

Committee on the Status of Women

Minutes: 31 August 2015, Gruening 718, 10:30-11:30

Present:

Jane Weber, Ellen Lopez, Mary Ehrlander, Erin Pettit, Alex Fitts, Megan McPhee (phone)

Members absent: Diana Di Stefano, Derek Sykes, Women's Center Coordinator

1. Luncheon

- a. Funds \$400 short, according to Jayne Harvie, catering, \$1900 plus set up, but we don't need to worry too much about this.
- b. In future, maybe change it to a reception, to keep costs down more mingling, but keep ice cream!
- c. 12:30 start, 11:30 we need to be there to set up. Ellen will do welcome/intro
- d. checking on videoconferencing for luncheon, maybe just recording, not having it live
- e. Need gifts, card for people helping with luncheon especially, Jayne, Sally, Nicolle.

2. Conference call during meetings – to save costs, suggestion to switch to facetime or similar. We will try it next meeting

3. Fall Conversation Café.

- a. October 20? maybe hold off because we don't feel like we have time for planning right now.
- b. What could we do that would satisfy the needs of the women faculty without making the planning onerous. maybe mixing up an evening potluck and a lunch or pub evening. There is no one size fits all, so maybe mixing these up would allow more participation. The goal is to build the community and provide a safe space for discussion.
- c. Ellen, will let Joy know that our Oct 20 Cafe` won't happen.

4. Membership

- a. Senate bylaws, our committee should have 10 members
- b. We have 8 (Mary, Erin, Ellen, Derek, Megan, Jane, Diana, plus women's center coordinator).
- c. We are two short, Jane will ask Jayne about this.

5. New Women's Center Coordinator

- a. Starting soon, we will begin conversations with her.

6. CSW chairs for year –

- a. keeping Ellen and Jane, but they really want someone to take over next year!

7. Time for meetings

- a. Fridays is most likely.
- b. October 16, 10:30pm-12.

8. Diversity on Campus

- a. Erin asked - other diversity support efforts on campus? Alex says there has been past effort, self-destructed. Alex and others made recommendations to provost, but nothing has happened.
- b. just brainstorming about big picture problems

Next meeting: 16 Oct 2015 10:30-12; Gruening 718