

Women's Coalition Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
9:00 AM- 10:30 AM
CWC Chamber's Center, Room 350

NOTES

In attendance:

Amy King
Andrea Sullivan
Anthea Johnson Rooen
Debra Mixon Mitchell
Hava Gordon
Johanna Leyba
Kristen Canan
Michael Neal
Nancy Jones
Nancy Sasaki
Nichole Russell
Pat Greer
Sarah Pfeifer
Sue Hinkin

Women's Coalition structure/policy updates

- The University Counsel gave feedback about the WC Charter which has been incorporated.
- The Charter, application form, and structure should be posted on the Website and available to new and existing groups within the next week.
- Women's Conference Caucus
 - Planning committee will include Shelly Smith-Acuna, Johanna Leyba, Nicole Russell, Pat Greer, and Julie Reeves
 - Start at 6:00 PM on the Thursday March 27th
 - The purpose will be networking and beginning some discussion about the goals for all groups for the next year.
 - Attendees will be up to three representatives from each recognized women's group
- Women's Coalition Business meeting
 - Will be held from 2-3:30 on March 28th at a room in Morgridge
 - Attendees will be up to three representatives from each recognized women's group
 - Planning committee will include Shelly Smith-Acuna, Johanna Leyba, Nicole Russell, and Pat Greer
 - Planning for 20 people

- Question for the group for the meeting: What does it mean to empower women? Based on this question, combined goals will be set at the business meeting.
- This will become an annual event at the Women's Conference

Status of Women/People of Color report updates

- The all staff/faculty survey is being disseminated (Note in went out on March 12th)
- An additional survey went out to each heads of each unit/dept to determine the structure/budge of each department and academic unit
- The goal is to have all information to consultants by end of month
- The committee have worked to ensure anonymity
- Limitation of software about for how many different options could be offered to segregate the data
- Johanna: there is a status of students being done internally so all people on campus are included in the analysis

Updates on any new groups

- GWC is being revived (thanks!)
 - Kristen is working on advertising and kick off first week of spring 2014 q
 - Week 3 of Spring quarter will be the kick off and will be held in Craig Hall
 - The group suggested that Kristen set up share folder and access to listserv for Kristen
 - The revived GWC will need a web page and the suggestion it to set it up under WC page. The WC volunteer extraordinaire for this is Lisa Westdorf
 - The GWC is working on getting a faculty advisor and the mission/focus: in development
 - Michael Neal will provide some historical information about presentations, programming, graduate student development to Kristen
 - Nicole brought up possible collaboration between GWC and the Sistah Network
- Application still being updated

All member group updates

- Sistah Network
 - The group is working on 150th DU anniversary event with a reception held on October 6th in Anderson Academic Commons.
 - The event will be highlighting women of color who had graduated, beginning in the 1950s
 - Research is currently underway about what advantages the Sistah Network participation has provided
 - Will be submitted as a journal article
- WAND
 - Held the Crucial Conversation town hall event last month. Great turnout and comments about the event.
 - Energy and time has been focused on Women's Conference

All other related activities, initiatives updates (IRISE, SAC, SOCA, FOCA, CAPE, GWST)

- FOCA/SOCA (Debbie)
 - The groups held discussions about arming campus safety
 - Survey sent out
 - 25 responses, 2 supporting the idea, and 22 respondents remain strongly opposed
 - Concerns about racial profiling
 - Concerns about Men of Color at greater risk
 - Feelings of harassment, especially if congregating in groups. This would draw attention of campus safety
 - The feeling is prevalent among people of color of campus that there are stops, demands for proof of attendance based on color
 - The change is still going through consultants, no time line set yet
 - The idea may have been based concerns about future shooter
 - SOCA/FOCA were not asked by leadership, members were polled internally
 - Security already needs to be better trained, according to some students
 - Need to identify how many responses to incidents on campus were done by Campus Safety
 - Coalition make request for open information
 - Request town hall to have open conversation
- IRISE
 - Large number of post-doc candidate interest
 - Had 15 proposals, narrowed down to nine, chose three
 - Announcing grant opportunities next quarter
- Gender and Women's Studies
 - Received approval to higher lecturer (great!)
 - This additional lecturer will allow GWS to offer more classes
- Natural Sciences & Mathematics (NSM) and Ritchie School of Engineering & Computer Science (RSECS)
 - Are planning a Women in STEM events
 - There will be Panel discussion held on April 17th