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Commission on Women
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minutes

Present: Jean B-T, Virginia B, Leah B, Penny C, Nancy D, Mitzi D, Jeanne D, Barb E, Char H, Lori J, Joy M, Deborah P-P, Jan R, Aubie S, Sharon T, Judy T.

Excused: Dorothy O, Kiandra F, Sheila S, Linda L, Susana P-W

I. Approval of minutes from 11/14 with 1 exception: add Lori Johnson's name to the excused members list.

II. New Business

A. Nancy Hopkins, biologist from MIT - update from Virginia

- Nancy is not available for the spring luncheon, May 1, 2002
- Is her message of academic discrimination against women too heavy for a luncheon?
- A suggestion was offered to pursue a fall 2002 date as a special event or link her with the GOG.
- Virginia will look into dates, budget, and other possible funding issues.

III. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws and Policy - update on staff notification of Maltreatment of Minors Act

- Educators and other specific jobs are mandated and therefore protected from law suits. Will staff, who are not mandated, also be protected?
- A decision was made to find out more information before going any further.
- Jan will talk to St. Louis County staff to have them possibly present information on this topic to the Commission.

B. Grants & Budgets - Aubie - 2 small & 6 large grant requests received

1. Nicholas Lamon from MPIRG requests \$146.20 to fund a series of events for the week of December 3 - 7 focusing on how to promote healthy/realistic body image.

- Motion to fund was seconded and carried.

2. Joe Mackiewicz from the Composition department requests \$266.40 to fund a research assistant

- Discussion brought out the fact that the Commission does not fund research.
- Motion not to fund was seconded and carried.

3. Bilin P Tsai from the Chemistry department requests \$1,000 to help fund (lodging & honorarium) a speaker (Dr. Fowler) for the week of April 12th who will do a series of presentations on mentoring.

- Discussion
- Motion to fund was seconded and carried.

4. Kim Neal Hofsinger from the Theatre department requests \$1,000 to fund a speaker on how women balance family & career in the dance field

- Discussion pointed out that the grant proposal seemed somewhat incomplete, especially budget information.
- Motion to put on hold and allow resubmission with more detailed budget information was seconded and carried.

5. Linda Hilsen from IDS requests \$1,000 to fund a speaker for a workshop on inequity in the classroom.

- Motion not to fund & second was received but a discussion ensued revealing that the proposal was somewhat unorganized, lacking budget information and dates
- Amended Motion to put on hold and allow resubmission at a later date with more details was received, seconded, and carried.

6. Mitra C. Emad from the Soc/Anthropology department requests \$1,416 to fund speakers/scholars from Women's Studies (Sandra Krejewski, Tania Berg, Susan Coltrapp) for the week of March 29th.

- Discussion brought out the fact that no other funding was sought for this proposal.
- Motion to offer partial \$708 funding contingent on their securing matching funds was received, seconded, and carried.

7. Deanna Peterson from athletics requests \$700 to partially fund the on-going services for a dietician (Stephany Stromme) to counsel athletes on eating disorders.

- Discussion pointed out that the Commission does not fund on-going programs.
- Motion not to fund was received, seconded, and carried.

8. Rachael E. Martin from Glensheen requests \$784 to fund advertising & honorarium for presenters to display and talk about the Clara Congdon laces from February through April 2002.

- Discussion brought out that this is not broad enough to impact a wide range of university women.
- Motion not to fund was received, seconded, and carried.

C. Programming - Joy - no report

- Suggestions for a speaker for the spring luncheon (May 1, 2002) were received.
- Professor from the Carlson School of Business on multitasking
- Joe Kelly from New Moon magazine

D. Publication & Publicity - Leah - no report

- A suggestion was made to have this committee look at and update the Commission's brochure.

IV. Task Force Reports - as needed

A. Child Care - Joy

- Forum tonight (11/28/01) with the Student Association at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom
- Jan reports that Joe Michela would like to have information from the Commission on grant funding when he goes to the Regents in February. He also has brochures on play equipment for the Commission to look at, which he will keep in his office until needed.

V. Other

A. Correspondence

- Email of apology from Larry Knopp
- Letter from Main campus asking for nominations to receive the Distinguished Women Scholar Award.
- Should the Commission nominate anyone?
- Barb E will look at this and bring information to the next meeting.

