

Minutes - Commission on the Status of Women: March 8, 2022

Members Present

Stephanie Adams
Megan Atkinson
Erica Bower
Nicole Cook
Michelle Estes
Amy Foster
Lelia Gibson
Cassandra Gronendyke
Helen Hunt
Savannah Hunter
Amber Lovell
Ramona Mayfield
Lauren Neal
Julie Stepp

Non-Members Present

Diana Lalani

Notified of Absence

Paula Hinton
Robert Owens

Members Absent

Allen Driggers
Halle Ford
Cindy Gates
Niya Sparks
Ashley Wright

Agenda: Lelia moved approval of the agenda, Helen seconded, and the motion was approved.

Minutes: Julie moved approval of the January minutes, Lelia seconded, and the motion was approved.

Women's Center Report: Helen updated members on activities and upcoming Women's History Month events, including 3/21's Title IX at 50 talk and the Monday Social with Tech Aspires.

University Policy Report: Helen reported that Kevin Vedder, in Human Resources, appears to be on board with the proposed Preferred Name policy for employees. They also discussed the Parental Leave and Bereavement Leave policies.

Programming & Publicity Report: Lelia reminded the commission that "Medical Misogyny: A Conversation with Maya Dusenberry" is scheduled for March 29 at 7 p.m. in Derryberry Auditorium. (This has since been postponed until 4/18.)

Safety Report: Megan reported that the Safety Walk will occur on March 9, meeting at Au Bon Pain in the library at 5 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Steph notified members that about \$425-\$525 is remaining, and that they will need to consider how to spend it by the 4/12 meeting. Members suggested umbrellas or other branded items, One Billion Rising T-shirts, or a field trip to see the Nashville Library's Votes for Women exhibit.

Awards Ceremony Update: Lelia reminded everyone of the April 4 awards dinner to be held at 6 p.m. in Bell Hall Room 260. Invitations will be mailed and up to 30 guests can attend. Lelia moved approval to accept the committee's recommendation for the 2021-22 Award nominees of Dr. Sandi Smith-Andrews and Hannah Eitzen, Helen seconded, and the motion was approved. A discussion about simplifying nomination process was tabled.

Goals for 2022-23: Stephanie asked that members send her ideas for goals to set for 2022-23 via email.

Nominating Committee Appointments: For 2022-23, there are four faculty spots, two clerical spots, and one administrative spot to be filled.

Announcements: Stephanie sent an email with links about Netflix's "City of Joy" film and V-Day's Dismantle the Patriarchy Contest for students.

Adjournment was agreed to at 4:26