

Madison Caucus for Gender Equality
Fall Business Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 28, 2019

Members Present

Tim Ball, Stephanie Baller, Howard Lubert, Misty Newman, Kathy Ott Walter, David Owusu-Ansah, Courtney Swartzentruber

The meeting called to order at 12:15 pm

1. Celebrate successes
 - a. Tim Ball announced that the external climate study was approved. According to the Provost, an implementation team will consider the work that has already been done, further hone goals, set a timeline, and select the organization to conduct the study.
 - b. Tim Ball also announced the approval by the Provost's leadership team of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major.
2. The future of the Caucus moving forward
 - a. Members (six steering committee members) discussed steering committee member tasks and responsibilities. Courtney Swartzentruber will contact Emily Neighbors about getting access to the Caucus email account. Steering committee members can then send emails about Caucus-relevant events and activities to members
 - b. Members discussed how to keep the Caucus alive without a lot of administrative support. We will reach out to those who were members but who have not paid 2019-2020 dues yet.
3. Members brainstormed ERA event for spring 2020. We will reach out to other campus organizations like the JMU Center for Civic Engagement to ask if the Caucus could co-sponsor events.
4. Members discussed other ways to connect with Caucus members (besides happy hours and Coffee with the Caucus). One suggestion would be to reintroduce brown bag sessions where experts on campus talk about their research. Members will contact people they know to ask if they would be interested.
5. Members discussed lactation rooms on campus. Tim Ball will find out whether Showker Hall will have a lactation room. David Owusu-Ansah stated that there is a lactation room in Wilson Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm