

Report to the President Overview of the Activities of the Committee during AY2006 – 2007

All the events reported here have documentation in the committee's files and can be made available to the President upon request. This report is intended to give the President a clear and concise statement of the committee's activities during the year.

This year the committee made headway in its efforts to gain visibility as a support of women's projects and interest at the university. Along with fulfilling our traditional role of monitoring and assessing the involvement and support of CSU women, as well as the progress of women in education and in the nation, the committee determined in this year to pursue partnerships with campus organizations whose aims and goals involved the promotion of women's interests and achievements.

Our traditional partner, Women's Comprehensive Center, was joined this year by CSU Poetry Center, by the Center for Healing Across Cultures, and the CSU Student Women's Association. We had planned a small conference for the month of March with National Organization of Women (NOW) Ohio Chapter and Women of Color and Allies (WOCA), but the event was cancelled in January by WOCA for organizational reasons (WOCA could not meet its commitments to the conference due to internal changes in the organization).

In AY 06-07, the budget allocated to the committee was used, as it always is:

- To pay for stipend and tuition of our GA, Jane Riley Tokar
- To pay costs for receptions and hosting events (printing, etc.)
- To pay operating costs, such as telephone bills, office supplies, and miscellaneous expenses.

In the minds of the committee members, the most important event of the year was the presentation in April of the Role and Status of Women at CSU Report, compiled and presented by Connie Hollinger, PhD, Co-Chair PACRSW. While attendance at the event was very low, email and other distribution and requests for copies of the report were quite high. A copy of the report is attached. In the main, the committee can report that women have not lost ground since 1991 (the year this committee authorized) but at the same time we have not made gained much at CSU. Though the majority of our students are female, the same cannot be said of women's representation in senior faculty positions or in the upper administration. The committee does not believe or promote the belief that women should be majority in any of these areas, but the membership remains concerned about the representation and promotion of women at CSU. A copy of the AY2006-2007 Role and Status of Women report is attached.

A second major project that the committee worked on was the resolution of space issues for the Women's Comprehensive Program in its new campus location. The committee and the WCP tried very hard to work with the architect's committee to show the inadequacies of the planned space, to point out the lack of privacy, to draw attention to the fact that the men's restroom entrance was directly across from the entrance to the center (perhaps not the best of plans, as the center works with women who may have less than comfortable or trusting relationships with men). While a wealth of information was provided to the committee and a great deal of time was spent going over the drawings and submitting detailed responses, in point of fact, very little attention was paid to the input of the committee or the staff of the WCP. The center is nearly the same as the original plan presented to the WCP and remains inadequate to the needs.

2006-2007 Sponsored Events

A stated goal of the PACRSW is the collaboration with organizations on campus to promote the status and role of women in the life of the university, in civic life, and in other ventures and avenues wherein women have made a difference or are making headway. Sponsorship of campus events is one way in which the committee forwards this goal.

Fall 2006 Event

- **Judith Arcana, Risk Taker – Poet.** This presentation was sponsored by President's Advisory Committee on the Role and Status of Women, The CSU Poetry Center, the CSU Women's Comprehensive Center, and the CSU Student Women's Association. The event took place on November 30, 2006 from 1:30PM – 2:30 PM in UC364 (Third Floor of University Center) with a reception following the reading. The nearly sold-out event was well received and attended by faculty, students, and staff; attendance: 95 people at the reading and the reception.
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Women's History Month – March 2007

"CELEBRATING WOMEN'S CREATIVE HANDS AND SPIRITS"

The Women's Comprehensive Program (WCP) and the President's Advisory Committee on the Role and Status of Women (RSW) presented two Women's History Month related events. Reservations were not required to visit the gallery or to attend Ms. Kelsey's presentation, which was followed by a question and answer session and a reception in the gallery, allowing guests the opportunity to hear the presentation and visit the gallery exhibit.

- **THE WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN - PEGGY KELSEY** - In the fall of 2003 Ms. Kelsey traveled to Afghanistan where she interviewed and photographed Afghan women in an effort to discern the sources of strength that have sustained them through 23 years of war, the Taliban era, and the current war in their nation. Ms. Kelsey will share a slide presentation of her journey with us and will talk to us about what she learned about the women of Afghanistan.
 - **BETTY LADUKE: CELEBRATING WOMEN'S CREATIVE HANDS AND SPIRITS** - an exhibit of photographs, weavings and artifacts created by the women of Afghanistan, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and USA were on display in The Women's Center Gallery, University Center Third Floor. The gallery featured the exhibit from the first week in April, Monday – Friday during regular university hours.
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Receptions:

- Fall: Women's Studies and Women's Comprehensive Center Retreat – assistance with luncheon expenses and report to WS and WCP on committee activities
- Fall: New Women Faculty Welcome Reception – assistance with reception costs
- Spring: Women Who Make A Difference – assistance with reception costs