

UMD Commission on Women

Minutes from 1/28/09

Members Present: Linda Klint, Geraldine Hughes, Deborah Petersen-Perlman, Beth Peterson, Sandy Zimmer, Sunshine Carter, Joanne Itami, Susana Pelayo Woodward, Anne Tellett, Jerolyn Bruns, Pauline Nuhring, Kim Riordan, Susan Hudec, Vicki Hansen, Angela George.

Discussion/action Items:

1. Approval of minutes from 12/10/08 (DPP/VH)
2. Program committee plans to meet in conjunction with climate committee.
The next tea is 2/10. All are encouraged to help host, even for 15 minutes.
Climate committee met with Sue Darge. Campus Café will be held Tuesday, February 24th. The question for this year's tea is: How can we improve UMD's environment to enhance communication/collaboration, and promote respect?
3. Sunshine reported on updating the website. Issues include the need to add features that will update and make our website more manageable, including more accessible. Sally Brandt from ITSS will be sending a quote for updating. It is usually \$46. Per hour. Susan may have students who can do the graphic design; may lower costs. Sunshine suggested that we call for a tech committee at the annual retreat.
4. Grants...KUMD has requested a \$300 grant. Joanne will follow up. Notice for large grants will be sent out in the next few weeks.
5. Within the next month, members need to decide if they will "re-up". Sunshine found this nominations timeline:
March 11, 2009: Last day for deciding on re-upping
March 25, 2009: Call for nominations sent out via various forms
April 8, 2009: Elections
May 6, 2009: Slate confirmed or count completed at last regularly scheduled Commission meeting.
6. Nominations for the Linda Larson Award typically go out in February. This year, it was decided that we will consider previous nominations as "standing nominations" (for up to 5 years, or however far back DPP has records).
7. New business: Commission on Diversity is sponsoring "Can we talk about race?" and is sponsoring 4 book groups during the spring. Additionally, there will be a Summit "Equity, Diversity and Multiculturalism" to be held Monday, March 30th. Please try to attend any/all events.
On April 21st Ellen Kennedy will be the featured speaker for the Beaumler-Kaplan Memorial.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th.

Submitted by K. Riordan.