**COSW Minutes**

May 25, 2012

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**Present**: Valerie Casey, Sam Connally, Sherry Duffy, Susan Duncan, Pamela Feldhoff, Andrea Gobin, Robert Goldstein, Jeanne Guerrero, Shirley Hardy, Brenda Hart, Casia Horseman, Sharon LaRue, Ann Larson, Kenyatta Martin, Nancy Knadler, David Owen, Mordean Taylor-Archer and Tammi Thomas, **Guest(s)**: Kenny Brown, Wayne Hall, Sergeant Jacklyn Cohn, (DPS) and Fannie Cox for (CODRE)

**Absent**: Nancy Barr, Laurie Ballew, James Brown, Barbara Hanger, Dawn Heinecken, Marcia Hern, Sharon Kerrick, M. Cynthia Logsdon, Missi Moutardier, Kathy Pendleton, Margaret Pentecost, Gale Rhodes, Melissa Long Shuter, Nancy Theriot, and Martyna Warren and Georgette Moore

**Minutes**: Chairwoman Casey asked for a motion to approve the April 27 minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Knadler and was seconded by Jeanne Guerrero. The motion passed after vote.

**Chair Update**: (Wayne Hall and Kenny Brown attended and were accompanied by Sergeant Jacklyn Cohn to the meeting). Cohn was introduced by Wayne Hall.

The COSW will report our annual activities to the President on July 26. Ann Larson will be preparing that report. Ann has already requested data from committee chairs asking for their feedback and progress on their goals. We will also examine Task Force Report that is online. There are 47 goals listed there that are outlined. We’ve completed 11 and are working on the remaining. Sam has agreed to look at the portion that are related to HR and will give an update on those. Valerie and Ann will be meeting with Dean Tracy Ells to look at the faculty portion.

The Chair reported attending a press release of a study called Benchmark II (a Women 4 Women initiative). It gives the status of women in the community. Dr. Willihnganz, Ann Coffee and Julie Hermann are on the planning board. The female head of household has more than doubled in KY since 1970. Those stats are projected to increase to 110,000 by 2020, which is a 10% increase over 2000. Women are half of all US workers and there are many more breadwinners creating a social transformation that will continue to impact the role of men and women in families. The economic security of many families, especially those of color, single parents and the elderly is declining. The workday structure in flexible schedules and women that took sick time has a tremendous impact on women, men and the entire family. Unhealthy eating habits directly related to local and national health crisis. Domestic violence has increased in Louisville concurrent with the recession. Women are outpacing men in their educational attempts.

* The Chairs of the Commissions and Staff and Faculty senates continue to meet monthly.
* May 14 represented the COSW on the GPTW Steering Committee. There are 4 committees: Campus Climate Family Friendly Policies, Health and Wellness and Professional and Development.
  + Campus Climate announced that there 4 committees within that committee.
  + They are: planning ice cream socials, HSC June 5, Belknap Aug. 7 between 2-4pm;
  + Summer Movie Night 3 June 8 July 13 and Aug 3. Puss N Boots, the original Muppet move and one other.
  + Louisville Night at the Bats on July 27. Discounted tickets for $6. Cardinal singers will be there and Pres. Ramsey is expected to toss out the first pitch.
  + Family Friendly Committee are trying to create more camps on campus for children.
  + Looking into an Outstanding Performance Award for faculty and staff

**Presentation on Consensus Program**: Sam Connally. Sam Connally gave a 30 minute presentation on the availability of the recruitment tool, *Consensus* and its beneficial application for the screening and hiring of minority and women candidates.

**Nominations** - There was no quorum at the COSW meeting on Friday, May 25. Commissioners who were present abstained from voting for someone to fill Cindi's EC seat. Cindi’s term on the COSW ends on June 30.  COSW members will instead vote electronically.  Completed ballots may be sent to **Andi Gobin** by Monday, June 4.  Commissioners are urged to select **one** from of two candidates: Brenda Hart and Missy Long Shuter.

**PEACC Update**: Sharon reported on the speaker for Take Back the Night this year, September 25, 2012.

* Nancy Schwartzman is a filmmaker, media strategist, and catalyst for social change.
* Named one of the "10 Filmmakers to Watch in 2011" by Independent Magazine, Nancy Schwartzman's work explores the intersection of sexuality, new media, and the complexities of modern relationships.
* Nancy is the Founder and Executive Director of The Line Campaign, a non-profit using media and action to end sexual violence. With the creation of 'Circle of 6' iPhone app, Nancy's team won the highly competitive White House Apps Against Abuse Technology Challenge. 'Circle of 6' will help friends stay close and prevent violence before it happens. <http://www.circleof6app.com/>
* Nancy will be showing her film at 200 pm on Sept 25th in the Floyd Theater. A discussion will follow.

People were interested in downloading the **Circle of Six phone app** since it was free and could be used for anyone for safety planning. You are invited to visit the website <http://www.circleof6app.com/>

PEACC also has a Peer Education class for advocacy and action is HSS 597 Course 8711