

Women's Caucus
Executive Board Meeting
February 21, 2017
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
302 Lerner Hall

Minutes

Board members present: Kelsey Cummings (co-chair), Jodi Drake, Megan Gaffney, Helga Huntley, Stephanie Kerschbaum, Shannon Lennon-Edwards, Regina Wright (treasurer)
Excused: Margie Kiter Edwards, Katie Meier, Keeley Powell

1. Agenda adopted
2. December meeting minutes approved as submitted.
3. Co-Chair Vacancy and discussion of next steps:
 - Heather Doty has resigned as chair and from the Women's Caucus board.
 - Preference would be for a tenured faculty member to take over the co-chair role, but current tenured faculty members don't have the time to commit to this role.
 - Jodi Drake was unanimously approved to fill the co-chair role through the end of the semester. A new co-chair should be elected in June 2017, after the next board election.
 - Everyone should recruit new faculty members. Regina Wright will be the only remaining faculty board member after June 2017 due to term limits. Heather Doty has sent out a handful of letters to potential candidates; we should continue doing this.
 - Brain storming of other active women as potential candidates for the board.
4. Spring Events Timeline:
 - UDaily story to run soon, announcing Torch/Triangle Awards event, spring general meeting, board nominations, and award nominations. Co-chairs will reach out to Katie M. to submit the story.
 - Torch/Triangle Awards Event definitely to be joined with LGBTQ Caucus (our contact: Christine Grott).
 - Need better publicizing of request for nominations.
 - Jodi D. will look into the form to be used.
 - Possible venues: Klondike Kate's upstairs or Catherine Rooney's
Want off-campus for an attractive lunch option
Needs enough space for Women's Caucus and LGBTQ attendees

- Possible dates: Week of 4/24 or 5/1, Tues/Thurs preferred so that Jodie D. can attend
Kelsey C. will send out doodle poll to coordinate with LGBTQ Caucus.
- Torch Award Nomination deadline: April 10
- Board meeting to discuss nominations: April 11, 9 am – 11 am
- General Meeting with Elections to be held April 6, noon – 1 pm
 - Awards Event not likely to be useful for recruitment; better to invite new board members to it.
 - Possible venues: Allison Hall, 3rd floor of Memorial Hall, Faculty Commons
Want on-campus for convenience
Offer food to attract attendees (?) – budget dependent
Jodie D. will explore venue options.
- No postcard to be mailed this semester. Potentially use it for fall announcement of next annual report.

5. Priorities

- Discussion of prioritization of issues for this semester: What can we reasonably do with the reduced numbers on the board?
- No big push with the administration until we have a faculty co-chair again; focus on developing proposals.
- Childcare recommendations: Jodie D. has the benchmarking spreadsheets, showing UD is behind its AAU peers. No progress on developing proposed solutions. Should we just make the case that there is a need? Or should we suggest solutions? “Go big or go home.” Let’s come up with a concrete proposal. – Postpone until next year.
- Family Leave: Nobody has received feedback from the Roundtable presentation in June. Unclear who our contact might be. Alan Brangman? (Expressed support at the Roundtable.) Need to find allies to show this isn’t just a women’s issue – LGBTQ caucus might be interested. Maybe Disability Caucus?
Next steps: Jodie D. will call Susan to learn what our procedure should be to follow up. If appropriate thereafter, Kelsey C. will e-mail Alan Brangman, possibly suggesting a meeting, to determine status of our proposal.
- Ombuds Proposal: More controversial than childcare, but less costly. Also, precedent at Stony Brook. So this seems more doable than achieving progress on childcare. Already have support from International, LGBTQ, and Latino Heritage caucuses. Kelsey C. will circulate Heather D.’s draft of the white paper to the board for further discussion.

6. Adjourned.