

Minutes March 26, 2008

Members present: Deborah Petersen-Perlman, Susan Hudec, Kim Storm, Vicki Hansen, Sunshine Carter, Pauline Nuhring, Angela George, Geraldine Hughes, Cindy Christian, Joanne Itami, Susana Pelayo-Woodward.

**I. Elections to the Commission (Pauline)**

- A. By-laws will run the elections.
- B. All commission members should solicit nominations for vacant positions from among the appropriate constituent groups. Personal contacts with possible nominees are most effective. Nominees must agree to run.
- C. Ballots will be mailed electronically by 4/10.

**II. Campus Café (Sunshine on behalf of Kim)**

- A. Commission members should save the date--4/23, 2-3:30 in the Griggs Center. All Commission members should plan to attend and participate (some as table hosts).
- B. Sue Darge will facilitate the session.
  - 1. Brief Intro.
  - 2. Three 15 minute rounds.
  - 3. Final half-hour for refreshments and discussion.
- C. Central question of the Café: Imagine it is five years from now and UMD is the ideal place to work. What would the ideal work climate look and feel like at UMD.
- D. Incentives: we decided against gift cards. We're considering other possibilities, such as a piggy bank for the first 25 attendees (or something else).
- E. Promotion: There will be a tickler post card sent next week asking recipients to "Save the Date". It will read: What in the World is the Campus Café? The post card will be at the final Tea at the Tweed. A second post card will be sent later describing the café concept.
- F. In addition to CW members, Union members will serve as Table Facilitators.
- G. We're working with a \$1000 budget.

**III. "Take Our Children to Work"**

- A. Susana sent an email requesting departments to generate workshops for the attendees.
- B. Of CW members present, Biology, Library, Pharmacy and Tweed might be able to generate a workshop.

**IV. The luncheon**

- A. The menu is set.
- B. We agreed to ask Karen Stromme to be our featured speaker. (Susana will ask her).
- C. Joanne Itami will ask the Suzuki Harpist to provide music (Susan H. has a call in to the Music Department as a back-up).

**V. Grants**

- A. Amnesty students asked for \$300 to go to the national convention. They will do a workshop on specific skills such as working with the media and forming a men's group. Committee approved.

B. WRAC and Housing asked for \$300 to do a self-defense workshop in the Griggs conference room. Committee approved.

C. There's a pending grant from Angie Nichols for \$300 to cover transportation for lobby day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Petersen-Perlman