

Fall Advisory Board Meeting, 2003
UWS Women and Science Program

Advisory Board Meeting, September 5, 2003

Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Meeting Minutes, submitted by Laura McCullough

1. Welcome to everyone. Sandy Grunwald and Laura McCullough (co-chairs), and Susie Sandrin (W&S director) will preside over the meeting
2. Curriculum Reform Institute: 7 teams, very positive comments and feeling this year. No keynote speaker which saved about \$2500. The low attendance is somewhat concerning; hope that next year will be back up.
3. OPID: Many projects and grants still up in the air due to budget. Spring conference is still being planned. This conference will involve bringing teams from the various campus Scholarship of Teaching and Learning projects to the conference. Conference is planned for mid-April.
4. Distance Ed Programs: Some trouble with scheduling, but should be getting finalized soon. Hoping for Oct 30 and March 3 or 4 from 2:00 – 3:30. For the fall meeting Louise Root-Robbins and Bernice Durand are scheduled to talk about new initiatives for women. Possible topic for spring is CRI success stories.
5. Campus reports and initiatives were discussed by representatives from each campus. Information about WISELI and the Alfred P. Sloan

foundation initiatives were postponed due to the absence of the people who suggested this topic.

6. Results of Women & Science survey: handout of survey results was distributed. Good responses from participants. This survey led to a discussion about how we can best assess the student impact of the W&S program. The original NSF report was discussed; Judith Levy and Gloria Rogers were the original evaluators. The Board decided that it would be very useful to get statistics on enrollment and retention over the last decade or so for system and the various campuses. Also the program should collect information on presentations given due to W&S initiatives or workshops etc. The Board would also like to give each member the names of W&S participants from their campuses so that the Board members know who has participated in W&S programming.

7. The Strategic Planning Group discussed at the last meeting (5-15-03) was activated by Susie Sandrin to help her in an advisory role as she learns her new job.

8. The Opening Workshop will be October 2&3, 2003 at the Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The lack of participation from Provosts is very concerning. The Board decided to send copies of the Provost's letters to the Advisory Board members at each campus as a way to help ensure that the Provosts know who to nominate. The letters to the Provost also should include the covered costs of the Opening Workshop so they have a better sense of the value of sending participants. A proposal was suggested that Provosts can offer to pay food and lodging if they wish to send more than 4 members to the Opening Workshop.

The Spring Retreat will be May 20&21, 2004 at the Kalahari Resort in the Dells. Possible times for the retreat and the associated Board meeting were discussed. It was decided that the Board meeting would start at 10:30 and go through lunchtime with a box lunch meal. The retreat will run through about noon on Friday. A theme

for the Spring Retreat was suggested: Demonstrating Impact; participants are invited to share ways in which their participation in W&S programming has impacted themselves, their departments, their students, and/or their campuses.

9. Journal Club: A journal club was discussed again as a follow-up to the discussion at the Spring Board meeting. The possibility of it being a web-based discussion group will be explored, possibly as a bulletin board from the W&S home page.

10. Website: The new website is being worked on by Amy Melchior, who is using a new look, new colors, and a simpler interface. Board members will be notified when the new site is ready for feedback.

11. Potential Program Initiatives: Susie Sandrin is looking for collaborators who will help her with several NSF grant proposals. One is looking at assessment of the program; please send Susie names of possible evaluator/assessment people.

12. Student representation on the Board was brought up: each campus is encouraged to have one student representative and an alternate. Board members should go back to their campuses and look for interested students. Send Mary the names of students.

13. There is no current Wisconsin chapter of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS). One of the ways we could publicize and educate the need for women in science is to create a Wisconsin chapter. Susie Sandrin asked that interested Board members contact her.