CSW
August 20, 2013 Meeting
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11:00am
O’Hara 208

In Attendance: Don Bergmann, Karl Kretsch, Howard Fischer, Jean Harris, Justine Johnson, Jean Lenville, Ginger Egan, Gemma Davis, Donna Simpson, Julia Frakes, Alannah Caisey

Agenda Items:

1) Review of meetings with representatives from Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, and the University Governance Council (UGC)
   - Howard and Jean met with Faculty and Staff Senate (will meet with Student Senate when students are back) and the UGC to discuss options
   - Staff Senate reported that senators were asked to look at the CSW and follow governance protocol
     - Meg would like to see the structure and issues of the CSW to ensure there isn’t overlap
   - UGC recommended that the CSW needs to bring documentation (roster, budget, mission, projects) to Jerry DeSanto and UGC
     - Their first meeting will be in September
     - Jerry is interested in what we’re doing and where we plan on going
   - Faculty Senate would recommend sending along accomplishments as well (not the climate study)
   - The meetings also offered the chairpersonss feedback of perceptions of CSW around campus and an opportunity to educate people on what we do

2) review proposed mission and responsibilities statement

Committee on the Status of Women Mission & Responsibilities (draft revision/jwh.6-17-13)

CSW Mission: To support the University’s “dedication to the personal development fundamental to the growth in wisdom and integrity of all who share its life,” and to meet the challenge of General Congregation 34 of the Society of Jesus “to listen carefully and courageously to the experience[s] of women” and to work in solidarity with “women in the ‘struggle for a more just relationship between women and men,’” the Committee promotes and pursues equitable and just treatment of all members of the University community.

CSW Responsibilities:
   - Assist the administration in identifying the concerns of women at the University of Scranton that need study.
   - Serve as a resource for University members and bodies that are discussing, studying, proposing behaviors, actions, issues, policies and procedures that may affect the status of women at the University.
• Communicate and collaborate with other University members and bodies to provide education on, information about, support for, and a voice for equitable and just treatment of all members of the University community.

3) list of issues of concern we will work on during 2013-14

4) discuss changing name of the CSW
• Is the CSW title still necessary, does it give people the right image, do we need to change with the times?
• Jen Pennington’s suggestion of EDGE was generally liked
• Justine Johnson focused on incorporating both Women (to support our history) and Gender Equity (since the issues primarily are focused on women but come back to all gender inequities)
• Others offered general feedback:
  o All members versus the distinction between men and women
  o The name should be something empowering about women in our title
  o Other Jesuit Universities have “commission on the status of women” or “Committee on the status of women”