

Minutes - Commission on the Status of Women: October 8, 2019

Members Present

Stephanie Adams
Megan Atkinson
Sydney Brumbach
Zeva Edmondson
Lelia Gibson
Paula Hinton
Helen Hunt
Brittany Lafever
Olivia Newman
Waldhys Rodoli
Nicole Smith
Padmini Veerapen
Nicole Williams
Ashley Wright

Non-Members Present

Libby Gays
Diana Lalani

Notified of Absence

Paula Greathouse
Ann Hellman
Allen Driggers

Members Absent

Allyssa Peters
McKinley Thomas

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

Minutes: Lelia moved approval of the September 2019 minutes, Paula H. seconded, and the motion was approved.

Women's Center Report: Diana updated members on the activities of the Women's Center since the last meeting. A copy of the written report was distributed via email and is also attached.

Safety Walk Date: November 12 at 6 p.m. The rain date is November 19 at 6pm.

Update on student members: The President's Office chose two student members from SGA to appoint to the CSW. Sydney was nominated by the CSW and approved by the President's Office. Leila moved to nominate Sydney as the Executive Committee student member, Stephanie seconded, and the motion was approved.

Vote on definition of "just cause" for missing meetings: The commission voted to include the following definition of "just cause" to Section VII, I. of the Procedures. Paula H. moved approval of "an absence due to a personal or work emergency but not a regularly scheduled event", Lelia seconded, and the motion was approved.

Programming and Publicity Report: Stephanie reported on the activities of the subcommittee and reminded everyone of the November 15 deadline for CSW award nominations. The subcommittee is also working on a Survivor's Resource card for Law Enforcement. Center Stage proposals are being considered and members were asked to share ideas by sending to the subcommittee chair.

Safety report: In Allen's absence, Olivia updated members on plans for the November 6 Safety Walk and invited everyone to attend. She suggested that members invite students to the walk as well.

Policies and Procedures Report: Padmini reported on the subcommittee's progress and there was a discussion of attending building meetings at the planning stages. A written amendment to CSW Procedures with a Treasurer description for member input and a list of TN College Gender Neutral

Bathrooms was distributed via email and is also attached. After some discussion, the subcommittee was asked to circulate revisions before the next meeting.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Adjournment was agreed to at about 3:50.

Report of Women's Center Activities & Events September 9 to October 5, 2019

- Students completed first drafts and some editing of articles for Attune.
- Network with ROTC to write an article about female cadets.
- 9/6 - 9/13 RUC *Love Shouldn't Hurt* Display with dating and healthy relationship info. Cosponsored with Project AWAKEN.
- 9/10 Provided set-up assistance for Project AWAKEN's Coffee with a Cop.
- 9/10 Hosted the first Commission on the Status of Women meeting in our offices.
- 9/12 and 9/26 Hosted two BIDE (Body Image and Disordered Eating) student peer support group meeting.
- Completed purchase of WHET (Women in Higher Education in TN) institutional membership.
- 9/12 Assist with Daisy Hernandez planning and itinerary.
- 9/17 *Equal Means Equal* film screening for Constitution Day with Project AWAKEN.
- 9/19 Met with Centerstone Community Health Worker to network and understand services provided.
- 9/19 Met with SGA member about possible Sex Week bill and offered advice.
- 9/20 Met with Public Relations intern for monthly review meeting.
- 9/23 – 10/1 RUC Center Stage speaker *Dawn Schiller* Display with interpersonal violence and statistic mints.
- Designed and produced flyers, handouts, resources, and social media posts for events.
- 9/23 Some WMC staff contributed to *Invasive Queer Kudzu* (Center Stage event) project and assisted with advertisement, support, and networking.
- 9/24 Attended Project AWAKEN Community Coordinated Response Team meeting.
- 9/24 & 9/25 Composed and sent WMC Enews to students and faculty who requested to be on our list.
- 10/1 Hosted *First Tuesday Book Club* Meeting.
- 10/1 Hosted Dawn Schiller in the afternoon (assisted with tech issues and took to dinner) and her evening Center Stage presentation.
- 10/4 Met with Journalism student for interview about center and services.
- 10/5 Tabled an early Saturday morning Preview Day event at the Hoop.
- Prepare Breast Cancer Awareness display and educational mints.
- Other office duties: reception, library check-outs, first visit "tours" and volunteer inquiries, student worker training, food requests and catering orders, timesheets, flyer posting, supply orders, bookkeeping, shared drive and IT issues, schedules, communications with Provost's Office, CSW needs, referrals, advocacy

Ongoing Projects & General Updates

- Continue serving as supervisor for a Public Relations intern this term.
- Continue to organize and improve the Women's Center website.
- Continue to update and improve our social media presence.
- Continue to work with Project Awaken.

Submitted by Diana Lalani, in the absence of a director