

Women's Consortium of PASSHE
Spring Executive Council Meeting
Minutes
Friday, April 13th, 2007
Allen Street Grill, State College, PA

*these minutes have been approved

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President's Report:

At 10:21 A.M. President Nancy Rumfield brought the meeting to order.

We went around the table and introduced ourselves.

We reviewed the minutes from the fall meeting and the following comments were made:

Undergraduate Leadership Institute dates have changed since the minutes were taken. It is now scheduled for June 17th -June 22nd due to a scheduling conflict with the McKeever Environmental Learning Center where the institute is held. Kim Woznack's name should be updated since it is listed as Sara in the section on nominations.

Heather made a motion, Colleen seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Nancy thanked Colleen and Kim for assuming officer positions and reminded the group that we still need a President-elect.

Campus Updates

Shippensburg:

Since the Fall 2006 semester the Shippensburg Women's Consortium has had a meeting on the first Friday of each month during lunch. Attendance is approximately 15-20 people from across the disciplines. The Director of Human Resources writes a letter to present to supervisors to give staff the time off. They have also proposed a one day workshop or conference for support staff. Shippensburg participated in Myra Sadker Day and Early Childhood Education teachers did a workshop on gender equity. Six people attended. Shippensburg found someone who will be donating \$300 for a grant for gender equity in the classroom, with awards for materials purchase, and resulting in presentation of a workshop. This workshop would be collaboration between the Women's Center and the Women's Studies program. The "Vagina Monologues" raised \$2000. Their auditorium featured a walkthrough vagina as an entryway. "Take Back the Night" was conducted last week along with the Clothesline project. Shippensburg has been collecting Undergraduate Leadership Institute nominations.

Slippery Rock:

Heather is still looking for suggestions on how to revive the campus women's consortium. They are currently recruiting Undergraduate Leadership Institute applicants. So far they have received 15-20 nominations for the Undergraduate Leadership Institute. This Friday is the deadline for submission of the applications. They are hiring a permanent director of the women's center full time.

West Chester:

The President's Commission on the Status of Women is more active on the campus than the Women's Consortium. They are trying to get people excited about the Women's Consortium and get the annual Fall Conference hosted at West Chester. West Chester featured "Take Back the Night" and the Clothesline project this week. An alumnus returned to perform a concert for Women's Studies. There is a new Leading Up mentoring program for women students. Two people funded this program and it works with faculty, staff and the community. West Chester hired the first person for the Women's Studies major but there is not a separate department so this provides a challenge. Lisa Hubner will be starting in the fall and will be teaching one class per year in sociology. The Women's Studies faculty is very active group but is seeking more involvement from staff and students. West Chester presented the "Vagina Monologues" which was quite successful.

Edinboro:

Women's History Month was successful. The university's Presidential search is ongoing and encountering struggles. A Keynote presentation was given on the 1st Sunday in March, approximately thirty presentations were also given during the following 2 weeks. Edinboro hosted a High School Day early during Women's History Month, with 5 schools and over 100 students in attendance. The local community actively anticipates the annual event. Edinboro is still seeking release time for the Women's Center Director. A male employee from the Student Affairs division has been appointed as nominally in charge of the Women's Center without specific pay for this position.

Cal:

We had a luncheon in October and approximately 15 people were in attendance. Undergraduates gave their reports of the Undergraduate Leadership Institute and faculty made their reports about the Faculty Leadership Institute. There were many new interested faculty members in attendance at the luncheon but we had difficulty following up and initiating another event. We also recently had the "Take Back the Night" and the "Vagina Monologues."

Treasurer's Report:

Colleen McQueeney presented the spreadsheet passed down from past Treasurer Mary Mowrey. Colleen is learning the ropes and can work on more detailed budgets. Much discussion ensued (as a continuation of previous discussion from the fall meeting at Indiana University of Pennsylvania) about transferring some of the money from the individual campus accounts at the state into the hands of the local chapters on each campus. This money could then more easily be used to make purchases and conduct on-campus events. We will formulate a plan and present it to the entire group at the fall meeting.

Membership:

Colleen also shared the excel spreadsheet with some outdated names. Colleen said she will distribute sheets to campus contacts and ask for updates from each campus.

We discussed the need to update the membership brochures. Sara motioned, Nicolette seconded, and it was approved.

Old Business

Website:

Sara showed us the latest website and said that there is now a webmaster. She will communicate with Anthony to get embedded tags so it comes up on Google searches. Campuses need to change their individual sites and campus contacts need to get updated on both local and state site.

Staff Leadership Institute:

The proposal was accepted in the fall 2006 meeting, the proposal was condensed and Maryrose and Vicky worked with the budget and consulted with people on next steps. It was suggested previously that we offer the first institute this May. More progress needs to be made before it could be offered. It would also conflict with

the Student Affairs Conference May 22-24th. Therefore there is no time to properly prepare a Staff Institute for this year. Nancy suggested that Maryrose and Vicky work on the proposal and present it to her. She will make arrangements for us to meet with Dr. Charmaine Clowney from the Chancellor's Office to discuss funding, etc. With a Faculty Institute planned for 2008, we hope to offer a Staff Institute in 2009. We thank Maryrose and Vicky.

Undergraduate Leadership Institute

An updated flyer for the Undergraduate Leadership Institute was distributed. The 2006 statistics and comments are accumulating for the student affairs conference. Sara keeps in touch with the students and has heard some feedback from their projects. Bloomsburg students requested money to conduct their project. California students did do a project but didn't request money so there is no formal record of this. A faculty member from Slippery Rock will be the counselor this year. The theme this summer will be Balance with this serving as an acronym for other words with meaning. Organizers are still trying to recruit some more speakers and consortium participants. Heather volunteered to be involved. They are still looking for someone to present on communication (especially in difficult situations). They are also seeking someone to talk about women's health issues. Elizabeth will also be helping. This will be the 19th year. Maybe next year we could do a 20th year like for a reunion. We might need to concentrate efforts on each campus to get more funding for a alumni night.

Status of Women RFP

The description of the Request for Proposals is now on the consortium website. The website says the proposals were due March 1st and proposals were supposed to be going to Maureen McHugh at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. We don't know if Maureen has received any and we should then check with her about applications. Maybe we can drum something up before the fall meeting.

The Circle

Nicolette has not received any submissions to the Circle. We can revive it via the website. Each campus contact really needs to collect information and send it along.

Faculty Leadership Institute

We are not conducting the institute this year due to APSCUF contract negotiations. The present contract is due to expire on June 30th leaving the possibility of job action near the time to plan and implement the institute.

SCUPA CBA Update:

The SCUPA contract got renewed in the fall and there is a negotiation team for the next contract. The next SCUPA meeting is in June.

APSCUF CBA Update:

Shippensburg is prepared to leave on June 30th. They have a solidarity fund (so does SR and Cal U). Reports on various status of campus preparation were given. Colleen also discussed the recently settled AFSCME contract.

New Business:

Fall 2007 Annual Meeting and Conference

The Fall 2007 annual meeting will be hosted at Bloomsburg University from Oct 25-26th. The theme is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward". Theresa Bloskey is chairing the planning committee and she said they are really busy and unable to send a representative today. As soon as we have more information we will suggest that it will be placed on the website. They should put out call for proposals soon. We should encourage enthusiastic students from the Undergraduate Leadership Institute to come to present at the fall conference. The cost for transportation and attendance is perhaps a challenge to student attendance but perhaps the university can offer to pay for part of the travel. It would be nice if we actually had a conference when we had at least one person from each campus. We will work on recruiting Norma from Cheyney.

Other New Business:

We received a note from Carol Heiserman from Millersville. She is on the state board of the American Association of University Women. She wanted to have a contact with this group. We talked about AAUW and their convention. They provide leadership training and regional conventions. She will keep Nancy posted on that information.

The student affairs conference will be held at West Chester end of May 22-24 before Memorial Day. We will co-sponsor a networking reception (like we did at Cal). We would give \$500 for the reception and have the Women's Consortium banner there. Nicolette makes a motion to allot \$500 for a networking reception at the Student Affairs conference held at West Chester University in May. Vicky seconds the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Nicolette will handle the reception details.

Kim presented an inquiry/request for stickers that could be used for office doors. There are some that say summer leadership institute. Sara will see if she can find out if she can get more with only the Women's Consortium logo.

We may have depleted our supply of stationary. Nancy asked where we could obtain more. Nicolette suggested she get something made and present the bill to Colleen. We can continue to get the membership brochures made at Shippensburg.

We had a brief discussion of the following issues:
How to increase our visibility?
How can we recruit?
How do we bring in campuses that aren't coming?

We will certainly need more input from the membership on the questions above.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27pm.

If you have comments or suggestions for edits to these minutes please contact, Kim Woznack.
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