer's Report: Balances have not changed. We received $500 from WWHEL. We can transfer from Butts’ account the 25% spendable allotment.

5. Celebration of Women Event: We need to form committees soon. We’ll do it at the next meeting. Also, we need a date. Typically we have it at the end of March. Salmon-Stephens will check on available dates and space. Olson moves, Peters seconds to have Salmon-Stephens inquire about location and date and if times are running out she can reserve Tuesday before the Distinguished Lecturer. Motion carried.

6. Sexual Assault on Campus—do we want to take action or make a response? What should it be? Olson moved, Salmon-Stephens seconded: get campus security to put out press release with information about female police officers on campus, TIP411 and reminders for females to take responsibility for one another. Motion passed unanimously. Salmon-Stephens also moved that we go to our administrative staff and express our concerns about inconsistencies of how these things are handled (i.e. hate graffiti seems to have evoked much more outcry than sexual assaults on women). Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Salmon-Stephens also moved that we support Wilson’s offer to purchase and distribute a symbolic item that will bring attention to the sexual assault issue. Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Mascot: postpone further discussion until the next meeting.

8. Meeting Adjourned by Burns at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Rose Williams