**President’s Commission on the Status of Women**

**Meeting – February 16, 2016**

**Hale Library 401**

1. Welcome / Introductions
   1. Present: Melia Fritch, Ann Pearce, Felisa Osburn, Brenda Nowakowski, Julie Wilburn, Sara Luly, Jenna Tripodi, Brian Niehoff, Angela Hubler, and Sara Thurston
2. Reports from Work Groups
   1. Professional Development Fund
      1. Grant application has been updated and is now able to submitted electronically; added language that was not gender specific
      2. Press releases have been written and will be sent to K-State Today and listservs once approved by the group
   2. Website and Online Presence
      1. Website now had old inactive links and outdated information removed
      2. Minutes and member lists have been updated
      3. Group discussed:
         1. listing of topics of interest vs current projects
         2. fliers that are included on site – remove? Update?
         3. Safety in Aggieville and partnership with CARE
   3. Lactation Room Updates
      1. Information from universities
         1. Fort Hays State University has 2 rooms, they are not funded by the university (supplied through surplus or personally-purchased items), award-winning “mommy and me” rooms located near to bathrooms, decorated by individuals and their own contributions
         2. There was no response yet from University of Kansas State University Libraries
         3. Kansas State University individual who currently nurses was interviewed and listed what she would like, including a fridge, sink, comfy chair, hand sanitizer/Clorox, air freshener, light, and also stated that a poster of a relaxing place on the wall would be nice
      2. Surplus website at KSU: ksu.edu/surplus
         1. At the time listed 2 blue chairs but could not access the form
      3. Heather Mills shared with Brian Niehoff that facilities is aware of the issue but there is no budget to remedy the problem; recommended we find the furniture ourselves
      4. Group decided that the final report to President Schulz will include a request for money to purchase items for the rooms
      5. Group discussed:
         1. Fridge or no fridge – will people leave the milk in public place?
         2. Permission to bring in our furniture (we can do this)
         3. Need to inventory the items that in the rooms now
         4. Need to get information regarding the future lactation room listing that was created years ago and also if they are being included in the plans for the new buildings on campus
         5. Need photos of the rooms in other buildings
            1. Anderson Hall
            2. Leasure Hall
            3. Willard Hall
            4. Leadership Studies
            5. Umberger Hall
         6. Need to research status of family restrooms and transgender/non-gender-specific restrooms on campus
            1. LGBT Resource Center has a listing of restrooms
   4. Campus Climate Survey
      1. No word about this moving forward as we are waiting for the report that President Schulz and Provost Mason are putting out regarding the survey and gender issues
      2. Brian Niehoff might be able to report back on this information at next meeting
3. Meeting Adjourned
   1. Next meeting: Tuesday March 8, 2016, Hale 401