

Commission for Women

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2012

1. Call to order

Mary Papke called to order the regular meeting of the **Commission for Women** at **12:00 noon** on **Thursday, October 4, 2012**, in Hodges Library Conference Room 605.

2. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Maxine Davis
Steve Thomas
Mary Papke
Taryn Norman
Joy DeSensi
Hillary Fouts
Jenny Richter
Cheryl Travis
Thura Mack
Rachel Chen

Keith Kirkland
Rosa Thomas
Kierstyn Lamour
Caitlin McCleary

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from Thursday, September 12, 2012, were approved.

4. Open issues

a) Report by the Chair

- i. Mary Papke reported the progress on the search for the Vice Chancellor for Diversity. She encouraged members to attend the forums for the 4 selected candidates, live or via webcast, through October. Members can evaluate online or give feedback directly to Dr. Papke.
- ii. Mary Papke cannot attend the monthly commission meetings for LGBT or CFB. Rachel Chen and Rosa Thomas volunteered to attend as representatives from the CFW. Several members also volunteered as back-ups if future conflicts arise.
- iii. Mary Papke reported that the Commissions met with Provost Martin last month. The Provost is interested in seeing more work done on the faculty/student “romantic relationship” document.

b) Report of Committees and Faculty Senate

- i. Keith Kirkland reported that LGBT is conducting a series on LGBT issues awareness training. The three parts of the series will be offered eventually on iTunes U.
- ii. Steve Thomas reported that the Faculty Senate met and addressed including lecturer representation/inclusion in future senate meetings.
- iii. Caitlin McCleary reported for the Women's Coordinating Council on selecting a media-relations chairperson, recruiting additional members, and reminded members that their event "Take Back the Night" will be held on October 25th at 6:30 p.m. She also spoke about the WCC's future projects like the "Clothesline Project," "Voter Registration," "Breast Cancer Awareness," and membership drives.
- iv. Cheryl Travis reported that the task force concerning faculty/student "Romantic Relationships" will meet the following week.

c) New Business

- i. Rachel Chen: Are there LGBT resources available for parents who need support for sensitive topics? Something for students who are gay and parents of gay children? Keith Kirkland said yes, there are websites available, but not specifically produced here. Can the CFW sponsor a specialty library (site) for parents of kids with these issues?
- ii. Dr. Papke announced that the HERS institute is now open to applicants for this year's program. If you are interested, please check it out and contact her.