Commission on the Status of Women

Minutes 01/12/15

**Agenda**

I. Brainstorming- CSW priorities

II. By-laws

III. Re-defining committees

I. Brainstorming- CSW priorities

* As a commission we are not getting a lot done. We need to have top priorities and focus on them more intently
* CSW can participate in the 'It’s On Us' campaign in March. President Obama launched this initiative to end sexual assault on campuses
* More collaboration with AAUW. Cultivate relationship with ASWI
* CSW theme for the year? Having a theme could help maintain focus
* CSW needs to re-align with Women and Gender Studies (WGS) program. Meet with WGS director
* Lactation rooms- join forces with facilities services, CDAD
* Women's health on campus
* Sexual assault and alcohol abuse on campus
* Provide mentorship to student leaders this spring
* Executive summary of what CSW has been doing- past/history, top priorities, events, future. David Camacho will put together the reports of all commissions at the end of the AY

II. By-laws

* Our goal is to simplify by-laws. The current by-laws are 8 pages long. Co-chairs are in the process of revising the by-laws
* Have a co-chair in training to ensure smooth transition
* Have commissioners as advocates and not have separate advocates
* Re-consider the process of becoming a CSW member. Currently, prospective new members have to submit an application. Make membership open without going through application process

III. Redefining committees

* Remove the cultivating relationships committee
* Three standing committees will be: 1) Gender Parity (COACHE under this committee since the survey will end); 2) Portree/5k Scholarship; and 3) Childcare

Next meeting: February 9, 2015 at 3:45-5:00 pm, Teaching Commons, Cline Library