Women’s Coalition Steering Committee  
Thursday, January 15, 2015  
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Attendees
- Andrea Sullivan
- Emma Decker emmdec1@gmail.com
- Hava Gordon
- Johanna Leyba
- Kathy Sandoval
- Sable Schultz
- Sarah Olivier

Next Women’s Coalition Steering Committee Meetings:
- Feb 12, 10:00 to 11:00 CME
- March 5, 10:00 to 11:00 CME

Next Women’s Coalition Meetings
- Wednesday, Jan. 28, 12:00 to 1:30, Chambers 260
- Thursday, Feb. 26, 12:00 to 1:30, Chambers 160
- Wednesday, Apr. 1, 12:00 to 1:30, Chambers 160 (tentative)

Agenda Items for Next Women’s Coalition
- Budget
- Next Town Hall
- Women’s Conference
  - Still working on Keynote
    - Will work on solidifying Keynote at next meeting
- GWC: Breaking Silence organization looking for group sponsorships to come to campus and set up 3 days survivor story installation
  - Would like to do April
  - Suggested connecting with CAPE
  - Looking for funding
  - Some concerns expressed previously
  - Coordinate with other campus’ about concern
- UWC: Jackson Katz being brought to campus
  - Can gather Coalition support
- GWS: Grant from CCESL
  - Possible summit, late April
    - Include Campus Safety
    - Coordinate with other campus
  - Check when Internationalization Summit
    - April 9 to 11
- UWC: working on Greek Life program to educate about rape culture
  - Pilot in March to test
  - Announce full program at April summit
Follow-up from Town Hall

- Programs around education related to interpersonal violence being planned

Next Town Hall

- Send out message with next WC Invite
  - In mean time please come prepared for suggestions and ideas for topics for the next town hall which we are planning for on Feb 18th
- Topic ideas:
  - Intersections of Race/Ethnicity and Gender
    - Any experts on intersectionality
- Can have panel

Budget

- Andrea went over budget items
  - 87037 ASHE $500
  - 87038 Women’s Coalition $13,820.81
  - 87040 Faculty Women’s Association $500
  - 87041 Graduate Women’s Council $500
  - 87042 WAND $1,215.11
  - 87043 Undergraduate Women’s Council $500
  - 87044 Sistah Network $500
  - 87046 Women’s Leadership Council $3,838.15
- Talk about at WC with Steering Committee making final decision
  - GWC: wanted to have mentoring/networking event
  - Talk to WLC

Notes from Last Steering Committee

- Lori gave an update about the UWC: she feels that overall that the town halls this past quarter accomplished at least more transparency about how we as an institution handle Title IX violations and sexual assault cases. The BOSS trainings are really taking off- and there is more of a push for students to be able to train other students (instead of Gillian conducting all the trainings). At this point, RAs, tour guides, PLP students and LLC students in general have all received BOSS trainings. GWST hosted a training for GWST students this past quarter, and I’m sure many others have been trained.
- UWC is also working on a sexual assault/rape culture curriculum for fraternities, and they’re trying to do more outreach to anti-sexist fraternity men to help co-lead these. Although the UWC students are committed to this project, they are wary of retaliation from fraternity men via social media and other avenues for slander. They feel that getting fraternity men to help co-lead these workshops will help with that. UWC feels strongly about doing this as a peer-to-peer education project. Lori is also heading up the Vagina Monologues this year and they are planning on incorporating a talk-back with cast members about sexual assault, violence, and prevention as part of the performance.
- GWC is gearing up to host a GWC panel as part of the upcoming graduate student conference at DU, which will take place at the end of January. They’ve gotten more folks to attend recent GWC meetings, which is good- and the recently hosted a large graduate student meeting about sexual assault and Title IX issues, which Gillian and Kathryne attended. Sarah is hoping that the Women’s Coalition will support efforts to encourage the university to train graduate students
about Title IX and sexual assault as part of their orientation. Since graduate students occupy a middle-ground between student and teacher status at the university, they are in a unique place to either exploit their power over undergraduates as teaching assistants, or find themselves exploited by professors who hold power over them.

- A group of faculty met with the Chancellor in early November about steps we can take towards prevention and education in regards to sexual assault. Chancellor Chopp is going to conference with Colorado College’s president about what they’ve instituted there (which is much more far reaching than what we have, and serves a smaller student population), and we would like to host a Front Range Sexual Assault Prevention Summit at DU next year. The idea would be to invite key faculty, staff, and students from CU Boulder, CC, Regis, etc. who have played a role in changing campus culture around these issues and to share strategies.

- We talked just briefly about future Town Hall ideas: one would be to discuss more how we can better connect gender and racial equity issues together in new initiatives towards inclusiveness. Given the protests around racial injustice and police violence, we thought that perhaps somehow the Women's Coalition could address these issues in our conversations around gender equity at DU. This will be a longer conversation, of course!