Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2016

Present: Christine Corcos, Noelle Davis, Kristine DeLong, Emily Elliot, Sarah Ferstel, Emily Frank, Dana Hart, Kurt Keppler, Mandi Lopez, Tammy Millican, Kenya Messer, Brigette Monistere, LaKeitha Poole, Petra Robinson, Summer Steib

1. Approved December minutes
2. Closing the Gaps events
   a. Dec. 9th Panel was a big success! We plan to document the event on the website.
      i. 142 people attended.
      ii. We plan to put pictures from the panel on the website – need to get them from the Office of Diversity.

   b. Women of Color Leadership Panel
      i. February 16th at Hill Memorial Library from 11:30-1:00
         1. May need to look at alternate venues if we have a large registration number. Registration will be capped at 85, after that a waitlist will be created.
         2. Volunteers needed to help set up/take down.
         3. Registration ready, invitation about to be sent out.
         4. Working with strat-comm to get greater visibility.
      ii. Confirmed Panelists: Nikki Fargus, Yvette Marsh, Saundra McGuire, Pallavi Rastogi, and Meghan Sanders
         1. Headshots and bios of the panelists will be added to the website.
         2. Panelist Saundra McGuire was just recognized for a major award -She received the 2015 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Lifetime Mentor Award.
      iii. UCGE photograph at 11:10 at Hill

   c. Advancing Women in STEM breakfast
      i. Typically a networking breakfast, looking at adding a panel this year.
         1. Include men on the panel
         2. Invite Dr. Cynthia Peterson to moderate.
      ii. April 14th? (Date has yet to be finalized)
      iii. Energy, Coast & Environment Building? (Location has yet to be finalized)
3. Updates from subcommittees
   a. Research peer institutions- Lynn Livingston, Mandi Lopez, Dana Hart, Kristine DeLong
      i. Data asked for on the College of Education and the College of Science
      ii. HR will release data in March
   b. Outreach and Communications- Tammy Millican, Petra Robinson, Christine Corcos, Brenton Sumler
      i. Mentor Resources for website
         1. Goal for something tangible by Feb 16th so we can make an announcement at the panel
         2. Other departments on campus have mentor databases, how do we define ours?
            a. LSU Discover (research based)
            b. WGS
            c. Campus Life
            d. Mandi’s “MEOW & Men” program idea (career based)
      3. Volunteer to facilitate mentorships?
      4. How do we include male mentors and students while making sure to promote opportunities for women?

3. Esprit de Femme Announcement
   a. March 18th at Boudreaux’s
   b. ½ price tickets for UCGE members
   c. Purchase a table for UCGE?

4. Next Meeting: February 22nd, 1:30-2:30 pm