

**Commission for Women  
Minutes  
March 01, 2007**

**Attendance:**

Tabbatha Cavendish, Mary Papke, Lori Epperson, Chuck Maland, Barbara Klinkhammer, Thura Mack, George Hoemann, Rosa Thomas, Lyndsey Hulen, Margaret Crawford, Wendy Syer, Tammi Brown, Jane Redmond, Brandice Green, Nancy Goslee, Mary Evans, Nancy McGlasson, Nancy Howell

*Mary Papke conducted the meeting today in Pam Hindle's absence. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. The agenda was as follows:*

- I. Review/approval of the February minutes.
- II. Second reading and approval of proposed Bylaws amendments.
- III. Mary Evans - Women's Economic Summit
- IV. Report from the Faculty Senate
- V. Report from the Commission for Blacks
- VI. Report from the Commission for LGBT People
- VII. Quilts! Merikay Waldvogel event celebrating Women's History Month and the Appalachian Semester.
- VIII. Committee Reports
- IX. Old/New Business

**I. Approval of February minutes**

- Minutes were approved at 12:05 p.m. with minor corrections to be made.

**II. Review/Proposed Amendment of Bylaws**

- Papke reminded everyone of the proposed changes
- There was a motion to approve the changes at 12:06 p.m.

**III. Mary Evans – Women's Economic Summit**

- Clifton M. Jones Student Leadership Conference
- Evans provided a copy of the program from the January 20, 2007 event
- She summarized some of the key speakers and events that occurred at the conference.

**IV. Report from the Faculty Senate**

- No Report

**V. Report from the Commission for Blacks**

- Community relations forum
- CFB meeting next week
- Nancy McGlasson reported on the practices in the Admissions office at the last CFB meeting

- Papke noted that Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Nikki Giovanni would be on campus.
- Jane Redmond followed up that these events are on the Women's History month calendar.

#### **VI. Report from the Commission for LGBT People**

- On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Commission for LGBT people had their organizational meeting.
- They are now an official commission: [lgbt.utk.edu](http://lgbt.utk.edu)
- They have now had 3 meetings and look forward to collaborating with the CFB, the CFW, and the Dean of Students.
- Right now, the goal is to become more visible.
- UT definition of "Intercultural Diversity" does not include sexual orientation; this is something they would like to change. The satisfaction survey does not have a box to check sexual orientation.
- The Commission for LGBT people is open to lesbians, gays, bisexual, and transgendered people, as well as allies.
- Papke remarked that she spoke with the Chancellor to get a meeting with all the groups to move toward synergy and with that will come visibility.

#### **VII. Quilts! Merikay Waldvogel: an event celebrating Women's History Month and the Appalachian Semester.**

- Cavendish gave information about the event and passed around the event's postcards.
- Hulen took the opportunity to give some highlights off of the Women's History month calendar (which included Waldvogel's presentation on quilts).
- The opening ceremony for Women's History month is this Friday, March 02, 2007 and includes a candlelight vigil.
- Other events include: a visit by Nikki Giovanni and a debate on abortion.

#### **VIII. Committee Reports**

- Communications Committee
  - Quilts: advertised through many mediums
  - Notable Women ballots need to be in by March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Safety Committee
  - No report
- Work and Family Committee
  - No report
- Mentoring Committee
  - Mentoring Brown bag idea presented by Goslee and Cavendish

#### **IX. Old/New Business**

- Evans announced that an ergonomic review person is available to staff for free.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.*

*Minutes submitted by Tabbatha A. Cavendish on April 5th, 2007*