

President's Commission on the Status of Women
Minutes
10/14/14

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Present: Gail Carr, Jessica Dutille (Chair), Chantalle Forgues Stephanie Hersh, Katie Herzig, Anne Jung-Mathews, Lauren Lavigne, Wendy Palmquist, Mary Beth Ray, Alice Staples

Agenda:

1. Update on Young Women's Conference
2. Form Work Groups

- Jess welcomed everyone to the meeting. She began by acknowledging Stephanie Halter for her nine years of service as the Chair. Jess also thanked Lauren Lavigne for her service as Interim Chair. She talked about how serving on the commission is something that has meant a great deal to her. Jess opened the meeting with the Maya Angelou quote: *"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."*
- The commission members went around and introduced themselves.

1. Update on Young Women's Conference

- Katie and Ann gave the update on the conference, which will take place on **October 25th from 9am-1pm in the HUB.**
- There will be three workshops: 1. Healthy Relationships, 2. Gender Stereotypes, 3. Body Image.
- There will be ten resource tables.
- President Steen will welcome the girls at 10am, followed by the workshop sessions. Lunch will be a noon in Prospect. We will go back to the HUB for a performance by Mixed Emotions and a wrap up.
- Currently we have two girls registered for the conference. We are focusing on gaining more attendees.
- Gail suggested that we contact the schools that sent girls to the last conference.
- Stephanie offered to volunteer at the event.
- All commission members are welcome and encouraged to be at the event.
- We will have a BINGO sheet to encourage the girls to visit each resource table. The raffle prizes will be items from the PSU bookstore.

2. Form Work Groups

-Young Women's Conference

Anne, Lauren, Katie, Jess

-Theo Kalikow Awards

Wendy, Gail, Alice, Lauren (the Voice)

-Policy Making

- Chantalle spoke about what the policy making group has done in the past.
- Wendy spoke about how Title IX presentations will be given to all first year students.
- Stephanie will be speaking with Jeff Furlone today about Title IX.
- Chantalle spoke about some of the concerns in regards to sexual assault, one of them being that one person ultimately judges the cases.
- Alice noted that having Voices Against Violence a part of the process is a positive thing. She also suggested that prevention should be a focus.
- Chantalle talked about a Yes means Yes standard in contrast to a No means No standard.
- Stephanie spoke about her concern in this area, which led her to scheduling a meeting with Jeff Furlone. She also mentioned looking into student-designed scenarios acted out on campus.
- Alice did suggest that there should be more communication between this commission and Jeff Furlone's office.
- Anne and Katie suggested inviting Jeff Furlone and Janette Wiggett to a meeting. Jess will do that.
- Forming a policy group is tabled until we gain more information.

-Work and Home Life Balance Forums

Lauren, Chantalle, Gail

-Art Exhibit/Body Image

- Jess will check in with Meagan Shedd to find out if this is still on the table.
- Gail suggested that Fran Rancourt be considered as a speaker for the Theo Kalikow Awards Ceremony.
- Anne suggested that President Steen be the speaker this year, as it is her last.
- The work group will be in touch with the President's office to schedule the event.
- Stephanie spoke her work with the Jeanne Shaheen campaign and offered flyers for anyone who is interested.

We will not meet at our regularly scheduled day/time, due to Veteran's Day.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 18th.