

Gender Equity Council to host listening sessions in February

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From Feb. 19 through Feb. 22, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Gender Equity Council (GEC) will be holding three group listening sessions for the campus community to come and express concerns and solutions to current topics of concern on campus today.

These listening sessions play an important role to identify projects for the Council to address. In the past, feedback from listening sessions led to the identification of the need for lactation rooms and gender neutral/family friendly bathrooms around campus, advocating for modifications in the leave of absence policy and support for the proposed updates to the Child Care Center.

The campus community is invited to consider attending one of the following sessions at the UW Oshkosh Women's Center:

- Feb. 19 — Noon–1p.m.
- Feb. 20 — 4–5p.m.
- Feb. 22 — 2:30–3:30p.m

The GEC is a group of campus leaders, whom the Chancellor has charged with being a voice of all women on campus. We:

- Advocate to ensure that UW Oshkosh provides a welcoming learning/work environment for women, especially women of color and the members of the LBGTQ community;
- Advocate for fair hiring and promotion activities as well as encouraging the creation and retention of a diverse campus community;
- Hold listening sessions designed to provide an open forum for those on campus to freely voice their concerns;
- Advocate for campus policies relating to issues of gender, campus climate and work/life balance.

As advocates, the Council collaborates with and supports other campus groups who are engaged in related endeavors and respond to current and emerging challenges with campus wide policies.

For more information please see the [GEC website](#).

Shelly Rutz Maxwell, of the UW Oshkosh Counseling Center, submitted this announcement. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to contribute calendar items, campus announcements and other good news to UW Oshkosh Today.

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