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Council for IWU Women Minutes

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Only a few more weeks until Homecoming! Don't miss the opportunity to reconnect with dear friends and your fellow council members. If you have not yet registered for Homecoming, please access the following link:

<http://www.titanpride.org/s/653/index.aspx?sid=653&gid=1&pgid=905&cid=1803&ecid=1803&crid=0&calpgid=13&calcid=912>

As an alum support the events on campus. Whether you decide to "go back to college" by attending some classes, go to a class reunion event, support the Pride Alumni group at the wine and cheese reception, participate in the 5k Run/Walk, cheer our Titans on against North Park or attend the Minority Alumni Network Mentoring session, there is a lot to see and do at Homecoming!

Homecoming Events for the Council for IWU Women -- Friday, October 8

12pm – 1pm Luncheon with New Members – Tommy's – Meet at the counter.

1:15pm – 2:15pm Visit with New Members – Dug Out

- Loreen/Molly/Elly will host
- Share background of the Council
- Expectations for new members

3pm – 4pm Council for IWU Women Meeting – Turfler Room

- Guest speakers: Barb Nathan is confirmed. Mary Bennett is tentative (20 min.)
- Introduce new members
- Welcome student attendees
- 2011 Planning

Minutes from Conference Call:

- Discussed events for Friday, October 8.
- Reminded everyone to please support the alumni efforts on campus during Homecoming.
- Council for IWU Women Conference – Dates: Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, 2011
- Recommendations for March 2011 Conference
 - Great feedback on the food
 - Loreen has an idea for the "give-away." She will get with Connie Vail.

Possible General Sessions/Break-outs:

- Coffee talk

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- Very well-received last year.
- Coordination with both the Career Center and Student Services
- Possibly integrate with State Farm women event.
- Students liked visiting a Corporate office. Others wanted less of a business focus.
- Feedback – provide an event for both business and non-business functions. Recommendation to have 2 off-campus events:
 - Non-Profit Sector – Perhaps Barb Nathan might help?
 - Private Sector – Business/Mentoring Event with State Farm
- Mocktail
 - Great feedback. Recommend that we open this to all students in March.
- Mentoring
 - Discuss – offer formal and in-formal mentoring
- Financial Planning
- Panel
 - We may want to go a different direction this year.
- Job strategies
- Networking and Mock Interviews
- Table Topics:
 - Global Issues Effecting Women – Nicholas Kristof “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.”
 - Preparing Oneself in the 2011 Job Market
 - Economy
 - Setting realistic goals
 - What if the job is not a good fit?
 - What to wear as a young professional?
- Guest speaker:
 - Nancy Brady – if Bill Brady is elected Governor, this may be a possibility. However, we do want to be mindful of invitations to political parties. We do not want to give the appearance that IWU is choosing or recommending a particular party.
 - Kelly Petrowski – returning from her trip overseas.
 - Pat Armstrong – class of 1990 – feminist.
 - Charlotte Joslin – class of 1993 – eye researcher.
 - Entrepreneur – Founder of Cupcake and Revenge – featured in American Express.com advertisement. Molly will research to see if this is viable.
 - Cindy Zeglis – Psychologist – wellness talk?

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Next Meeting: Friday, October 8 – 3pm – 4pm – Turfler Room

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Minutes

What a great meeting! It was a great chance to reconnect with dear friends and our fellow council members. Thank you for our wonderful students and the university!

If you have not already visited with your committee, please do so and plan your portion. If you do not see your name listed for the March conference and would like to volunteer, send a note to Elly Jones bjones2111@comcast.net or Molly Rollings at mrrollings@iwu.edu. Attached is an Outlook and Excel contact listing. Additionally, a rough draft agenda for the upcoming conference is enclosed.

Welcome to our newest members!

- Laurie Diekoff
- Linda Stone
- Stacey Tichenor
- Jessica Schull
- Jacqui Bliss
- Carol Smith

Attendees included: Barb Nathan, Pat Wilson, Molly McLay, Clara Erhardt, Laura Ehardt, Alyssa Sherman, Celeste Flac Liske, Claudia Brogan, Kathryn Breich (IWU Student President), Julie Hainline, Jess Olsen, Darcy Greder, Jane Baines, Traci Shaugnessey, Karin McDowell, Laura Wey, Mary Ann Guenzler, Laura Randolph, Cindy Zieglis, Lora Wey, Molly Rollings :

Guest Speaker: Our objectives include teaching and mentoring one another, as well as providing our members with an opportunity to share their stories. Our very own Barb Nathan spoke about the Community Cancer Center. Barb shared information about the importance of the level of awareness within McLean County; however, we still have some work to do. Barb also shared a touching story about a volunteer who has been impacted by cancer yet again. The courage this woman displays is amazing. The work at the center is Barb's greatest gift.

Conference Planning: We quickly got down to business and began discussing the 2011 Conference on **Friday, March 4, 2011.**

The highlighted name(s) is/are the lead on the sub-committees.

I. Coffee Talk – Partnership with the Career Center

- Volunteers: Laurie Diekhoff, Molly Rollings, Elly Jones
- Comments:
- Council members need to bring business cards.
- Let participants know a 5 minute warning before changing tables.
- Need more space. Dug Out works well, but may need to take all of the tables.
- Offer Non-Profit, Business and Graduate School conversations.

II. Business and Non-Profit Events

- Volunteers: Barb Nathan, Elly Jones
- Comments: Good feedback on the joint event with State Farm.
- Need to offer Non-profit experience as well. Possibility with the Community Cancer Center. Provide an event for business functions. Recommendation to have 2 off-campus events:
 - Non-Profit Sector – Cancer Center
 - Private Sector – Business/Mentoring Event with State Farm

III. Mocktail/Cocktail Party

- Volunteers: Tracy Wych, Celeste Flachsbart, Carol Liske
- Comments:
- Very successful!
- Everyone agreed to do this again.

IV. Financial Planning Presentation

- Volunteers: Lisa Dieter
- Comments: Great feedback. Lisa was very effective at explaining financial decision making in easy to understand. Lisa is willing to share her talk again.

V. Young Alumni Panel

- Volunteers: Molly McLay, Alyssa Sherman
- Comments: Possible themes: "Navigating life after college." "Your world after Wesleyan." Good way to get you Council.

VI. Guest Luncheon Speaker

- Volunteers: Ann Harding
- Comments: Possible speakers include:
- **Margaret Bertram** – IWU – Class of 2005. She graduated from IWU in 2005 and now works in student affairs i works for an organization called Active Minds, which seeks to dialogue openly about mental health issues in the collegiate one of their speakers, and she is trained to speak with college audiences about mental health issues. Her work comes a gr experience dealing with mental illness, an eating disorder, and coming out as a college student. Molly indicates Margaret is known to infuse humor into her presentations.

http://www.activeminds.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=311&Itemid=27

- **Pat Armstrong** – class of 1990 – feminist.
- **Charlotte Joslin** – class of 1993 – eye researcher.
- **Cindy Zeglis** – Psychologist – wellness talk
- **Janet Albers** – class of 1982 – serves underprivileged. Faculty at SIU School of medicine. Free medical care t
- **Karen Zander** – nursing major. Resides in Maryland. Center for Case Management.

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VII. Other Panels

- **Global Issues Effecting Women – Nicholas Kristoff "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity**
- Volunteers: Marsha Guenzler-Stevens
- Comments: This is an event for Council members to attend while the Young Alumni Panel in going on.
- **Preparing Oneself in the 2011 Job Market**
- Volunteers: Linda Stone, Tracy Garrett, Stacy Tichenor, Katie Coleman, Laura Randolph
- Comments: Setting realistic expectations with oneself after IWU graduation. How do you keep yourself in the g; realistic goals. What if the job is not a good fit?

Other Goals for the Council:

VIII. Mentoring Program

- Partner with the Career Center to pair Council members with students.

IX. Networking/Mock Interviews

- Partner with Career Center to have Council members assist students with mock interviews. This is a great way i prepare for either job interviews or grad school interviews.

Next conference call dates:

Conference Call Line: (800) 582-3014 Access Code: 924388514

Tuesday, December 21 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30pm Central

Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30pm Central


You shape and mold the female leaders of the future. Thank you for all that you do to help our women students at IWU. V


Elly and Molly

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