Commission on the Status of Women

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

10:30-11:30

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**Announcements**

1. NAU Diversity banquet, Tuesday, 4/26 5:30-7:00, High Country Conference Center
2. Nominations for CSW awards
   1. Need nominations, but we usually only have one or two nominees
      1. One organization and individual
      2. Awards help to build community and it’s PR
      3. These can be anyone from NAU community
   2. Members of the commission will invite a guest, and at that point off-campus people can be invited
   3. Speaker is not set yet, but Dennis Burk has been talked about but President Haeger has not made a decision yet
   4. Need to send in member list for invitations

**Reports/Updates**

1. Change in CSW Scholarship: Cheryl Heitz, Assistant Vice President of University Advancement
   1. Impacted by prop 107- states that State employees can no longer award scholarships that have language in them that have preference in them that have language in them such as, race, gender, etc.
   2. Cannot be awarded by a state employee
      1. Foundation alternative has created a committee of Foundation members and some independent contractors
      2. Rapid transition so that things could be ready for fall applications
      3. 1700 students applied so it seems that the students got the message – 13 applied for the CSW scholarship
      4. Things will be smoother as time goes on.
      5. Students had to self select
      6. Commission can know the students
         1. 2 have been selected to split the award
         2. From here on the Commission can honor the students in the regular way
      7. Foundation still honored the donors intent but the university areas that once were a part of the process can no longer be a part of the process
      8. Frances was concerned that the Commission has no part of the process at all. Is there a way that the Commission can become part of the process in some way?
         1. No, the university lawyers have completely vetted this issue.
         2. Foundation was on a very tight deadline so needed to move quickly in order to still award scholarships
         3. There is still some room for Native American Tribes.
            1. Letter of Intent must say “Member of federally recognized tribe.”
      9. 70 scholarships identified
      10. As long as groups have no language that exclude members they can remain commissions or scholarships
          1. Option is to remove the prohibited language
          2. Put on April agenda to talk about changing the language for the CSW scholarship
             1. Talk with Toni Fox about changing language
2. Night permit: Kira Russo
   1. Erin Stam will come in April
   2. Sexual Assault Relations Task Force meeting about parking at night for students and faculty
      1. Possibility of nighttime parking permit for reduced cost
      2. Hopefully it will be less than the part-time parking permit
      3. Dedicate one of 3 shuttles that run at night pull in to commuter parking.
         1. Have the driver wait to ensure that the person gets safely into the car and that it starts, etc.
      4. Parking services is working on it. If CSW can just help keep the dialogue running.
3. Child Care Fair (including time, date, and place): Renee Hobbs and Paula Stefani
   1. April 9 at CHS 9-12
      1. For parents to find out about childcare in Flagstaff
      2. Funding from FTF and ?
      3. Diaper drive and other things will happen, still in the planning process
      4. Still looking for vendors
         1. Dentil hygiene will be there
         2. COE will be there as well as Literacy Volunteers
      5. Athletics will be helping out as well as a few sororities
         1. Pi Phis are doing a play
         2. AJ is the director for FACTS is helping to coordinate something
      6. Info will go out to campus the week before the event
         1. We can put out info earlier, now
      7. Commission will help provide information
         1. Diane Verkest will help distribute information – Pam will call
         2. CSW said that they would spread the word
            1. Need to get flyers out

Unions and out to colleges

Send flyers out to chairs or deans

* + - 1. Suggested by Dr. Camacho that CSW should purchase a table banner
         1. Send request to David
         2. There is a generic one if the CSW banner is not completed by then
    1. County is helping to get the word out. Perhaps County Supervisors will come.
    2. Trying to find raffle items and food
    3. There is a letter that can be sent to vendors for their donations

1. Planning for the Early Development Lab: Pam Powell
   1. Helios grant has been instrumental in creating a partnership with FUSD
      1. Birth through age 8 with early childhood development
      2. Problem with money
         1. Retrofit for what ever building is identified will be expensive
   2. Pam has received a grant to help with the initial research for the business plan
      1. There are quite a number of factors that exist in Flagstaff that will help to generate funding for the project
      2. Kellogg is a good option but need someone that can help get in to the foundation so that NAU can be invited to apply
      3. RFP for a childcare center in the traditional sense was out for a couple of years and had no takers. But creating a lab in conjunction might help to generate funding.
      4. Is a letter to Dr. Haeger about getting this issue onto the strategic plan a reasonable option?
         1. Dr. Haeger is very aware and not on the backburner.
         2. We are closer than we’ve ever been.
         3. There is protocol to follow to move forward and we need to make sure that everyone is on the same page.
   3. Town and Gown is a great thing with this initiative
   4. A way to reach the president about the strategic plan is through the commissions report to the president

**Discussion**

1. Issuing a statement: guns on campus
   1. Letter to President Haeger in support against this bill, “We support him in his fight against guns on campus…”
   2. Frances and Harriett will draft a letter
   3. Faculty Senate just approved a statement
      1. CSW should get a copy of that
      2. Generic approach
      3. Could say that CSW endorses their stand
   4. Vote for next month about sending the letter
2. In April should discuss the Bylaws
   1. Vote on Survey Monkey
      1. Robert will create
3. Also need to elect new co-chairs
4. Women’s health
   1. Contraception is under fire as a covered option for insurance companies
   2. Fronske came at one point to discuss women’s health
      1. Maybe we could do this again

**Spring 2011 meeting schedule**

1. Saturday, 4/9/11, (9:00-12:00 Early Childhood Fair, CHS)
2. Wednesday, 4/13/11-10:00-11:30, CSW meeting, Havasupai C