

Minutes - Commission on the Status of Women: October 19, 2021

Members Present

Stephanie Adams
Megan Atkinson
Erica Bower
Nicole Cook
Michelle Estes
Cindy Gates
Lelia Gibson
Cassandra Gronendyke
Helen Hunt
Savannah Hunter
Amber Lovell
Lauren Neal
Mari Ramler
Julie Stepp

Niya Sparks
Ashley Wright

Non-Members Present

Diana Lalani
Robert Owens

Notified of Absence

Allen Driggers
Amy Foster
Paula Hinton

Members Absent

Halle Ford

Agenda: Lelia moved approval of the agenda, Cassandra seconded, and the motion was approved.

Minutes: Lelia moved approval of the September minutes, Julie seconded, and the motion was approved with the amendment to “Goals for 2021-2022” accepted.

Women’s Center Report: Helen updated members on activities and upcoming events, including the Period Poverty Donation Drive. A written report is attached.

Treasurer’s Report: Stephanie reported on the current account balance, which is \$2000, less the \$500 reserved for *Attune* publication. The carry forward of last fiscal year’s balance was not awarded.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions: Each committee met in a separate Zoom breakout room to choose a chair, and discuss goals and needs.

University Policy Report: Helen was elected chair. The subcommittee will continue work on the Chosen Name and Amnesty policies. New goals include looking at Sick Bank and Parental leave for part-timers and adjunct.

Programming & Publicity Report: Lelia was elected chair. The subcommittee will work on a Center Stage proposal again. Nominations for the 2022 CSW awards will soon be solicited.

Safety Report: Allen accepted the chair position, though Megan reported. The subcommittee will discuss the effectiveness of the Safety Walk and whether the group should perhaps shift focus to stopping perpetrators.

Selection of Student Member to Executive Committee: Savannah was elected to the executive committee. Julie moved approval, Cassandra seconded, and the motion was approved.

Status of Center Stage Events: Maya Dusenbery will be on campus talking about medical misogyny on March 29. Lelia is looking into whether or not Kayla McKeon, an earlier approved speaker, will appear.

Nominee to Clerical position: Amy McCoy is unable to serve and a replacement is needed.

Virtual Awards Ceremony: The 2020 and 2021 CSW Award winners will be displayed at the 10/21 Faculty Awards Reception.

Adjournment was agreed to at about 4:05.

Note: Women's Center News on page 3

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CSW NEWS

Updates from the Women's Center



*Events that have
already happened!*

MONDAY SOCIALS -
SEPT 20 & OCT 18

TAMARA WINFREY-
HARRIS
SEPT 27 & 28

BOOK CLUB
OCT 3

CHEYA THOUSAND
OCT 4 & 5

September & October Updates

SO MUCH GOING ON!

We've had many ongoing events in the last month, plus two major events that collaborated with other departments.

Tamara Winfrey-Harris visited at the end of September and she was AMAZING both at her talk in Derryberry and the writing workshop she hosted the next day. We collaborated with Multicultural Affairs, the Counseling Center, SGA, and Res Life to bring in Cheya Thousand at the beginning of October, and her events were a big success too.

I'm also making progress on lactation spaces and policy changes with Faculty Senate to make campus more friendly and accessible to new families.

Coming Up + Participate!

CONTRIBUTE TO THE WMC

We want to thank Julie Stepp for contributing to this semester's edition of *Attune*! We're in the thick of drafting articles.

In November, we'll be working on a donation drive to end period poverty (ok well maybe not end, but to help alleviate) period poverty in our area. You can:

- Contribute period products (drop off in the WMC)
- Help us assemble the period kits (December 2nd, 11-1)
- Contribute financially to the period poverty campaign through Tech's Food Pantry
- Recruit other donors by sharing the drive within your networks

Participate in the Family-Friendly Campus project that the Women's Center is working on with Faculty Senate and the Office of Research. Talk to Dr. Hunt for more info.

EVENTS!

See the complete list on our website, but here's what's happening in the next month:

Monday Social: 11/15 at 3pm in Cooper-Dunn
Come snack on coffee and donuts and meet the residents of the Women's Hall.

Councilwoman Film Screening: 10/25 at 7 pm Johnson Hall 103 or virtually
Councilwoman follows the story of Carmen Castillo behind the scenes of politics. Politicians aren't often full-time hotel housekeepers, union members, grandmothers, and immigrants working service sector jobs. But Carmen Castillo changes that when she wins a seat on the City Council in Providence, Rhode Island

Halloween Door Decorating Contest: 10/29 all day
Come check out our door! Turns out we're 100% that witch...

