

April Minutes

The Commission for Women

April 2, 2015, 12:00 p.m., Hodges Library Room 605

15 in attendance:

Rachel Chen, Alina Clay, Joy DeSensi, Jennifer Dobbins, Hillary Fouts, Patricia Freeland, Anne Turner (for Mallory Ladd), Mary Lucal, Thura Mack, Stephanie Metz, Mary Papke, Leigh Shoemaker, Wendy Syer, Jessica Welch, Megan Venable

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of March minutes
- III. Report of the Chair
 - a. Awards:
 - b. Romantic relationship policy has been approved
 - i. In the Faculty Handbook, “shall not”
 - ii. Anyone in any supervisory position over a student
 - iii. Publicize new policy in the fall
 - c. Negative press over Lady Vols, de-tenuring,
 - i. Frank Cagle’s column on branding, why there needs to be a separate women’s program
 - d. Co-Chair: Hillary Fouts, will become future Chair for 2016-2017
 - i. Joy as Emeritis member
- IV. Events
 - a. Women in Art, featuring graduate students from the art department (March 25)
 - i. Well-attended, great event
 - ii. If you have ideas for future ideas, please get in touch with Jennifer, CFW GA, at jdobbins@utk.edu
 - b. Women in STEM Summit on April 18
 - i. 19 registered for oral presentation, 16 for poster presentations
- V. Updates
 - a. Graduate Student Senate
 - i. New ombudsman for entire campus, accessible to students
 - b. Sex Week was very successful, with well-attended events
 - c. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- i. Hike the Hill in Heels was yesterday
 - 1. Around 125 attended, law faculty won the “Golden Heel”
- ii. Upcoming events this month:
 - 1. 3 bystander trainings, “consent is not” campaign at the end of the month
- d. New Sexual Assault and Violence policy coming August 15 if board approves
 - i. Equity and Diversity to train faculty and staff on the new policy
 - ii. “Ecological” model to educate students even before they come on campus
 - 1. Online module for incoming students
 - 2. FYS 101 classes, Speakologist training
 - 3. Trainings at orientation