

**Work/Life Advisory Committee
Summary Notes
Meeting 5/27/2009**

Members in attendance: Matt Bumpus, Danielle Engelhardt, Denise Faerber, Vida Jones, Laura Kinslow, Gretalyn Leibnitz, Brad Liebrecht, Carly Morse, Becky Morton, Teri Ockwell, Maria Ortega, Patti Petersen, Jim Pogue, Debra Spidal, Stefany Unda, Zami Wilson

Not attending: Peggy Collier, Jamie Gaber, Stephanie Holbrook, Mark Holmgren, Jane Lotz-Drlik, Katherine Lovrich, Karen Weathermon

Introduction of new members

- Carly Morse, Jim Pogue, Debra Spidal and Stefany Unda

Guest-Gretal Leibnitz (Advance Program)

- Eldercare Update
 - Gretal has begun a website with eldercare information
 - Eldercare survey was summarized for new members
 - Smaller support groups traditionally work better

Additional Eldercare Discussions-Gretal, Teri and Becky

- Per Zami, there are no known policies regarding starting a support group
- Per Dr. Hammond and Scott (WSU Counseling Services), they do not have the personnel to support this endeavor; they also are not able to support an online group due to ethical issues
- The ultimate goal is to have a support group in place by fall, possibly meeting once a month at noon
- Facilitator information
 - Teri has contacted local support groups to try to coordinate training for facilitators
 - Per Kathleen from the Commission on the Status of Women, facilitators do not need to be a professional, but must be linked to a professional in some way
 - Facilitators could possibly be found amongst graduate students whose focus is counseling, but they would need direct supervision
 - However, this could cause legal, ethical and reliability issues
 - Advance grant funding could be an option to fund the training of facilitators
- The WLAC will continue to research the creation of an eldercare group
- Gretal briefly discussed the Workshop on Aging
 - There is a possibility of hosting a mini-workshop on campus and using the Advance grant for funding

Work/Life Modules-Matt

- HRS is planning a series of training sessions

- The WLAC is generating ideas for the Work/Life portion of the series
- The spring start date has been moved back to fall at the earliest due to budget constraints

Vancouver Membership

- HRS in Vancouver has sent a notice to employees; waiting for responses

Fall Meeting Schedule

- There will be no meeting in July
- Meetings will resume in August on the last Wednesday from 2:00-3:00

October Work/Life Month

- Bring ideas to June meeting
- Teri gave a summary of previous years' activities
- Brad suggested requesting funds for speaker honorariums and mentioned that advertising is just as vital as the event itself
- The WLAC will continue to partner with the Rec Center (Brad Stewart) during October

Miscellaneous Business

- APAC recently awarded the AP Contribution Award to Ching-Guo Wu and Mary Stender
- AP recruitment will shift to HRS in Mid-June
- Debra Spidel has volunteered to assist Danielle with the WLAC website

Next Meeting – June 24, 2009