



## **Women's Faculty Network Minutes January 28, 2013**

Date: 01/28/2013 from 9am-10am

Location: Harington Tower, College of Education, Room 616

### **Presiding the meeting:**

Jia Wang

### **Attendees:**

Jia Wang (President)

Daria Panina (Vice President)

Lisa Campbell (Webmaster)

Gabriela Marin Thornton (Secretary)

Jill Zarestky

Jodie Lutkenhaus

Mary Beth Hueste

Nancy Klein

Sherecce Fields

Katz, Claire

### **1. Welcome Back!**

The President Jia Wang welcomed everybody back.

### **2. General Business**

a. Treasury Report: Louise Abbot sent Jia Wang the treasury report. Jia shared it with the attendees.

## Women's Faculty Network

Account balances 1/25/2013

WFN Enhancement of Graduate Studies	+ \$	0.00
WFN Workshop	+ \$	3,286.89
WFN Mentoring Program Enhancement	+ \$	4.67
WFN Improvement Fund	+ \$	800.00
WFN Scholarship	+ \$	100.00
Office of VP for Diversity	+ \$	118.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>+ \$</b>	<b>4,309.56</b>

Outstanding Bills: - \$ 0.00

b. Mentoring Program – Daria Panina reported that she met several times with the chair re: mentoring. She indicated that there were 50 pairs mentor/mentee. Some mentors have more than one mentee. However, Daria thinks that we should find innovative solutions with respect to mentoring. She reported that Chris had some ideas for making mentoring a more informal process, as well as, a social event (setting up a lunch). Daria requested some organizational support. Several ideas were put on the table such as: 1) requesting support from the Dean of Faculties; b) Lisa Campbell suggested to find a student worker- this idea seemed amiable to the attendees. Nancy Klein mentioned that mentoring does not refer only to research, but includes other components too. This idea was discussed. The attendees agreed that mentoring includes other components such as for instance teaching (especially for clinical professors or NTT women faculty). A distinction has been made between mentoring inside the department vs. mentoring outside the department. It was agreed that we will discuss more about this. Lisa Campbell suggested to list on the WFN website the mentors that would be willing to answer mentees' questions. Claire Katz suggested that we need to make mentoring issue specific. It was recognized that a closer collaboration with non-tenure track faculty women is needed. The question of what are the exact mentoring issues that WFN can address remained open and will be further discussed.

c. Website update- Lisa Campbell updated the website with info and photos from the previous WFN luncheon.

d. Sponsorship for TAMU Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) on March 20th: Mary Beth is part of the organizing committee. She was tasked with asking WFN if they would like to help support the event for women faculty, staff and students. The committee agreed that the \$200 Celebration Package was the right package for our organization. Therefore, a green light was given to provide this support to the WLF.

### **3. Spring Luncheon Planning**

It was agreed that the event will take place on April 19, from 11:39-1:30pm. Gabriela Marin Thornton and Sherece Fields will organize the luncheon.

### **4. Spring coffee talk planning:**

Two coffee talks are planned for this spring. First coffee talk will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm -2pm. It is entitled: "Protect yourself from Identify Theft" and it will be hosted by Jia Wang. The second coffee talk will take place March 28 from 12pm- 1:30pm. It is entitled: "Quality Life Planning" and will be hosted by Gabriela Marin Thornton. Both events will featured Diane Moore as speaker as agreed in previous WFN meetings. Light lunches will be provided for both coffee talks.

### **5. Future meetings scheduling**

Jia Wang will send out a Doodle.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.