



**Women's Faculty Network**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**October 15, 2009**  
**Room 307B**  
**Biological Sciences Building West**

### Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ginger Carney at approximately 10 a.m. The members present were: Ginger Carney, Dominique Chlup, Mary Meagher, Veronica Sanchez, Wyoma van Duinkerken, Kelli Peck-Parrott, Penny Riggs, Elizabeth Umphress, Ranjita Misra, Sarah Deyong.

- I. Introductions
  - Luncheon Flyer was reviewed by those present for any errors.
- II. Approval of minutes from September meeting
  - Minutes approved with one addendum—final cost of luncheon to be \$17 since not hosting at the WFN being charged a delivery fee.
- III. General Business for WFN Network
  - Program ideas for WFN Coffee hour—Discussion and decision to invite Christine Stanley to be the speaker at the December coffee to be co-hosted by WFN and the Educational Administration and Human Resource Development (EAHR) department in the College of Education. Dominique will draft the e-mail to invite Christine.
  - Discussion regarding spring coffee talk speakers—Ginger suggested for spring can work our way through the various top administrators
  - Also discussed having a financial advisor recommended by Jane Welch—Diane Moore of Mustang Financial spoke last week at the Vet school. Would target it for men and women—we want to have a campus wide dialogue. She isn't marketing her services she's doing it as a service component.
  - Mary discussed end of life care as a possible topic. She worked on a committee on Faculty Senate 4 years ago that had addressed flex time for parents, but the elder care giver was tabled at the time. Group had a discussion asking how many people are impacted by the elder care issue. Mary said for some junior faculty might have been an abstraction. Kelli mentioned her own family is going through this right now. Discussion--it can't be for every time this occurs. Maybe a one-time thing. Administrators were pushing back on having it too open ended. Workload re-distribution has to have some limits it can't be their career gets reassigned.

- Elizabeth Umphress asked if this is a WorkLife Balance committee issue. Ginger explained that committee used to be an offshoot of WFN, but has now taken on a life of its own. Sherry Yennello is in charge of that group. Elizabeth will take this issue to Sherry to see if they can take it on and turn it into a resolution for the faculty senate.
- TAMU Women Former Students Association (Nov 13- The Zone)  
Nominees from Architecture for faculty award
  - TAMU WFSN—Carol Jordan in charge of that group. They'll be at the Zone on Nov. 13 for their day long event. We are invited [www.aggiewomen.org](http://www.aggiewomen.org), but have to pay to attend the lunch it's \$35. Luncheon from 12-1:30 and they would like us to be there. They'll be recognizing a woman from each college for her work. They only don't have a woman to recognize from architecture, so Ginger asked for names. Mary gave them the name Mardelle Shepley from architecture. It's non-monetary right now; the award it's for research. From 1:45-3 p.m. they are having a mentoring session. And what they want is to build groups of people—women from industry, A&M faculty, etc., to be mentors for A&M students. They'd love it if a 100 women faculty would show up.

#### IV. 2009-2010 Events

- Reception for New Faculty, co-hosted with BFA and MALFA  
Wednesday October 21, 2009, 4:30-6:00, University Club
  - We have to be out of there by 6 p.m. or else it costs us an additional \$250. Each college representative is to invite the women in their department and the Deans and administrators from their college.
  - Veronica volunteered to pick up nametags and pens for the event. Ginger let her know that she can get reimbursed by Lori Taylor—take the tax exempt form.
- Fall Luncheon Thursday November 12, 2009  
11:30-1:00 Koldus Room 110/111  
Speaker is Dr. Van Titus
- Lori is in charge of nametags. Carol Jordan will come and talk for 10 minutes & will discuss the WFSN and what they do. Ginger distributed the Fall luncheon program for edits/approval. Kelli is in charge of the program. She asked for a rough estimate of attendees. Ginger asked her to coordinate with Lori as she'll have the RSVP account after Nov. 6. In the past, we've used the printing services at MSC. Discussion no walk-ins because we need an exact number for food purposes. Discussion whether to put Van or Adelaide on the programs. Going with Adelaide as opposed to Van since that's her first name and it is how Ginger remembers seeing it on her CV.

- December coffee (Kelli, Dominique and Jia to host in College of Education)
  - Kelli will reserve room 569 in Harrington Tower once Dominique has gotten in touch with Christine to ask her to come to the coffee.
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- Spring luncheon date for 2010- arrange with Interim President Loftin, Karan Watson, Christine Stanley, Antonio Cepeda-Benito
  - Spring luncheon date will either be Wednesday, May 5 or Thursday, May 6. Ginger will get on the administrator's schedules to invite them. Questions will be gathered beforehand, so the administrators are prepared to answer the questions that come up.
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- Fall Luncheon 2010- solicit speaker recommendations
  - Ginger wants us to plan the fall 2010 luncheon in the spring, so we can get on the speaker's calendar. She'll ask the WFN listserv for names, but normally, it's the steering committee that beats the bushes and garners names. Discussion amongst the group that Susan Johnson's name should stay on the list. Ginger mentioned that Christine Stanley's office would be interested in partnering with us to bring a diversity speaker to campus. Penny Riggs has the name of a woman on the Board of Cancer Research group that she will share. By February or March will try to get on someone's calendar 8 months out.

10:43 a.m. adjourned.