

Commission for Women
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2013

1. Call to Order

Mary Papke called to order the regular meeting of the Commission for Women at 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 3, 2013, in Hodges Library Conference Room 605.

2. Roll Call

The following people were present:

Dan Berryman, David Golden, Rickey Hall, Stephanie Metz, Taryn Norman, Mary Papke, Jennifer Richter, Leigh Shoemaker, Wendy Syer, Rosa Thomas, and Cheryl Travis.

3. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from September 5, 2013, were approved.

4. Open Issues

a) Report by the Chair

- i) Mary Papke will be soliciting nominations campus-wide for women to attend the HERS Institute and asked the commissioners to notify those who might be interested in attending.

b) Report of Committees and Commissions

- i) David Golden reported that the Faculty Senate has requested input from all the Commissions on their handbook policy on romantic relationships between faculty and students. The Senate plans to bring the policy to the Executive Counsel on October 7, 2013, and so that the larger Senate might vote on the policy later this month.
 - a. Cheryl Travis observed that the new iteration of the policy expands the scope of what it covers.
 - b. The Commission noted that there are currently no sanctions for Human Resources to implement if there is a violation of the romantic relationship policy and expressed a desire for system-wide policies and procedures on this issue.
 - c. Several suggestions were made to clarify further the wording of the policy, including what types of disciplinary actions might be taken, as well as the wording used to characterize the relationships discussed within the policy.

c) Other Business

- i) Ashley Blamey and Laura Bryant from the Safety, Environment, and Education (S.E.E.) Center gave a presentation on the impact of sexual assault on UT's campus and what bystander intervention can do to alleviate the situation.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.