

**President's Advisory Committee on the Role and Status of Women**  
**Meeting With the President**  
**December 20, 2004**

In attendance:

President Michael Schwartz	Tina Sell
Adrienne Gosselin	Florence Fowler
Mareyjoyce Green	Connie Hollinger
Nancy Kaltenbach	Bev Wright
Wendy Jovan	

- I. Tina Sell gave President Schwartz a copy of Last Year's Report.
- II. Tina Sell discussed the committee's goals to become more active in the campus community. Efforts in this area will include updating the committee's website to a more interactive, informative format, continuing to seek partnership opportunities with groups both within and outside of the CSU community, and revisiting the committee's operating procedures. The latter will include updating the committee's mission statement and adopting rules of governance to emphasize bring women to the fore, activities which are being spearheaded by Adrienne Gosselin. Ms. Sell noted that the present size of the committee is too small, and the President agreed the membership should be expanded.
- III. Adrienne Gosselin initiated a discussion of the committee's efforts in the area of academic enhancement:
  - A. Bev Wright reported on the Returning Women's Support Project, noting that fall orientation brought just a handful of admissions compared to 30-40 admissions in previous years, and questioned whether this might be due to the \$30 admission fee these women were required to pay which had been waived in the past. Mareyjoyce Green informed the President that the committee would track changes in enrollment to determine if they are related to changes in policy regarding the admission fee. She noted that the women recruited through the program generally remain at the university for 2-3 years and may therefore be worth investing the \$30 in waived admission fees in order to enroll them.
  - B. Adrienne Gosselin reported on the Melissa Martin/Grace Martin Warren Women's Studies Essay contest. Ms. Gosselin noted that it provides opportunities for male and female students to receive recognition for their mastery in writing skills and

to present their papers at an awards reception. Details of the contest will go in campus mailbag. Ms. Gosselin also informed the committee that CSU students are invited to enter their papers in Bowling Green State University's WEAL program, which has an award of \$1,000.

IV. Marejoyce Green updated the President on the success of the New Faculty Reception. The later date seems to have allowed new faculty a chance to adjust to their new environment before attending the event, at which the Provost spoke on the goals of the university. Tina Sell noted that the committee is leaning toward modeling the upcoming Staff Support Luncheon after last year's: an open time frame allowed more individuals to attend, and the tokens of appreciation provided to all staff in lieu of door prizes were warmly received. Ms. Sell added that recognizing staff achievements and awards in a newsletter or online may provide further, well-deserved recognition for CSU staff, **and noted that a cookbook of thought and body food developed from the staff luncheons and lectures sponsored by the committee will be published as an e-book. CORRECTION: THIS COOK BOOK IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND IT MAY BE PUBLISHED AS AN E-BOOK. TINA IS WORKING WITH GLENDA THORNTON TO SEE IF THAT IS POSSIBLE.**

V. Connie Hollinger reported on the committee's decision to complete a new 10 Year Anniversary Status of Women Report. Dr. Hollinger noted that a Status of Women report has not been conducted since 200. The new one will likely be published as a 3-fold document, with data being collected, analyzed and interpreted in time for a fall 2005 release. The committee has not yet firmed up how the report will be introduced and distributed to the campus community.

VI. Regarding the committee's efforts to develop partnerships, Florence Fowler reported on the Women's City Club pilot program to match female students with community leaders as mentors, noting that 12 CSU students have been selected to participate. Ms. Fowler also reported that the Student Women's Association, another partner of the committee, is particularly strong and was very active in recent get out the vote efforts. Marejoyce Green updated the President on student response to his recent e-mails regarding sexual harassment and discussed the progress of Women's Studies, noting that the Women's Center was the subject of a recent article in *The Plain Dealer*. Tina Sell reported that the planned campus daycare center appears to have been funded through a recent grant, although its exact status is unknown.

VII. Tina Sell introduced the committee's plans to hold a Leadership Forum for Women. The event was conceived to help women achieve success through CSU by bringing current leaders who are CSU graduates to campus to talk on the topic of leadership and empower women in all areas. Ms. Sell noted that the event reflects the mission of CSU as an urban university.

VIII. Mareyjoyce Green reported on committee plans for a mini-conference and call for papers in 2006. The focus of the papers may be on Title IX. The event will provide students with opportunities to present their papers and will foster scholarship.

IX. Tina Sell asked President Schwartz about his interest in a Center for the Study of the Defense of Liberty, and proposed areas of partnership to support such a project. Ms. Sell will send the President ideas on sources of financial support for the development of the center. **THE PRESIDENT SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT PLANS FOR THIS CENTER ARE IN THE OFFING - IF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE - THIS CENTER WILL BE OPEN TO THE CAMPUS FOR SCHOLARS/DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE THE LEAD - IT SEEMS THAT THE PRESIDENT ALREADY HAS A PLAN FOR THIS CENTER.**

X. When the committee stated its interest in further developing partnerships at CSU, President Schwartz noted opportunities in partnering to assess and address the recent phenomenon of men leaving CSU. The committee discussed possible means to gather information on the reasons for their departure including exit interviews and surveys.