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 Café 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