General Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2012  
12:00-1:00 p.m.  
1339 FAB

Members Present or Absent w Notice: Posted on attendance Roster

I. Call to Order  
   a. The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

II. Review of Minutes  
   a. A motion passed to approve the October 2012 meeting minutes at 12:09.

III. Chair Report  
   a. Eldonna May discussed about the possibility of having a National Speaker Gen. Ann Dunwoody for one of our events and also possibly a joint event with UofM of Dearborn and MSU or for a WSU campus event. She will know more about MSU and UofM of Dearborn’s participation for the next meeting. Nannette suggested we plan this for next year considering our calendar and the General’s calendar. Further discussion progressed to funding of this event and Nannette suggested that for the transportation and accommodation for the General, she could get discounts for her veteran’s status. Kim further also suggested that we bring local women from Military and honor them in our events. Simone suggested that we contact VA for some local contacts. Nannette also suggested contacting Matt McLain(Academic Advisor) regarding the veteran’s contact. Eldonna ended the topic by further exploring this topic.
   b. Eldonna suggested that we could sponsor 50% of the cost for a female student for attending the 2013 National conference for College Women Student Leaders. This conference will be held in Maryland.
   c. Eldonna also shared the information that Dr. Baumann from WSU Medical School is willing to give us a presentation on Contraception, STD and Sexual Health.

IV. Committee Reports
a. Outreach Committee: Robin informed that Wayne County Safe approached her and Rachael Griffin would like to be a speaker for the Take Back the Night event. Also Robin needs additional funding of $400 for her event. Eldonna suggested that we vote for the amount. Eldonna also suggested that Robin contact Michigan Humanities Council to see any scholarship is available.

b. Career Dev. Committee: CDC event “Think like an Entrepreneur” was well attended. CDC is working on staff mentoring program. Application will be developed for mentors and mentees. CDC is planning a program for winter focusing differences in generation at workplace.

c. Gender and Equity Committee: Movie Miss Representation will be shown on campus at two locations. One possibly in Manoogian and one in School of medicine and also to combine bake sale with this event. Movie is for 90 minutes and there will be Q&A at the end. 4-6 pm was suggested for this event.

d. Health Sciences Committee: Yoga presenter from last event talked about her research and benefits of yoga on lung cancer patients. A well-attended program, there were about 50 people. The events for February are in planning stage, one would be Zumba and yoga event and the next one would be about body image awareness. A female student will be volunteering to speak in the body image awareness event. An intern has also been identified to work on the Stairwell project.

e. Research Committee: Angela and Karly are researching COSW programming at UM and MSU as well as our peers at the Urban 13.

f. PR & Marketing Committee: Kim was looking for volunteers for maneuvering the table during Celebrate Learning event. Kim also informed that she will be circulating flyers and brochures and if any of the committees would like their program flyers to be given out, they could give it to her before this event. Kim also informed that all PR materials need to be done through her. Robin informed that she has association with some organizations related to her events and suggested that Kim work with these organizations to partner and expand COSW.

g. Membership Committee: Robin and Angie will be meeting to discuss the concerns and questions about membership and give us an update.

V. Old Businesses:

a. Facebook: Commissioners “like” us on COSW page on Facebook.

VI. New Businesses: Eldonna brought up the issue that COSW was not represented in the President search committee and also women in general are underrepresented in this search committee.

VII. Great News! Sophia delivered a very healthy boy baby on 11/16/2012 at 7:15 p.m. Both the mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations Sophia!

VIII. Next meeting: 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan 23, 2012 at 1339 FAB