



Women's Status Committee

Working for women at USF

2010-2011 WSC Members

This year, thirteen members regularly attended meetings and participated in WSC projects. The 2010-2011 WSC membership is comprised of 2 faculty, 4 staff, 4 students, 2 graduate student instructors, and 1 ex-officio representative from DEO. Members of the Committee bring expertise in information technology, communication, and activism, as well representing units and groups important to the work of the Committee, including the USF Advocacy Program and the USF Police Department.

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- implementing a new outreach and educational effort, *Eat, Stay, Learn*, to provide important and pertinent information to women of the USF community
- supporting the USF Take Back the Night event with food contributions
- building a foundation for the 2011-2012 academic year to continue the revitalization of our committee

Eat, Stay, Learn: A Series of Informative Talks by Women for Women with Women

The WSC sponsored five "Eat, Stay, Learn" lunches throughout the year, partnering with USF student groups to host the talks in the Marshall Center. USF Feminist Student Alliance, NITE (Necessary Improvements to Transform the Environment), and MINTS (Mature Independent Non-Traditional Students) were instrumental in the success of our series. More than 50 USF staff, students, and faculty attended the talks.

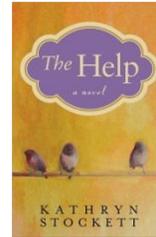
"Personal Safety: Reducing Your Risks," November 4, 2010, by Sgt. Charlotte Domingo, USF Police Officer and WSC Chair. The session provided attendees with information and recommendations for personal safety both on campus and at home.

"Do's and Don'ts of Public Speaking: What Every Woman Needs to Know in Front of an Audience," January 13, 2011, by Dr. Elizabeth Bell, Professor in the USF Communication Department. Elizabeth provided easy, works-every-time tips for effective oral presentations.

"Navigating Health (Care): What Every Woman Should Know," February 3, 2011, by Meagan Araujo, a doctoral candidate in Communication studying healthcare settings. Meagan volunteers as a medical interpreter at not-for-profit clinics and works with first-year USF medical students to develop patient-centered communication skills. Meagan shared strategies for enhancing patient-provider communication.



“Book Club Day,” March 3, 2011, was arranged by WSC members Dr. Linda Alexander and Kiersten Cox of the USF School of Information. “Book Club Day” spotlighted several books of particular interest to women and featured selections made and presented by: Dr Vicki Gregory, Professor in the School of Information; Nancy Cunningham, USF Campus Librarian; Alisa Carmichael, Librarian at Schiller International University; and Lagretta Lenker, USF Office of Metro Initiatives and Graduate Certificates.



“I Thought I Knew Him – Non-Stranger Rape,” April 7, 2011, by WSC member Nanci Newton. Nanci Newton is Director of the USF Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention and has worked with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence since 1971. Nanci’s talk centered around the fact that the vast majority of rapes involve someone known to the victim, not a stranger.



2011 recommendations to the President

1. Conduct a university-wide salary equity study.

Staff Issues

2. Encourage OPS and A&P Staff participation in university-wide committees by protecting the time that is required for significant and meaningful participation.
3. Encourage invitation of the USF Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention to participate in orientation for new staff members.

Student Issues

4. Promote services to non-traditional, care-giving students and student groups that work in their interests.
5. Promote on-campus safety initiatives in cooperation with established Student Organizations.

Faculty Issues

6. Invest in and promote mentoring programs for women faculty at the Associate Professor level to facilitate promotion to Full Professor.
7. Encourage invitation of the USF Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention to participate in orientation for new faculty members.

From the WSC

On behalf of all the members and officers of the WSC, we thank you for this opportunity to work toward improving the lives of women at USF.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Domingo, Chair



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