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University Women’s Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2012
Pioneer Room MPSC 10 a.m.

Attendees: Foster, Williams, Sawle, Demerse, Hines, Dupont, Krueger, Schulman, Gore, Salmon-Stephens, Olson, DeCoste

Guest: Gilbertson

Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06.


2. Approval of Agenda: Request to add the WWHEL stipend to the agenda. Salmon-Stephens moved to approve agenda as amended. Swale seconded. Agenda approved.

3. Chief Diversity Officer: CDO Jennifer DeCoste introduced herself to the WC and discussed her role and goals. Role: report to chancellor; oversee university wide strategic planning that has accountability measures for diversity; receive reports from 7 areas on campus; work with system on behalf of diversity initiatives; oversee recruitment & retention on employment and student sides. Goals: 4 primary ones for the next year: strategic planning; organization of reporting staff; retention & recruitment; and curriculum. Regarding membership of WC; DeCoste would like to be engaged in the WC as an Ex Officio member.

4. Treasurer’s report: Carol Sue Butts account: $1610.18. UWC account: $2642.90. Salmon-Stephens noted we will need to purchase Women of the Year Awards as we have used all that we had in stock.

5. Report from WWHEL conference: The organization will be setting up a distribution list, which they will put on a web page. They will include activities occurring on different campuses.

6. WWHEL stipend/scholarship: Amount and process for payment were discussed. Foster will check last year’s minutes to determine the amount that was decided. Who signs the check is unclear. It used to be Salmon-Stephens. She will check to see if that is still the case; if so, she will sign this year’s check. Hereafter, we need to determine a process for changing the name of the signatory.

7. UWC goals: 2010/12 goals were provided for review. We will discuss new goals at the next meeting.

8. Announcements:
   • April is gender issues month. Student Senate would like to get many student groups involved. Is WC interested in doing an event?
   • Tomorrow, Nov. 29, is the Holiday Fair in Doudna Hall, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fair Trade, Global Goods from Dubuque, local vendors will be on hand.
   • Distribution list for women faculty and classified staff did not work. Foster will check on this.

9. Adjournment: Members dispersed at 10: 59 AM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Mary Rose Williams.