

**PASSHE Women's Consortium
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2008**

* these minutes have not yet been approved

Attending: Andi McClanahan & Mollie Whalen (ESU); Heather Frederick (SRU); Nancy Rumfield, Sally Van Orden (WCU); Theresa Bloskey (BU); Barbara Dennison, Nicolette Yevich, Sara Grove, Maryrose Wilson, Colleen McQueeney (SHIP); Sharon Stringer (LHU);

Meeting was called to order at 10:05AM

Campus Updates:

West Chester: Luna Fest, Vagina Monologues, Women's Studies very active, but not as involved in the Consortium; grant to promote attendance at women's arts events.

East Stroudsburg: Vagina Monologues, Gail Dines; Pay Equity Day; Take Back the Night; Daisy Drop; Clothesline Project;

Slippery Rock: looking for new Women's Studies coordinator; Luna Fest; Vagina Monologues & Eve Ensler; Feminist free speech day;

Bloomsburg: resurgence of Commission for Women; hosted fall conference; recognition for women on campus; new President at BU-David Soltz --very supportive; Take Back the Night; retention and diversity initiative;

Shippensburg: annual retreat, remembering women on campus; met with new woman Provost; Vagina Monologues; Luna Fest; sponsoring students to New Orleans 10th anniversary Vagina Monologues; helping support students with cash needs (\$50-\$100) for food, heat etc. Sandra Steingraver (Ithaca) spoke about environmental causes of early puberty; book discussion every fall and spring;

Lockhaven: speakers during women's history month—assistant to Toni Morrison. No consortium, women's studies serves a forum for women; No women's center at LHU. Have been advocating with President, a lot of student support. (Bloomsburg shared their success in starting up a women's center...now getting some funding) (Edinboro had a similar model for getting their women's center)

Minutes and Reports:

Approved *Minutes* as corrected, from the fall exec council meeting.

Treasurer's Report from Colleen: Distributed and discussed. Accepted. \$ still owed for student leadership conference (Ship, SRU, Mansfield, Lockhaven).

Membership Report from Colleen: Distributed. Need for membership drive identified.

Old Business

1. Website - We need a website coordinator. Theresa McDevitt at IUP volunteered—if no one else suggested. There is a URL issue, which needs to be addressed to get it directly. We also need volunteers to collect and organize the information, keep it updated.
2. Newsletter - volunteers are needed for the Circle to be published on the website. Perhaps this could be the same group of volunteers who keep the website updated.
3. Staff Leadership Institute - Maryrose Wilson reported and distributed the proposal. The proposal needs an assessment piece. There was discussion about need for participants to return to campus and connect with campus women's group—consortium, commission for women, women's center, women's studies. This should be a component of the proposal. The campus contacts should also be in the loop.
4. Undergraduate Leadership Institute - Sara Grove & Heather Frederick reported. Will have a new counselor this year. Response to the Institute has been good. We also need presenters and a speaker to talk about feminism. Other sessions discussed were: Stitch & Bitch, yoga, women & leadership. A book has not yet been identified. Dates are June 22-27.
5. RFP for Status of Women in System. This RFP is not on web. So far we have had no responses. The call for proposals needs to be updated. Nancy Rumfield will send the Mary Keetz report to Sharon Stringer, who is interested in doing research in this area.
6. The Circle - the consortium's newsletter. The Newsletter has not been published in many years. The current plan is to have it online and available on the website. Volunteers are needed to organize this process and to collect information from each campus.
7. Faculty Leadership Institute. Maureen's shared a letter with the Consortium, canceling the Institute for Summer 2008. This was a surprise for both Andi and Theresa who thought they were working on it with her. Theresa described the Institute for the group. Theresa, Andi will meet with Maureen in August to develop an organization handbook for the Institute and plan for 2010.
8. By Laws: Discussion on proposed changes for nominations and elections and quorums for meetings. Suggest using a raw number—14—to establish quorum. Approved to send proposed changes to the membership. There was also discussion about membership year.
9. SCUPA: still no contract. Strike authorized. Issues include health care, no raises.
10. APSCUF: President elections...discussion. Notice of non-discrimination. Will not include gays and lesbians. Hope to revisit this after new chancellor is on board.

11. AFSCME: looking at department secretaries job descriptions.

New Business

1. President –Elect position announced: Andi McClanahan, East Stroudsburg University. Suggestion next time to send a description of the person(s) running. Andi will send out thank you letter, with a brief bio.
2. Fall Conference: Slippery Rock. Heather Frederick reported. The theme is Women & Politics: The Power of Choices, Coalitions, Alliances, and Collaborations. Connecting Luna Fest. Included with registration fee. Motion to approve \$300 to co-sponsor Luna Fest. Approved.
3. Chancellors Office new initiatives. Report from Theresa who spoke with Charmaine Clowney. A new Chancellor is in the process of being selected. Charmaine wants to create an Office of Women's Affairs, staffed with someone who will connect with the consortium. Consortium could write a letter of support for this concept.
4. PA Governor's Conference for Women. Consortium can be a supporting organization. No fee, just promote it to the membership. Approved. Could have a table there for \$350. Discussion. No one was in support of a table. There was discussion about sponsoring a lunch table for students. Will look into costs.
5. Conference planning document/timeline. Would like people to get together and develop a document.
6. Nominations Committee. President-Elect will be needed for Fall 2008, when Andi takes over as President.
7. Other:

Adjusted lifetime membership for staff. \$150. Discussed. Motion made, approved.

Heather: No mandatory sexual harassment training for faculty. A student wants to work on this. There was discussion and suggestions.

Attendance at VP for Student Affairs annual conference. Consortium presence.

Maureen & faculty leadership institute. Recognition at conference. Also for Carol Holland. Also for Malinda. Past Treasurer Mary Mowrey. Discussion and agreement.

Adjourn.