

UCWFS  
11.17.10

### Minutes

Members Present: Donald Pope-Davis, Kevin Barry, Tracey Bergstrom, Aimee Buccellato, Jessica Collett, Jennifer Mason McAward, Kathie Newman, Alison Rice, Diane Wagner, Susan Ohmer, Maura Ryan, Amber Handy, Emily LeStrange, Allison Regier, Kathy Brickley, Catherine Pieronek, Heather Rakoczy Russell.

Members Excused: Ken Milani, Paulette Curtis, Catherine Soler, Jannifer Crittendon, Ava Preacher.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Vice President and Associate Provost Donald Pope-Davis. Members of the committee introduced themselves and Dr. Pope-Davis reviewed the charge and responsibilities of the committee, as stated in the Academic Articles.

Assistant Provost Susan Ohmer was unanimously elected to serve as chair of the committee for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Dr. Ohmer discussed the history and intentions of the Mapother endowment to enhance communication between the provost and women faculty. The lunches supported by the endowment occur twice each semester and involve tenured and untenured women faculty from different programs across campus. Current committee members who participated in the lunches shared their experiences. Nominations were then requested for this year's lunches and will be added to the list of names from last year. Additional nominations were:

Talia Omer (Assistant Professor, Sociology)  
Mary Ann McDowell (participated on 9.24.08)  
Donna Glowacki (assistant professor, Anthropology)  
Blake Leyerle (associate professor, Theology)  
Diane Wagner (assistant professor, Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering)  
Susanna Monta (associate professor, English)  
Sandra Gustafson (associate professor, English)

Committee members discussed the areas they would like to explore and assess this year. These are listed on the proposed plan for the year above. In addition, members spoke at length about how to improve general communication on campus regarding issues relating to women faculty. They offered various ways of recognizing and celebrating women's accomplishments, such as including them in the President's and Provost's addresses; providing talking points for deans in their talks; developing websites for women faculty and students. Maura Ryan told the committee of the website that Alyssa Gillespie developed for the College of Arts and Letters, which can be found at [wal.nd.edu](http://wal.nd.edu)

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.