Women’s Faculty Network Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/3/2013           Hour: 11am -12pm

Location: Harrington Tower Room 616

Presiding the meeting

Jia Wang

Attendees:

Jia Wang (President)
Lisa Campbell (Webmaster)
Louise Abbott (Treasurer)
Gabriela Marin Thornton (Secretary)
Christine Kaunas, MPH, (Director, ADVANCE Center)
Karen Kubena
Gabriela Campagnol
Jill Zarestky
Claire Katz
Kelli Peck Parrot
Violeta Ilik
Tina L. Gumienny, new representative and ex officio member since January, 2011.
Naomi Nagaya
Jodie Lutkenhaus

1. Welcome back and New Members Introduction

Meeting started at 10 am. Jia Wang (President) welcomed everybody and introduced our new members:

Karen Kubena, Agricultural & Life Science
Gabriela Campagnol, Architecture
Violeta Ilik, Library
Tina Gumienny, Texas A&M Health Science Center
Naomi Nagaya, Psychology.

2. General Business

a. Chris Kaunas and Tina L. Gumienny briefed the committee on the new faculty orientation. Tina L. Gumienny also briefed the committee on the merger with Texas A&M Health Science Center.

b. Louise Abbot prepared and presented the budget report (see Annex 1). She was tasked to find out if WFN can hire a student worker to help with this year’s activities.

c. Chris Kaunas & Tina Gumienny suggested to use part of the money for WFN promotional material. The Committee agreed. However, it was not determined who is responsible for doing that.

d. Mentoring program: Given the fact that Daria Panina was absent the discussion on mentoring was postponed for the next meeting.

e. Lisa Campbell requested corrections to contact information for committee members so that she can update the website.

3. “50 Years of Inclusion,” Call for proposal

Chris Kaunas urged the Committee to respond to a call for proposal: “Reflecting, Engaging, and Envisioning: Celebrating 50 years of inclusion at Texas A&M”. The Committee agreed to do so. Claire Katz, Kelli Peck Parrot, Violeta Ilik and Karen Kubena suggested various activities to be included in the proposal: a exhibition; a preeminent speaker, etc. The Committee agreed and the proposal will be written by Claire Katz, Violeta Ilik and Gabriela Thornton. The deadline for the proposal is September 16. Members of the Committees are encouraged to share their ideas with respect to the proposal.

Naomi Nagaya proposed that WFN celebrates Women International Day.

4. WFN Events Planning for FY 2013-2014

The theme for this year is “50 Years of Inclusion.”
5. WFN Fall Events

   a. Fall Luncheon planning: It was decided that the Fall Luncheon will be organized by Kelli Peck Parrot. Jill Zarestky will assist her. The luncheon will take place at MSC. The theme for this fall luncheon is “Celebrating Promoted Women.”

   b. Coffee talks – It was not decided yet who will organize the coffee talks. However, the theme will be “50 years of inclusion.”

6. Announcements

   a. WFSN Leadership Conference will take place on October 17, 2013 at Rudder Theatre.

7. Next Meeting Scheduling

   The next meeting was not scheduled yet.

Annex 1: Budget

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Activity for Spring luncheon on April 19, 2013

Donations and ticket sales for WFN spring lunch $5,350.00
Expenditures WFN spring lunch $2,903.28

Outstanding Bills: ? (none that I know of at this time)