

Minutes for UMD Commission on Women 5/9/2007

Members present: Deborah Petersen-Perlman, Susan Hudec, Joanne Gerber, Stacey Stark, Martha Eberhart, Linda Klint, Amy Renne, Kim Riordan, Sharon Torrison, Cindy M. Christian, Geraldine Hughes, Kathy Morris

I. Minutes (MSC: Linda Klint, Martha Eberhart) Approved, as corrected (Susan Hudec did not attend the last meeting, Associate Dean Tim Holst's last name was misspelled).

II. Luncheon de-brief:

- a. Many people liked having the food already on the table AND liked the food, but not all. We discussed waste and skimpy portions.
- b. Reaction to Karen Diver was very positive.
- c. Reaction to Frank Montano was positive, although he didn't stick around very long. We may want to program more music.
- d. We discussed Sheila Autio's email re: use of bus.ann. We have to place items on the Events Calendar AND in Currents.
- e. Flowers for the Linda Larson Award nominees were well appreciated.

III. Elections

- a. We need to re-visit our election protocol. We've decided to accept everyone who expressed interest.
- b. The Commission will do the best we can to represent all collegiate units.
- c. DPP will send notes of welcome/congratulations to those who sent personal statements and bios, and requests for blurbs and bios from those who've made a verbal expression of interest noting we'll await their replies.

IV. DPP raised the issue of a new CW project writing to women who've left the UMD faculty.

- a. We discussed doing a written survey.
- b. Kathy Morris suggested doing phone calls.
- c. We decided we could do the surveys and inquire about follow-up phone calls.
- d. We might want to do our own exit interviews—this would entail permission from HR.
- e. We will form a committee to develop this project for 2007-2008.

V. **Grants**—Stacey mentioned that Jiyeon did get some support from her department. We will match those funds.

VI. Economic/Social Responsibility panel. We thanked Sharon again from organizing and emceeing the event. Concern was expressed about students leaving in the middle of one of the speaker's presentations. We will make a point of stressing the need for courtesy at such events and we will explain to speakers that students who attend our programs sometimes leave at the time their classes end.

VII. Retreat—we will plan for June 13 in the Multicultural Learning Resource Center.

- a. We will discuss whether or not to continue with Sharing our Stories, and other program ideas.
- b. We will discuss the need for a fall gathering early in the year—perhaps bringing Rusty back.

- c. We will discuss the response to the Women in Science program, and the desire those women had to gather together to discuss concerns such as career paths, child rearing, etc.
- d. We will discuss the plan to follow-up on why women leave UMD.

VIII. Lively round-the-room.

- a. Deborah mentioned that we may want to elect a new chair.
- b. Sharon 's last day at work is June 29.
- c. Save May 20 at 7 for Krista Tippett at Mitchell Auditorium, CSS
- d. Susan mentioned some upcoming art shows at the Tweed featuring women artists.

Respectfully submitted,