



The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

## **Minutes for meeting held Thursday, March 5, 2009**

**Attendees:** Mary Ann Adkisson, Gina Chappell, Llonda Collins, Vicky Esse, Allegra Johnson, Karen Krakower, Catherine Merriman, Beverly Moore, Hariyadarshi Pannu, Kathy Rodgers, Priya Weerasinghe, and Irmi Willcockson

**Excused Absences:** Angel Hooper, Sheryl McCurdy, Karen Minich, Michele Stanton

**Meeting called to order at 11:45 AM by Dr. Hariyadarshi Pannu.**

Carmela Bourgeois took the minutes for this meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February minutes.

### **President's Award for Mentoring Women**

- Suggestions for next year's nominations: 1) Utilizing the matrix to help individuals prepare their nomination letters. 2) Reducing the score (1-5 instead of 1-10).
- Winners announced: Dr. Richard Bebermeyer (A&P), Lt. John Wayner (Classified) and Dr. Robert Roberts (Faculty).

### **Award Reception – Final Plans**

- Dr. Kaiser will present the awards for the Mentor winners. Provide bullets of committee history to Bill McLain and Karen Kaplan.
- Catering by George to cater the event.
- Duties to be assigned to committee members.

### **Dress for Success**

- Llonda Collins mentioned donations for this year's drive so far were very small.
- Monday, March 9, 2009 will be the date of collection from all drop-off sites.
- The UT Child Development Center will be the final drop off location for all donations.
- Sorting will occur on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM.
- Need volunteers to drop off donations to Dress for Success on either Tuesday, March 10 at 3 PM or Wednesday, March 11 at 10 AM.
- Suggestions for the following year: associate the campaign more closely to the reception, challenging each unit/department (the most donations win a pizza party), brown bag event (fashion expert advising various ways to wear an item)

**Additional Comments/Suggestions**

Suggestions for ways to make the committee more prominent throughout the university:

- co-sponsor an event w/U of H Friends of Women's studies
- links on the website for any local events that promote the advancement of women
- work with Work Life to help co-sponsor an event
- WBAA good source for speakers to hold a seminar series for women
- resources that assist women in procuring hard-to-obtain doctor's appointments
- type of research regarding women is occurring in the university
- panel discussion during lunch on women's health issues
- once event occurs have it on the website as a podcast

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM in UCT 1505C.  
Lunch will be provided.**