

Women's Resource Center: SY 2012-2013 Status Report on Strategic Planning and Launching Event

Fall 2012

- Researched and conceptualized Dixie State's Women's Resource Center mission statement and goals: The Women's Resource Center of Dixie State promotes the professional development of women on campus. Our goal is to facilitate access to resources, support, and opportunities available to women across the disciplines. We also work cooperatively with organizations that have similar interests in order to serve women in professional and leadership functions.
- Finalized the Center's launching activity project for spring 2013, including a professional development workshop for female senior students in collaboration with Utah Women and Education Initiative Director Mary Ann Holladay.
- Recruited support from new faculty for the Center's launching activity projects at the Best Practices meeting on November 28, 2012. Also gave a presentation on resources and support for women and higher education as one of three U-WHEN representatives, Cheri Crenshaw (English Composition Chair) and Shirlayne Quayle (Career Services).
- Recruited a student intern for spring 2013 who will assist on the development of the Center's website and brochure.
- Participated as Workshop Team member for the UWHEN Fall 2012 Workshop on leadership and professional development at Dixie State.
- Planned other campus activities in the future:
 - Civic engagement and service learning Projects → e.g., Erin Kimball Foundation, DOVE Center, etc.
 - Collaborative activities with Health and Wellness Program → e.g., seminars on women's health, family life balance issues
 - Campus activities on providing a Culture of Support for Women Students
- Collaborated with other Women's Resource Center directors across the state through the Women and Education College Access Network (WECAN) in the fall of 2012.

Spring 2013

- Successfully launched the Women's Resource's first campus event in spring 2013 which indicates that issues on women and higher education are valuable in a growing university. For our spring event last March 19th, the director of the Utah Women and Education Initiative, Mary Ann Holladay, was invited by Dr. Bacabac (Women's Resource director) to give a 1-hour interactive presentation at Dunford Auditorium, which was well-attended for a launching event (52 attendees). Assessment information on this event is included in our Taskstream Report.
- Applied and granted course release for the Women's Resource director starting fall 2013. This course release was necessary to provide more time and resources to bolster the program and create a meaningful impact on campus.
- Submitted a proposal to our interim VP for the Board of Trustees to change Women's Resource Program to Women's Resource Center to provide more opportunities for growth in fulfilling its mission of serving female college students.
- Started working on a Mentoring Project on campus (female faculty/staff mentors to female student mentees), and collaborated with a few female faculty from different disciplines who expressed interest to support this critical project of the Women's Resource Program.

More assessment information is included in our Taskstream Report.

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