

Committee on the Status of Women

Minutes Wednesday, Aug 20, 2014; 9:15 - 10:15 am, Gruening 718

Members Present:, Jane Weber, Megan McPhee, Derek Sikes, Diana Di Stefano, Erin Pettit, Kayt Sunwood, Mary Ehrlander, Ellen Lopez

Members absent: Jenny Liu, Nilima Hullavarad, Michelle Bartlett

Members on sabbatical: Amy Barnsley

1. Fall Women's Luncheon: September 16, Tuesday 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm, Wood Center Ballroom.

Margaret Thayer, retired curator of the Division of Insects at the Field Museum of Natural History, will be the speaker. Derek has helped coordinate with her and will introduce her. Her talk will begin shortly after 1pm. Setup will begin at 12:00. She will do a separate meeting and presentation for students, which Kayt will organize for a date TBD between the 10th and the 16th. Menu: vegan soup, two salads, 3 sandwiches, and probably a dessert.

2. Fall Conversation Café: Tuesday October 7, 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Probably in Wood Center Ballroom (Kayt will confirm).

Handouts for this event will be placed on tables at the Luncheon. Suggestion: Breakout sessions / small group format. Preparing for Faculty Success: Promotion and/or Tenure at UAF: For term, research and tenure-track faculty. Ellen, Mary, Erin, and Kayt will meet to finalize subject and details. Possibly meet with Margaret during her visit to discuss ideas. Then in the spring have a mentoring conversation café.

3. Women's Center Advisory Board

Met with Chancellor June 19th to discuss Kayt's report; state of the program, highlights, and goals. Chancellor Rogers noted that UAF needs to do a better job of retaining and promoting women faculty to Full Professor. The Women's Center and/or CSW hopes to take on this issue – initially to gather information. CSW might plan an information gathering event during which mid career women faculty are interviewed to record their concerns and what explains UAF's disparity in male versus female Full professors. Past reports on this issue are archived on the CSW portion of the Faculty Senate website and Sine Anahita's webpage.

Women's Center is getting the old credit union space. Some new furniture was provided. The space needs to be painted & carpeted, and the move completed. Trying to have it open for Fall semester.

4. Chairs for the year

Jane with Ellen as co-Chair with full support of present CSW members.

5. Upcoming CSW meetings

Wednesday, Oct 1, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Gruening 718

November, 5th, 10:30 – 11:30 am.

December 3rd, 10:30 – 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Derek Sikes, These minutes are archived on the CSW website:

<http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/committees/14-15-csw/>