

Minutes - Commission on the Status of Women: November 12, 2019

Members Present

Stephanie Adams
Megan Atkinson
Sydney Brumbach
Allen Driggers
Zeva Edmondson
Lelia Gibson
Paula Greathouse
Ann Hellman
Paula Hinton
Helen Hunt
Oliva Newman
Waldhys Rodoli
Nicole Smith

Nicole Williams
Ashley Wright

Non-Members Present

Libby Gays
Diana Lalani

Notified of Absence

Padmini Veerapen

Members Absent

Allyssa Peters
McKinley Thomas

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

Minutes: Paula H. moved approval of the October 2019 minutes, Lelia seconded, Ann abstained, 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.

University Policy Report: Padmini sent a brief report which is attached.

Programming and Publicity Report: Stephanie reported that nominations are coming in for the Alison Piepmeier and CSW Excellence awards and that the committee is making progress on the Law Enforcement Handout. Ann reported on the state of the website and the need for updated procedures. The committee recommended Kayla McKeon as the 2020-2021 Center Stage proposal. Lelia moved approval of the recommendation, Paula H. seconded, and the motion was approved. A brief report is attached.

Safety Report: Allen again invited members to join the committee that evening for the Safety Walk despite the cold. He suggested that the group consider a spring walk as well, or perhaps an additional meeting to strategize for quicker improvements.

Announcements: Due to the cold, the Safety Walk will begin at 5pm with meetup at Henderson Hall 116.

Adjournment was agreed to at about 3:45.

Report of Women's Center Activities & Events October 7 to November 1, 2019

- Students completed multiple drafts and editing of articles for Attune.
- 10/5 – 10/9 RUC Breast Cancer Awareness Display and educational mints.
- Designed and produced flyers, handouts, resources, and social media posts for events.
- 10/8 assisted with set-up and table staffing at Heating Up the Quad.
- 10/8 Hosted *It Was Rape* film screening with Project AWAKEN.

- 10/9 Student Amy Bosley interviewed a female cadet for an *Attune* article.
- 10/10 and 10/24 Hosted two BIDE(Body Image and Disordered Eating) student peer support group meetings.
- 10/11 Supplied the 25th Anniversary *Attune* for an SGA time capsule request.
- Two new computers, purchased over the summer, were installed
- 10/18 Diana attended the WHET (Women in Higher Education in TN) conference in Smyrna.
- Assisted with promotion of Daisy Hernandez, *What Were You Wearing*, CSW Awards, and College of Business Women's Leadership Conference through flyer posting and/or social media.
- 10/19-10/22 RUC Display: Center Stage speaker Daisy Hernandez
- 10/22 Hosted and participated in the CSW Programming and Publicity meeting
- 10/22 Staffed CSW-hosted Daisy Hernandez evening presentation.
- 10/24 Diana met with Cheryl Montgomery, Chair of the Provost's WMC Advisory Committee
- 10/24 Diana attended Project AWAKEN's Solidarity with Survivors evening
- 10/23 and 10/25 Diana and student Amy B. were interviewed by two Ph.D. students for a project.
- 11/1 Cosponsored College of Business Women's Leadership Conference and Diana attended with 3 students. We had a table display and networked with several students.
- Prepare Wilma Carr Scholarship and *What Were You Wearing* RUC displays
- Collaborate with Tn Tech chapter of the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology to host a November film screening of *Raising of America: Are We Crazy About Our Kids?*
- Solicited prospective interns from Communication and Counseling departments.
- Began Center Stage proposal ideas with students.
- 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 and PEPs (Peer Empowerment Program).

Submitted by Diana Lalani, in the absence of a director

11-12-19 University Policy subcommittee report

Programming and Publicity:

P&P met to finalize a timeline for the awards. We created survey forms in Qualtrics, tracked down the CSW logo files that the commission paid for last year, and publicized the award nominations. We (as in Stephanie Adams) hosted Daisy Hernandez, one of CSW's Center Stage speakers from last year, and determined a new speaker to present to the commission for next year's Center Stage. We also continued the revision process for the Law Enforcement Handout, which is still ongoing. - Helen Hunt

University Policy:

With regard to the Policy & Procedure Subcommittee, at this point, I'm waiting for things to be set in motion by Capital projects. They are not quite sure what buildings are up for renovation yet after Bruner. Recall we discussed last time that CSW would want to be present during design meetings in order to address the bathroom issue right at the beginning. - Padmini Veerapin