

President's Commission on the Status of Women

Minutes

10/11/16

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PCSW Members Present: Chantalle Forgues, Wendy Palmquist, Mary Beth Ray, Meagan Shedd, Lauren Lavigne

Agenda

1. Work Groups/ Projects
2. Commission Membership Discussion

The meeting began at 12:30pm.

(Alice Staples is not retiring, right Alice ☺)

1. Work Groups / Projects

Campus Issues: Diversity related concerns

CF: Raising awareness about women's issues on campus; Reach out to the president?

LL: **Should we have another open forum? ***Yes, Lauren will check in with Jess for next needs assessment; Book time with President to go over last years findings *****

WP: Lack of diversity issues coming up at multiple meetings across campus; how can we help.

MS: Sage Center still up on the website; In campus web search

CF: Connection to mission statement

WP: Diversity commission (?); President's involvement in commissions;

MS: Are these commission's priorities for the current president; Statement in support of diversity issues? Safe spaces related issues;

WP: Student reps for committees on campus?

Campus Issues: General: How to get people involved and get back to Ut Prosim
How can we reach out and talk to the greater community?

MS: Checking back on the forum from last year; What concerns are still there/been addressed? Open forum to students? Identify community needs and then going back to the President (to be on task with our mission as PCSW)

WP: Regular needs assessment might be a good idea / yearly? What do we need to do to make progress?

MS: Report on what we find and make it available to the community; Produce yearly reports – maybe with the Women's Studies Council; Timeline?

LL: Thinking about how we can get students to the resources they need

2. Commission Membership Discussion

Discussion about continuing commission membership: Talk of appointment letters; Letters of appointment from President Birx?

Next Meeting: November 8

