



The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Minutes for meeting held Thursday, May 7, 2009

Attendees: Terri Armstrong, Gina Chappell, Llonda Collins, Angel Hooper, Allegra Johnson, Karen Krakower, Sheryl McCurdy, Catherine Merriman, Karen Minich, Beverly Moore, Hariyadarshi Pannu, Kathy Rodgers, Michele Stanton, Priya Weerasinghe and Irmi Willcockson

Excused Absences: Mary Ann Adkisson, Vicky Esse

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 March minutes.

Website Improvements

Sarah Weddington, attorney, lecturer and first Distinguished Professional Woman, has agreed to write the first blog. A disclaimer also needs to be added.

Other possible individuals for blog submissions:

Amy Yasbeck, actor and widow of actor John Ritter

Amie Osborne, graduate of UTHSC-H Medical School (Treacher Collins Syndrome)

Each member compiles a maximum of three possible titles for the blog and forwards the information to Carmela Bourgeois. After review by the chair the top five names will be placed on the website for the UTHSC community to choose.

The blog should be updated once per quarter. In between the updates obtain answers to five questions from women throughout the community and post on the website.

Karen Kaplan to compile a few questions for each committee member to answer to be placed on the website as some sort of link to the committee roster.

Brown Bag Meetings

1. Contact Jennifer Canup and ask if she would be able to provide a 30 minute presentation on how she successfully changed job tracks at UTHSC-H.

Alternate suggestion: Change to 1 hour appreciative inquiry with three other women.

Women suggested: Betsy Frantz, Gwendolyn Sifford, colleague of Llonda Collins

Invite Eric Fernette, Vice President of Human Resources, to attend.

Possible moderators: Eric Fernette, Work Life, Counseling

2. Women's health – Maintaining Healthy Weight. Request Work Life to provide free care package for the first 50 individuals.

3. Cook Yourself Thin – provide a cooking class. Contact Charlie Figari to see if he can request French Corner to provide their kitchen. Perhaps utilize this form to raise funds for the Student Travel Award.

Additional Comments/Suggestions

The final amount spent for the Distinguished Professional Woman Award & President's Award for Mentoring Women reception was \$8,583.00. Kathy Rodgers will request a \$10,000 budget from the President's Office for the 2010 reception.

Kathy Rodgers also advised the funds provided from the President's Office cannot be used for anything other than the reception. For student travel award funds must be raised by other means.

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2009 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM in UCT 1726.
Lunch will be provided.**