

Committee on the Status of Women

Revised 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 are \$400 short. According to Jayne Harvie, costs include catering, \$1900 plus set up. We are optimistic that this will not be a problem this year.
- b. In future, we will consider other, lower cost options, such as hosting a reception that still ensures opportunities for mingling, but keep ice cream!
- c. 12:30 start, 11:30 we need to be there to set up. Ellen will serve as luncheon emcee.
- d. Checking on videoconferencing for luncheon, maybe just recording, not having it live
- e. Discussed how to acknowledge individuals who help with luncheon

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? We will hold off to allow for planning.
- b. What could we do that would meet 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 Morrison know that our Oct 20 Cafe` is postponed.

4. Membership

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

5. Women's Center Coordinator

We will begin conversations with center director as soon as we as we are able

6. CSW chairs for year –

Ellen and Jane are willing to serve as co-chairs with the hope that in the future the leadership will be transferred to other interested individual(s)

7. Time for meetings

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

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