Presidents Commission on the Status of Women  
Tuesday, September 8th, 2020  
12:30-1:30 pm, Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Sara Donahue, Jess Dutille, Katie Herzig, Casey Krafton, Wendy Palmquist, Chantalle Forgues, Jane Weber, Alice Staples

Leadership for AY2020/21

- Jess extended her sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as chair for the past six years. She explained that it has been her honor and that she feels it is the right time to resign and invite a new chair to take over. She will remain a member of the commission.
- Chantalle will be AY2021-22 chair. In the meantime, Hannah and Chantalle will serve together as co-chairs for AY2020-21. Due to current teaching challenges, Hannah will take a leadership role as Interim Chair over the next few months by putting together agendas and calling/facilitating meetings.
- Jane will be secretary and will take Hannah’s place with taking the minutes.
- We decided to use Teams to collaborate and store files, meeting minutes, etc. Hannah will also send reminders/notes via email.

19th Amendment Celebration

- Academic Affairs expressed interest in the PCSW and Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Council putting together an event for 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration in time for Constitution Day (September 17th). We agreed that between being unable to host an in-person event due to COVID and the available bandwidth of our members, we would instead put out a pithy communication to the campus which acknowledges that people of color were left out of the 19th Amendment and encourages everyone to exercise their right to vote in the November election. Katie will work on putting a draft together for us to review, collaborate on, revise together. Alice will work with the other librarians on putting together a book display in Lamson.
- Jess will communicate this plan to Ann McClellan

Review Open Forum and Survey Report

- We need to decide how we plan to disseminate the report to cabinet, campus, and necessary stakeholders. This will be our first agenda item at our meeting next month. We discussed the possibility of bringing the report to the BLM Working Group as this report will support their formal request for a cabinet-level “diversity” position.
- First, this month, we will take some time to review the report and provide any final edits. Jess will ask Janette Wiggett to take a look at the second draft.
• In the future, we will work more closely with Janette to combine the surveys that go out to the community to reduce survey overload and repeat information/reports.

Theo Kalikow Awards

• We need to print and frame the awards and send to our recipients. Jess will work with Marketing on printing. Katie will provide Jess with Melissa McClinton’s address.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13th