

President's Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2008

Submitted by Becky J. Proctor

Attendees: Marianne Hazel, Gayatri Devi, Jackie Whitling, Erin Kennedy, Paulette Davidson, Susan Blesh, Becky Proctor, SueAnn Schatz, Nicole Burkholder-Mosco, Dr. Keith Miller, Tara Mitchell, Paulette Davidson.

The Commission would like to thank Kim Coleman for continually making all of the arrangements for our meetings.

The Commission would also like to thank Dr. Miller for kicking off our meeting.

1. ***Women's Center:*** The Annex appears to be the future home of the Women's Center at LHU. Lock Haven University and Cheyney University are the only two universities in PASSHE that are currently without a Women's Center.
2. ***The Woman of Distinction Award:*** Erin Kennedy formed the committee which consists of two (2) faculty (Erin Kennedy and Jackie Whitling), two (2) staff (Becky Proctor and Susan Blesh), and two (2) student judges (TBD). Tara Mitchell suggested Matt Frank for one of the student judges. SueAnn Schatz is going to ask him. The SCC, sororities, and other organizations on campus were also recommended to find student judges for the committee. According to Erin Kennedy, the deadline will be 4/1/08.

Advertisement suggestions for the above include Facebook, Eagle Eye, email, President's Council, table tents, flyers, and classroom announcements.

Marianne Hazel requested \$500.00 for awards/plaques for faculty/staff. Dr. Koch covers the student awards.

3. ***Speaker Series:*** Dr. Lori Bechtel, Chancellor of Penn State Altoona will be speaking with our group at 12:30 - 1:00 PM, on February 20, 2008. Lori is a graduate of LHUP and will be sharing her experiences in her career and lessons learned since graduating from LHUP. RSVP to Kim Coleman by February 13, 2008, if you plan to attend. The presentation is scheduled to be held in the Bentley private dining room, however, the location may be changed depending on the number of people able to join us.

Marianne Hazel was able to get money from the Foundation for a gift.

4. **Library Showcase:** It has been confirmed that the showcase is only available to the Commission on an as needed basis. Erin Kennedy suggested using the showcase for last year's nominations and winners of the Woman of Distinction Awards.
5. **Salary Study:** There is still no information available to the Committee regarding this study. Jackie Whitling recommended meeting with Bryan Cygan. There has been no new data generated since 2004.
6. **Gender Issues:** The Commission is hoping for a co-meeting in the spring. SueAnn Schatz has not heard from AnnJane Ross. She will email her regarding this.
7. **Take Your Sons & Daughters to Work Day:** Marianne Hazel requested \$750.00 for this event. Steve Rush will work with Jackie Whitling to coordinate activities. Due to the large volume of children, it has been recommended to have two (2) activities for each time slot.
8. **Trash to Treasures:** This project is being spearheaded by Susan Blesh who is currently on maternity leave. If you are interested in helping Susan get this project up and running, please contact her at sblesh@lhup.edu . Erin Kennedy recommended joining forces with other groups that are already doing something similar as the Commission alone is too small for such a big undertaking on their own.
9. **Other Issues/Ideas:** Marianne Hazel is going to approach Albert Jones regarding a "budget/funding" to include registration fees, conference fees, travel, pictures, Take Your Sons & Daughters to Work Day, and the Women of Distinction.

Tara Mitchell has been recommended for web page support and/or design for the Commission on the University website.

Upcoming meetings will be held as follows:

February 20, 2008 at 12:15 p.m.
March 27, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.
April 16, 08 at 12:15 p.m.
May 2008 TBA

Let us congratulate Susan Blesh on the birth of her son, John Nevin Blesh, IV (a.k.a. Nevin) on January 7, 2008. Mom and baby are doing great!