



Report of COSW Research Committee

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Budget

Our budget for the year was \$500. As of May 18, 2011 we have spent \$525.

Synopsis of Activities

Newly formed this year, the Research Committee developed a new mission statement to help guide our activities: "...examines women's standing in the university community and provides informational support for issues of concern." It was agreed that the committee have three main focuses:

1. To suggest recommendations for programming, joint ventures, and advocacy, based on research
2. To support commission operations and events
3. To investigate & provide information to campus community on women's issues (card & web site)

To that end, the committee produced two informational pieces - one directed to our campus audience and one in support of Commission operations.

Women's Resource Card



The Research Committee created an information card for campus support services based on feedback from last year's COSW survey. Designed for portability and quick reference, the card both serves as publicity for the COSW and addresses concerns of women on campus by providing sources where they can seek assistance.

Meeting Procedures Document

A one-page handout for COSW members was created as ready reference for proper conduct of meetings. This is intended for upload to the Web site.

Future Recommendations

Although the committee addressed two out of three focuses, it was highly underutilized. With a new Web site in place, the committee can expand on the information card by providing a more in depth list of resources as well as build links to sites of interest to the campus community. Forming a working relationship with event coordinators, through a formal process, could lead to research support for handouts or online spotlights, relevant to the event topic. And, lastly and perhaps most importantly, with annual Commission directives, the committee could provide a foundation for directing programming and partnerships and spearhead reports to university administration.