

Commission on Women Meeting 12/22/99

Members present: L. Larson, D. Olson, M. Cain, A. Shaw, C. Belk, C. Harkins, L. Janke, C. Paulson, B. Elliott, P. Cragun, L. Kragness, D. Petersen-Perlman, K. Riggs

Members excused: ?

I. Linda welcomed all of the members.

II. Approval of minutes from 12/8/99. Changes were suggested and given to Linda Larson. B. Elliott moved to accept the minutes, C. Belk seconded. All were in favor. Approved.

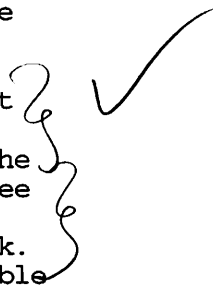
III. Committee Reports:

A. Budget & Grants - two items

(1) Proposal from L. Janke, WRAC, to have a speaker, Mr. Graeme Reid, come to UMD to speak on the topic of eating disorders. L. Janke left the room while this proposal was being discussed. Date of proposal: March 3, 2000- Kirby Ballroom. This fits in with Women's History month also. B. Elliott moved to have the Commission on Women accept this grant, M. Cain seconded. All were in favor. Approved.

(2) Other issue was a question about why some projects are recommended for funding and others are not. The Budget & Grants Committee used the guidelines which were approved by the full Commission. These guidelines are an evolution over the last five years; the last 2-3 years we have moved to fund proposals which benefit the larger UMD community. The Budget & Grants committee takes their responsibility seriously and makes suggestions to the full Commission on those grants which fill the criteris established by the full Commission. The question was raised whether we need to revisit our criteria. The question was also raised about whether we should change the amount of money awarded for small grants. This may be looked at again before next year. Should we add a note on the small grants that they need to be submitted at least one month prior to date of the event? This will be looked at before next year also.

B. National Teleconference - Linda mentioned the Women's Lives Conference to be held in March, 2000. How do we go about selecting those students, staff, and faculty who wish to attend? Should the Commission help with meals and lodging? The funds would come from the whole Commission budget.

Linda mentioned advertising in Currents, WRAC, Statesman about the conference to include students, staff and faculty. This advertisement should show the criteria for those who want to attend the national conference. Applications need to be devised. A sub-committee will work on this to include: L. Kragness, D. Petersen-Perlman, L. Larson and C. Paulson. This will be worked on over the semester break. L. Janke mentioned it would be good to have these applications available in WRAC and in Kirby Student Center. 

Linda Larson will start getting minutes about the meetings held

in Minneapolis on the national conference. She will forward them to Commission members.

C. Programming

The Program Committee met on Monday, Dec. 13 at noon. Present: J. Ringer, P. Cragun, D. Petersen-Perlamm, C. Paulson and C. Harkins. The Mentoring Program was discussed. The speaker will be Jeanine C. Cogan, PhD, jcogan@aol.com. Jan shared her conversations with Dr. Cogan. She has expertise in literature and research with regard to our topic. She looks at differences from a feminist standpoint. She works with policy-type decisions.

Dr. Cogan will be arriving, Tues. Jan. 25 and do a public program that evening. The title of her presentation is "Mentoring Across Generations and Career Paths". On Wed. Dr. Cogan will address the Commission on Women. Some topics we may want discussed include: process of mentoring, training mentors, assessing progress, and pitfalls in other programs. Details were discussed and still need to be ironed out. Publicity need to be done for this program. Names of other organizations to invite to this program were given to C. Harkins. It was suggested to place an ad in the Duluth News Tribune. It was also suggested to contact Sue Latto to compose a press release. Jan Ringer has been the contact person for this event.

Other discussion by program committee on March symposium: how to screen for potential attendees to use the paid reservations. Have a questionnaire or an application similar to the grant application. Ask: why do you want to go? What are your goals: What will you do when you get back? Assure that the process identifies returning students. The suggestions was made to ask the policy committee to take on the screening process.

D. ByLaws & Policies

C. Belk mentioned that this committee has been discussing the ads which have been run in the Statesman lately. It was stated that the problem is that there is no ad policy for the Statesman. The Commission should address this issue. C. Belk mentioned that she spoke with Nick Schmidt, the executive editor of the Statesman. He would be willing to meet with the Commission as a guest. Should we invite him? It was decided to invite him to the February 9, 2000 meeting. C. Belk will invite Nick to meet with us. ByLaws and Policies Committee will draft a letter to the publications board and give to Jane to put in the minutes.

E. Other items:

K. Riggs mentioned that ULGBTA met with Vice-Chancellor Gildseth. Good news: he has approved the position for a full-time director for ULGBTA. Depending on how the search goes, this position may be filled as soon as May. The question was raised about space. Karen does not know where they will be located next year. Because there is still talk about a multi-cultural center, Dr. Gildseth will still work on the topic of space. It will be a part of next year's budget, however.

