

**President's Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Minutes**  
**3/10/15**

Submitted by: Jessica Dutille

Present: Gail Carr, Angel Ekstrom, Jessica Dutille (Chair), Stephanie Halter, Wendy Palmquist, Mary Beth Ray, Meagan Shedd, Karen Schaffner, Alice Staples,

**Agenda**

1. Work Groups

Jess welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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**Young Women's Conference**

Jess mentioned that Mary Beth is working with students to put together a short promotional video. The event will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup> and all commission members are invited to attend.

Stephanie announced that she is going to attend a meeting next week in regards to smoking on campus.

**Theo Kalikow:**

Lauren confirmed President Steen as our speaker. The Newfound room is booked.

Alice will take care of food.

The event will take place at 3:30pm., with the keynote and presentations of awards to follow at 4pm.

Stephanie had the certificates printed through PR in the past and would then purchase inexpensive frames. Jess will connect with Lauren in regards to getting the certificates printed.

A meeting for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am was scheduled to review Theo Kalikow and POWA award nominations.

Stephanie will put together the nomination form through Qualtrics, and then Jess will send it

out to all faculty, OS, and PAT staff.

Wendy suggested that it also be sent out to students. Jess will be in touch with the Dean of Students Office to inquire about sending it out to all students.

Alice put together the program for last year's ceremony. She will check to see if she still has the file.

Karen will work on getting the event in campus calendars.

Stephanie will reach out to Dick Hage in regards to inviting Theo Kalikow.

### **Work Life Balance**

Jess spoke about Denise Normandin's interest in working with us on hosting Work Life Balance forums.

Stephanie spoke about how the PCSW has developed and suggested policies in the past. This is a possibility for the work life balance topic.

The commission discussed the current smoking policy on campus and transitioning to a completely tobacco free campus.

Karen will make sure that everyone receives the related survey sent out by HR.

Meagan asked how becoming a smoke free campus works from an HR perspective.

Karen spoke about the supports that will be put in place, which will be supported through the grant.

Angel spoke about the March Against Violence that will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11:30am and will start in front of the HUB. She asked that commission members promote the event to students. Voices Against Violence will be setting up the Clothesline Project on the common.

Next meetings:

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-9:15 (special meeting to review award nominations)**

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30pm.**