General Commission Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2012
12:00-1:00 p.m.
1339 FAB

Members Present or Absent w Notice: Posted on attendance Roster

I. Call to Order
   a. Angela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. Review of Minutes
   a. A motion passed to approve the September 2012 meeting minutes.

III. Vice-Chair Report
      Reviewed executive committee discussion about governance. Would like to
develop a plan/policies that describes the functions of the executive committee
and the full Commission to increase efficiency and effectiveness of meetings
and enhance member engagement. Will continue to discuss in executive
committee and bring proposal to full commission.

IV. Treasurer’s Report
   a. 2012 budget report was submitted to the President’s office on 9/10/12.
   b. Balance of $290 is available from 2012 budget.

V. Committee Reports
   a. Outreach Committee: Robin and Troy made a connection with the student
organization, Greater Detroit Association of Black Social Work Students.
Robin was invited to speak at their Domestic Violence Awareness event.
Robin suggested that the COSW target alumni when inviting people to
COSW events. The Clothesline Project was featured in Today@Wayne.
Robin will be doing a radio interview regarding the Clothesline Project
and the COSW. Robin also suggested that the COSW target Athletics
when inviting students to COSW events. The Outreach Committee will be
collaborating with the YWCA and Wayne County Safe for next year’s
Take Back The Night event. The Outreach Committee was able to get
about 100 hand prints on the “I Pledge Never to Raise my Hand in
Violence” banner. The banner was displayed in the Student Center Building.
b. Career Dev. Committee: CDC event “Think like an Entrepreneur” has been scheduled on 11/13/12 at Hillberry A, this event is going to feature someone from Blackstone and also two successful women and how they did it. Reached out to campus regarding Mentoring relationship to see if anyone has this intent, Provost’s Office had selected Naida Simon to chair a committee comprised of representatives from the COSW, ASSC, ASPDC and the AAUP Council to explore development of a mentorship program for academic staff. Further, the committee was scheduled to meet soon.
c. Gender and Equity Committee: Trying to identify mini committees on campus for women. Suggested to show the movie Miss Representation and have a panel discussion
d. Health Sciences Committee: Troy will be co-chairing since Sophia will be out on maternity leave. Simone shared that she has found some information about “Stairwell” project. She also suggested that we have a student intern to work on this project. Intern will identify the buildings with staircases and complete an assessment. School of medicine is already doing this project in their parking staircase.
e. Research Committee: Recommends that all COSW events have evaluation forms that include a question about future event ideas, will be collecting the feedback forms, develop web based survey. Will be reaching out to Sangeetha Gopalakrishnan, past COSW member to see if she has information about past research/outcomes.
f. PR & Marketing Committee: is working to increase the COSW profile on campus, listserv updates, send email to both lists to see if they want to continue to be on the listserv, Eldonna is working on getting the Blackboard so that all COSW forms can be found there. Spotlighting some of COSW members with short articles. Angela also suggested if we could highlight the organizations we partner with. Robin inquired if she could contact Southend to feature COSW.
g. Membership Committee: will be reaching out to members to improve attendance.

VI. Old Businesses:
a. By Laws: Sofia, Diane and Angela are working on updating by laws.
b. Working towards achieving some updates by end of December of 2012.

VII. New Businesses: Eldonna suggested that we consider sending a representative to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in DC. We will wait to hear her thoughts on this idea (objectives of attending, who would attend, costs) before we make a decision about whether to proceed.

VIII. Next meeting: 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 1339 FAB