

Minutes - Commission on the Status of Women: January 26,2021

Members Present

Stephanie Adams
Megan Atkinson
Nicole Cook
Allen Driggers
Jac Ewasyshyn
Amy Foster
Kristen Rainey
Tambra Sweet
Paula Taylor-Greathouse
Padmini Veerapen
Nicole Williams
Mikayla Wood
Ashley Wright

Non-Members Present

Diana Lalani
Robert Owens

Notified of Absence

Amy Bosley
Lelia Gibson
Cindy Gates
Helen Hunt
Shawn Zeringue-Krosnick

Members Absent

Paula Hinton
Mary Kidd
Amy McCoy

Agenda: Padmini moved approval of the agenda, Jac seconded and the motion was approved.

Minutes: Megan moved approval of the November minutes, Paula T. seconded, and the motion was approved.

Women's Center News: Diana summarized center activities and advertised upcoming events. A copy of the written report is attached.

University Policy Report: Padmini is compiling a list of family bathrooms. Jac and Nicole C. are working on a Chosen Name policy and an Amnesty policy.

Programming and Publicity Report: Stephanie updated members of the subcommittee's work and a written report is attached.

Safety Report: Allen reported on the modified Safety Walk procedures this year.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$2091.02. Current commitments are \$650 for the Awards dinner and \$240 for Attune. Members are asked to email Lelia with ideas for remaining fund use.

2021 Awards Dinner: Lelia is looking into rooms and details for a possible dinner in April.

Announcements: Stephanie noted that there appears to be plans for 2 lactation rooms and 2 family restrooms in the new Science building.

Adjournment was agreed to at about 3:40.

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TNTECH WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS

Director: Helen Hunt

Admin. Associate: Diana Lalani

November Roundup

- *Sister's Rising* virtual film screening on 11/16
- *Research Talk: Lauren Morgan on Women & Violence in Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony* on 11/19
- Wilma Carr Scholarship advertising and application submissions
- Attended and assisted with hosting of the 2020 Commission on the Status of Women Awards Dinner.
- Completed Fall edition of *Attune*
- Submitted two Center Stage proposals after working with staff on selection

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Attend our events. See our full events list at www.tntech.edu/women

Follow us on social media @tntechwomenscenter on Facebook and Instagram.

Attune is available online and in print form. Please distribute to those students who may be interested

Upcoming Events

- Special Book Club meetings in collaboration with Project AWAKEN. Reading *Know My Name*
- *Center Stage Presents An Evening with Alex Jenny, The Drag Therapist* on 2/1
- Virtual and artistic participation in global *One Billion Rising: Rise in Solidarity* from 2/2-2/12. This includes a Rising Guided Meditation session on 2/11 with Project AWAKEN
- 2/8 *Picture a Scientist* Film Screening in collaboration with Department of Earth Sciences and the TN Space Grant.
- Speaker Shan Foster, Vanderbilt graduate and former NBA player, discusses eliminating violence against women by engaging young men to be leaders and role models of healthy masculinity and respect. This event is on 2/23 and is in collaboration with the Student Government Association, the Peer Empowerment Program, the Black Student Union, Project AWAKEN.

Programming and Publicity Subcommittee Report - Revised

January 26, 2021

The CSW Awards dinner was held in the RUC on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. There were approximately 18 attendees in-person and 2 via Zoom. Both recipients (Yvette Clark: CSW Excellence Award, Amy Bosley: Alison Piepmeier Outstanding Student Award) gave short acceptance speeches and everyone seemed to be pleased with the event.

The Center Stage proposal for Maya Dusenbery was submitted on December 1, 2020. The proposal confirmation indicates that we will be notified before February 1, 2021 about funding.

The subcommittee met on December 7, 2020 to choose the finalists for the CSW Excellence Award and the Alison Piepmeier Award. The nomination period closed on November 23, 2020. There were five nominees (two were nominated more than once) for the CSW Excellence Award and four nominees for the Alison Piepmeier Outstanding Student Award. We narrowed the nominees down to three finalists for each award. The finalists were contacted via email on December 10, 2020. All finalists have confirmed that they plan to submit application packets. They are due by February 15, 2021.

I will compile and distribute the application packets to the subcommittee members with the award rubrics by February 19, 2021. The subcommittee will meet in either late February or early March to choose the award winners and to discuss the feasibility of a spring awards ceremony.

-Stephanie Adams, Chair