



**PCW Minutes
February 15, 2008
1:00pm
W.T. Young Library Gallery**

Attendance: Dianna August, Dina Crocker, Verona Cumberledge, Anna Allen-Edwards, Bessie Guerrant, Claudia Heath, Sherry Holmes, Carol Jordan, Catie Lasley, Judith Lesnaw, Cecile McKinney, Deborah Murray, Jim Ryder, Judy Sackett, Suzanne Scheff, Meg Stohlmann, Linda Rakes.

Not Present: Leslie Crofford, Mary Davis, Brittany Langdon, Robyn Pease, Anthony Ralph, Mitzi Schumacher, Diane Snow, Ginny Sprang, John Wilson.

Welcome:

The January meeting of the President's Commission on Women was called to order by Bessie Guerrant, Vice-Chair, at 1:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was brought to the floor by Lina Crocker to approve the January 18, 2008, PCW minutes. The motion was seconded by Sue Scheff. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote with no changes.

Co-Chair's Report:

Bessie Guerrant

(1.) The Martin Luther King March had a nice turn and was well represented by the Commission(s). The PCW and PCD banners were carried side by side throughout the parade. The speaker for the Martin Luther King Commemorative Program was Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President of the University of Maryland at Baltimore County. The message Dr. Hrabowski brought was appropriate and outstanding.

New Business

(1.) Anna Edwards reported that she couldn't determine if anyone was promoting Women's History Month currently. Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, Director, Student Diversity Engagement Multicultural Affairs, addressed the commission announcing that the kick off of the Diversity Festival is March 1, 2008 and that the festival would run throughout the month of March. Details of events throughout the month have been posted to the

PCD website (www.uky.edu/PCD). The PCW was invited and encouraged to get involved in the activities.

- (2.) The Sarah Bennet Holmes awards ceremony will be held on April 29, 2008 and information will be sent out soon.
- (3.) The Women's Choir will perform a concert series at the newly renovated Hilary Boone Center on either March 30, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.
- (4.) PCW nomination form for membership will be distributed soon electronically. Nominations should be submitted so that new members might attend the PCW retreat in May.
- (5.) There is now a link to the President's Commission on Diversity website.
- (6.) Thank you to Carol Jordan for her hard work on the search committee for a Vice President for Institutional Diversity.
- (7.) Dr. Judy "JJ" Jackson has accepted and been appointed as the new Vice President for Institutional Diversity and will come to UK July 1, 2008 to begin her duties and will be housed in the Main Building on the third floor. The fulfillment of this newly created position sends a strong message to the campus, community and state that UK is serious about diversity.
- (8.) Bluegrass Alliance for Women is a grass roots organization for women and was formed after the 2005 Kentucky Commission on Women Summit. This organization encompasses 13 counties in Kentucky and is a non-profit organization. The Legacy Awards luncheon is on March 25, 2008. The PCW has sponsored a table for this event.

Bluegrass Alliance for Women

Sue Scheff

The Bluegrass Alliance for Women is a grass roots organization which came about after the 2005 Kentucky Commission on Women's Economic Summit. After the Summit, a group of women decided to create an organization and to distribute the valuable information that was obtained from the Summit. The newly formed BAW formed five different committees within the organization which are leadership, education, health and well-being, equity, and economic sufficiency, which are the framework of the organization. Sue Scheff is the chair of the Education Committee. The organization has evolved over the past three years and has just completed their strategic plan. The organization involves thirteen counties in Kentucky by which information is shared. They are a non-profit organization. The BAW has a regional meeting annually. The second Legacy Awards Luncheon is in March and the PCW has sponsored a table for this event.

A flyer was distributed to the PCW regarding a workshop scheduled for March 1st on "Exploring College Opportunities". There is a fund-raising committee within the BAW that helps to raise money for the organization.

AAUW

Deborah Murray

Mitzi Schumacher and Deborah Murray will meet next week with the Bluegrass Chapter of the AAUW to determine what outreach efforts in relation to a town and gown effort could be defined to identify and address women's issues in the community and how the PCW could work with the Bluegrass Chapter to achieve these goals. It is believed that

the university could have a large impact on the community which will mean that we will have to define a focus for engaging with other entities.

Adjourn:

Bessie Guerrant

A motion to adjourn the February 15, 2008 meeting of the PCW was made by Deborah Murray. Motion was seconded by Verona Cumberledge. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.