

 <p>TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY Women's Faculty Network</p>	<p>Women's Faculty Network</p> <p>Steering Committee Meeting November 5, 2009 Room 307B Biological Sciences Building West</p>
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Action Items from November's Meeting

- 1) Jia Wang will spearhead the WFN Mentoring Award Committee. The award will be given at the Spring Luncheon.
- 2) If the signup deadline for the Fall luncheon is pushed to Monday, Nov 9th Elizabeth will get the Fall luncheon notice posted on Aggie hotline, Ginger will send out a reminder for the Fall luncheon on the listserv.
- 3) Ginger will bring a signup and flyer for the Coffee Talk on Dec 5th
- 4) Ginger will propose having an informal meeting with representatives from the Women's Former Students Association.
- 5) Elizabeth will spearhead changes in the WFN website.

Approved Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ginger Carney at approximately 9:30 a.m. The members present were: Ginger Carney, Jia Wang, Elizabeth Umphress, Veronica Sanchez, Louise Abbott, Val Coleman, Penny Riggs, Jyotsna Vaid

I. Introductions

II. Approval of minutes from October meeting—The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

III. General Business for Women's Faculty Network

- Last year there was no mentoring award. Previous winners were Karen Watson, Mary Jo Richardson, and other accomplished women. Ginger proposed that we have a mentoring award this year. The committee agreed. Need a mentoring committee to work with Val. This could be a cash award. Award winner characteristics should include Female faculty network mentors demonstrating a long term mentoring commitment, talking often with protégé. Could give this award at Spring luncheon. It was discussed that there will be a combined BFA, WFN, and MALFA mentoring award. It was also discussed the possibility of 3 awards (one for each group). The committee decided that the WFN would have its own award, and Jia Wang would spearhead the WFN mentoring award committee.
- The date for the Spring Luncheon was discussed. There was trouble getting administrators to attend on dead days. Alternative dates were identified to be during the week of April 27-29 or 20-22.

- It was decided that we would solicit ideas and nominations for the Fall Luncheon 2010 at the WFN Spring Luncheon.
- Caregiver resolution was sent to the Work-life balance committee for consideration.
- Fall Luncheon: 40 people have signed up, but it could be that people are waiting until the last minute. It was decided that we would extend the deadline until Monday (if possible) and that people could bring their check with them. It was discussed that female graduate students would be allowed to pay a reduced rate of \$12 to attend the lunch, and WFN committee members were encouraged to ask female graduate students to attend.
- It was proposed that the next Fall Luncheon would be in October rather than November to potentially increase numbers of those attending.
- The Women Former Students Association annual meeting will be held the day after our Fall Luncheon (November 13th). We discussed having an informal meeting with representatives from the association.
- The speaker for our coffee talk will be Dr. Christine Stanley. It was discussed that we would have a copy of the coffee flier and signup sheet at the front of sign in for the Fall Luncheon.
- It was discussed that we should consider having writing support group for faculty. The Dean of Faculties could have support for writing scholarly papers, turning dissertations into journal articles. Specifically, it was discussed that a writing support group could be recommended to the Dean of Faculties.
- It was discussed that one of the coffee talks could be a discussion of the issues surrounding being a single parent. When the coffee talk is advertised it could include specific questions related to being a single parent.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.