

Committee on the Status of Women,
Minutes Wed, October 16, 2013; 9:15-10:15 am, Gruening 718

Members Present: Megan McPhee, Derek Sikes, Kayt Sunwood, Jane Weber, Jenny Liu, Shawn Russell

Guests present: Xioqi

Members absent: Michelle Bartlett, Mary Ehrlander, Amy Barnsley, Diana Di Sended/watched Kayt remotely – will try to get these numbers. 2014 speaker ideas – May Marsh, Alex Fitts, Jessica Cherry (IARC) – finalist for NASA astronaut, more ideas? Margaret Thayer at the Field Museum (Derek can investigate)? Ideally a speaker will be finalized by January. Some suggested that the luncheon date was too close to the annual activity report deadline but we feel this wasn't a big issue. Next year the CSW will do more to help prepare the name tags for attendees. Eileen Pollack – suggested by Megan as a possible speaker, Pollack wrote a recent NY Times piece on why there are so few women in science.

2. Conversation Cafes.

One yesterday on "Advocating for what we need to achieve our goals" – only 2 attendees (Kayt & Jane). No email reminder went out – likely cause of low attendance? Discussion on repeat attempt with same topic, perhaps end of Nov / early Dec? Would be nice to have 2 per semester. Subcommittee will meet to focus on this. Another potential topic – 'surviving within peer units.' Café "on steroids" will happen in the Spring (with food, tea, etc.) date TBD.

3. Ex officio representative

Michelle Bartlett. Derek asked Michelle if she wants to continue on this committee. She replied 'yes' and dates of the upcoming meetings were supplied. She's on the email announcement list also.

4. Women's Center Advisory Board

Met on Oct 3

rd. Ellen & Jane on the board. Woman's Center has been realigned. New members were added: Josh Hovis, Carrie Dufseth, Deborah Corso, Hannah Hill. Next steps are to try to get coordinator (Kayt) 10-12 month on salary, a higher level position. Cody Rogers, supervisor, is working to get job descriptions from other universities. Now with the WC under the Wood center there is greater concern that faculty will be less associated. Having Ellen and Jane on the board & the CSW connection helps address this.

5. Sun Star Issue Followup