

**Women's Faculty Council General Meeting—Minutes
September 4, 2019 @ 2:30, Classroom Building 106B**

Attending:

Officers

Kim Loeffert, Chair

Tracy Quan, Vice Chair

Madison Chartier, Secretary

Erin Dyke, Treasurer

Awilda Rodriguez Carrion, Faculty Council Liaison

Steph Link, Immediate Past Chair

Members:

Lauren Cline

Audrey King

Gemmy Moon, GSPGA Representative

Anna Lennard

Isabel Alvarez-Sancho

Melissa Reed

Megan Macken

Reanae McNeal

Rachel Hartnett

Heidi Cephus

Helen Clements

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Jennifer Borland**

Steph convened the meeting at 2:30.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introduction of new officers
2. Report from the Faculty Awards Committee
3. Report from the Student Research Awards Committee
4. Unfinished business from the previous year
5. Treasurer's report
6. Special Announcements
7. Guest Speaker
8. Adjournment

Welcome and introduction of new officers:

Steph Link, as the Immediate Past Chair, opened the meeting with an introduction of the 2019-2020 Women's Faculty Council Officers:

- Kim Loeffert: Chair
- Tracy Quan: Vice Chair
- Madison Chartier: Secretary
- Erin Dyke: Treasurer
- Awilda Rodriguez Carrion: Faculty Council Liaison

Steph welcomed all past and new members in attendance, as well as members viewing via livestream from Tulsa. She urged people to sign in to mark their attendance, register their emails with us if interested in receiving notifications of future WFC events, and volunteer for service opportunities as detailed on the sign-in sheet (reviewing for Faculty and/or Student Research Awards and leading a book club).

The WFC is also seeking members from the Tulsa and OKC campuses who would be able to facilitate livestreams for people interested in attending these meetings remotely.

Report from the Faculty Awards Committee (delivered by Steph on behalf of Kay Bjornen, Chair):

- We applied for the President's Fellow Funds to acknowledge women and women advocates on campus for leadership and engagement—and we won!
- This year, we're able to award 3 awards for \$1500 each. We will present these awards at the Fall Convocation in November.
- We are presently down to 3 people on the committee. We would appreciate volunteers will to serve at least a 5-hour commitment for the whole semester.
- We will be examining the criteria for the individual awards next week and will send out an official announcement of the awards and call for nominees—so be on the lookout for people to nominate!

Report from the Student Research Awards Committee (Sarah Milligan):

- Every year, the big initiative of the WFC is the research awards for undergraduate or graduate students. These awards are in recognition of substantial research and academic prowess.
- Any OSU student can apply.
- The WFC has raised between \$10,000-\$17,000 the past couple of years. We give out every cent we can raise and award multiple students from these funds.
- We need assistance with the review of student applications and appreciate a broad, diverse, multidisciplinary pool of volunteers. We have very systematic procedures in place for judging and determining final awardees.
- We'll make an official callout for review volunteers in November. The review will take place during February through March. The awards will be given in April.

Unfinished business from the previous year:

No unfinished business. All matters were concluded.

Treasurer's report (Erin):

- Institutional Diversity account balance: \$1614 (for the WFC's general spending, social events, speakers, and co-sponsorship opportunities).
- Foundation Account balance: \$5917 (for the WFC's faculty and student awards)

For fundraising, we encouraged attendees who may be interested in donating, sponsoring, or contributing to the WFC to fill out the form accompanying the meeting's agenda.

Special Announcements:

- Last year was the WFC's 40th Anniversary!
- LSU and a Texan university would like to model their WFC by-laws and website after ours! This is a promising sign of OSU's WFC's broadening impact beyond campus!
- The next meeting on October 2nd will feature Dr. Jeanette Mendez and her career progression as female faculty.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Jennifer Borland presented to the group: "Fostering Community Culture: Celebrating Contributions and Cultivating Collaboration."

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:40.