

## Commission on Women Minutes of 9/27/00

Present: L. Larson, K. Riggs, A. Ranta, P. Merrier, C. Belk, A. Shaw, N. Damberg, B. Elliott, S. MacDonald, P. Cragun, J. Baribeau-Thoennes, D. Petersen-Perlman, S. Pelagzo-Woodward, J. Doty

Excused:

### I. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of 9/13, approved. Moved by B. Elliott, second by D. Peterson-Perlman.

### II. Committee Reports

#### Grants

Convener, undecided. The grant committee will meet regularly on Mondays at 9am prior to regularly scheduled commission meeting. Duties of the group are to be receivers of grants and information source on grants. Nancy Damberg will work directly with Mary Allen on disbursement of grants, eliminating Linda as a middle man. Susanna will take notes for the group, Barb Elliott is the contact person. The grants committee needs assistance from the publications committee to get information to the campus community. Points of consideration the grant committee would like the Commission to consider are:

- 1) will one meeting be dedicated to subcommittees.
- 2) small grants are currently \$300. Should this be changed to \$500, large grants to \$1,000

The timing of receiving/responding to grant proposals has been a problem in the past. A motion was made by Barb Elliott to change the information on grant publicity and establish a policy of "grants received by the 1st working day of the month will be considered and the submitter will be notified of approval/denial by the end of the month. D. Peterson-Perlman seconded, motion carried.

Moved by B. Elliott, second by D. Peterson-Perlman to approve the budget handed out at the 9/13 meeting.

A proposal has been received to fund a small grant in the amount of \$300 to fund Beth Bartlett to speak 10/11 at 7pm in the Ballroom titled "The Truth Never Hurts." This event is also sponsored by ULBGTA, Women's Studies, and the Spectrum Lecture Series. Beth's area of expertise is with women of color, diversity, racial and women's interests. Motion by B. Elliott, second by D. Peterson-Perlman.

#### Bylaws/Policy

Colleen Belk, convener. Recommendations have been made by the committee to revise the following articles:

IV.c., runner-up in a contested election may serve remainder of term, in the case of a refusal of runner up, or an uncontested election the Commission can put forth name of those willing to serve and the Commission can vote on replacements.

VI.g., the annual report may be distributed electronically.

V.b., change to "submit a written proxy."

V.c., clarify language to define Commission on Women membership not constituency.

VIII.c.2., change term to unlimited.

The Committee would like to invite Angie Nichols, Karen Robbins, and Don Harriss to meet with the Commission to discuss policy.

#### Programming

D. Peterson-Perlman convener, J. Doty, P. Cragun

Jessica Hughes has agreed to a reduced stipend and will speak at 4pm on 10/26 in the Ballroom. The

Gallery of Grants will begin at 3:30pm and Jessica will speak for 20-30 minutes. Refreshments will be served and the Programming Committee seeks the assistance of the Publications Committee to promote the Gallery of Grants.

### **Publicity**

S. MacDonald, convener, M. Cain, D. Olson, C. Harkins

The Committee will meet Thursday, 9/28 to discuss updating the web site, the brochure, publicizing the Gallery of Grants, the Spring event, and reaching constituents.

Discussion on the web site centered on no committee member having expertise in producing and modifying web pages and addressing accessibility issues. It was decided by the Commission to pursue working with Graphic Arts to redesign, modernize and update the web site.

### **II. Other**

L. Larson reported that individuals from SFA and CLA have put their names forward and elections will go forward.

Chancellor Martin will speak to the Commission at the 10/11 meeting. Discussion on what items would be addressed were how we work with the Chancellor, decisions on previous library space, the child care issue.

D. Peterson-Perlman reports the child care space will begin construction in the summer. The questions was raised about space for nursing moms. Will the space be incorporated into the child care center or will the Commission office still be used. D. Peterson-Perlman will have a discussion with the child care space consultant regarding this matter.

L. Larson reported that she has enlisted a group of students to survey the campus bathrooms and vending machines for signage, baby changing stations, and feminine products and will report back to her.

### **III. Around the Room**

10/13 - P. Cragun announced that Costa Rican women will display crafts and weaving at Tweed in conjunction with the Spectrum Lecture series. The women also will present on holistic/herbal medicines and medical/social issues in Costa Rica.

10/9-13 - K. Riggs announced ULBGA Coming Out activities/events will include:

10/11, Brown Bag, Library 120

10/12, Hate Crimes, Kirby Terrace

10/13, Brown Bag, K323