

## UMD Commission on Women

### Minutes of January 8, 1993 Meeting

Held in Kirby 355 from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Present were: C. MacLeod (Chair), K. Abrahamson, L. Belote, V. Broughton, S. Coultrap-McQuin, D. Forbes, A. Hershey, E. Hoffman, V. Katz, J. Pribyl, M. Russell-Bogle, and C. Spillers.

Minutes of the December 11, 1992 meeting were approved.

The Commission will wait to hear about child care from V. Broughton and T. Williams.

Travel request from J. Kramer was approved for funding in the amount of \$500.

Regents Professors Nominations are being sought. Not too much is known but it appears one should be a full professor with a national/international reputation. The Commission agreed that we'd like to promote Gloria Brush as a candidate. Dean of SFA, Dick Durst, will be approached to let him know we would help in the nomination process.

Deadline for Spectrum Lecture Series proposals is January 15. The Commission would co-sponsor, with the Hispanic Student Organization, bringing Clarissa P. Estes, author of *Running With the Wolves*. Maya Angelou might also get support from Women's Studies, English Dept., African American Student Services, and the Vice Chancellor's office (it would fit with the current poet series promotions). Spillers and Pribyl will look into it before the deadline.

The FACW Brown Bag will be Tuesday, January 12 in K355. The actual presentation will go from 12 - 1 p.m. and 11:30 - 12 and 1 - 1:30 have been set aside for social and discussion time.

A women from the Duluth paper talked with MacLeod about the "glass ceiling" at UMD. The reporter wanted names of women who had left or had encountered it at UMD. MacLeod suggested she attend the FACW Brown Bag.

*The UMD Statesman* is interested in ongoing articles about the campus climate for women. Some of the Commission members may be interviewed for future articles - a more in-depth article about the Commission and the campus climate is planned.

A graduate student in Social Work will interview MacLeod and a few women medical students.

Ruth Strom-McCutcheon contacted MacLeod about support from the Commission for the Student Service Fee. The Health Center gets a good deal of its support from the Student Service Fee and their concern is that the students will cut the amount.

If the amount is cut there are concerns that women's health concerns and support will suffer. Because real specifics weren't known the Commission decided not to act at this point.

The Director of Affirmative Action Position interviews begin next week, Tuesday, January 12. The Commission decided to use the same process as last time, with standard questions asked during the 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. "group of groups" time in the Regents Room. If people can't make it to the scheduled time they are encouraged to see each candidate during the 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. open forum each day in the Garden Room. Pribyl will try to find the list of questions and include them with the minutes. The Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 26, 3 - 4, K355 to discuss the Commission response to the candidates.

"Friends Meeting" topics for the Winter Quarter were discussed. MacLeod will contact the student who experienced sexual harassment in high school and subsequently won a court case. Apparently the harassment continued into college. The Commission would sponsor her talk and offer it in the late afternoon to encourage the entire community, faculty, staff and students to attend. For Spring Quarter the "Friends Meeting" could include Chancellor Featherman talking about women in higher education and could include Chancellor Youngblood from UWS. The Commission will invite the Emeritus faculty to the spring meeting.

Coultrap-McQuin would like to give a presentation about her experience at the Bryn Mawr Summer Institute sometime before the deadline to encourage faculty to apply. Coultrap-McQuin will get a date together and the Commission will sponsor the presentation.

CSE's mentoring program for women, Women in Engineering and Science (WES), is sponsoring a presentation January 28 from 4 - 6 in Med 142 about women's health issues, STD's, and the health services available at UMD.

V. Katz conveyed "thanks" to the Commission from the two students who served as interns and helped with publicity and promoting the date rape play. Both graduated fall quarter. MacLeod will extend a letter of "thanks" to them for their excellent hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.