

SUU Women's Network  
Inaugural Meeting – February 12, 2015

## NOTES

### **I. Panel Discussion**

*Isabella Borisova*, lecturer of Electronics, Engineering Technology, and Mathematics,  
*Jennifer Ellsworth*, training director and staff psychologist, Counseling & Psychological Services

*Mindy Benson*, Vice President of Alumni and Community Relations

*Emily Dean*, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Faculty Senate President—  
spoke to us on the topics of Negotiating and Goal-Setting. Some nuggets from each included:

*Isabella*: In terms of situations involving Negotiating, the key is to have done your research and be prepared; Collaborating with Mentors—who have been there, done that—is of extreme value; During the actual event, first, Listen Well, and two, give Concise answers.

*Jennifer*: Speaking toward Goal-Setting, be open to unexpected opportunities. Be open to taking paths you hadn't considered before, as they may very well lead to your yet-to-be-discovered passion.

*Mindy*: On Goal-Setting, work your guts out doing What You Love; Don't get caught-up on titles; Consider taking Carl Templin's class on Leadership and Negotiation.

*Emily*: When it comes to Negotiating, one effective approach is to put a communal spin on your request. For example, "With these additional funds, I will be able to do my job better and serve students better."

### **II. Mission and Bylaws**

The process of creating the Mission and Bylaws was presented by founding members of the Women's Network concept, Co-Chairs Barbara Rodriguez and Mary Jo Anderson. We began discussing from a suggested draft. Input and feedback were bounced back and forth among the group. Then, it was decided it would be best to make a special appointment for a chair of the Mission and Bylaws Committee to steer this process in meetings other than a general meeting. Final approval of this document will occur in a general meeting in the near future. The special appointment holder has been named by the co-chairs as Jelisa Robison.

### **III. Election of Officers**

Elections were held for the positions of Chair-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. Nominations

were taken by the members in attendance. From the nominations, final choices were made by a quorum. For Chair-Elect, McKennan Hansen was elected. McKennan's office will take effect July 1, 2015. The current Chair-Elect, also a founding member of the Women's Network concept, is Briget Eastep. For Secretary-Treasurer, Renee Ballenger was elected. Renee's office will take effect July 1, 2015, however, she will also serve in this office, as a Special Appointment, effective immediately through June 30, 2015.

## *IV*. Announcements/Upcoming Events

Other items included announcements of two upcoming very special, Women's Network-related events:

>On Wednesday, April 1, members of the Women's Network are invited to join Visiting Eccles Scholar, Dr. Gale Jackson, for dinner in the Great Hall, for a more intimate exposure to her "Journey and Transformation: Identity through Visual Art, Poetry, Storytelling, and Performance." The SUU Women's Network is one of the sponsors of Gale's week-long visit at SUU. Mark your calendar, and we will be sending you more information as this date nears.

>On April 16-17, the annual Spring Conference of the Utah Women in Higher Education Network (UWHEN), the inspiration for SUU Women's Network) will take place at Dixie State University. For Program and Registration information, go to [www.uwhen.org](http://www.uwhen.org) See the Letter below. Also, many of your fellow SUUans have attended this and other UWHEN events in the past. Feel free to reach out to some of them to learn more about this worthwhile organization. . .Barbara Rodriguez, Mary Jo Anderson, Briget Eastep, Renee Ballenger, Kholoud Al-Qubbaj, Emily Dean, Danielle Dubrasky, Shauna Mendini, Sharon Brown, Georgia Beth Thompson, Kelly Lid Stephens.

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Dear Colleagues,

Just a reminder that [registration is now open](#) for the **Utah Women in Higher Education Network (UWHEN) 2015 Spring Conference** to be held on **April 16-17, 2015** (Thursday/Friday) at **Dixie State University** in **St. George**.

Early Bird registration closes March 15, 2015.

We have an amazing program, with SLCC President and UWHEN Presidential Sponsor Deneece G. Huftalin as our morning keynote speaker, and then five morning and five afternoon breakout sessions. We have planned a unique program that draws on the connection between the powerful elements that constantly shape the inspiring Southern Utah landscape and our individual and collective impact as elemental women in Utah.

The online registration link and other materials can be found on the [UWHEN homepage](#). When you register, you will need to choose a breakout session for morning and afternoon. The [conference program](#) is posted at [uwhen.org](#) so you can read a description of each session before selection. You can register online either at [uwhen.org](#) or directly through [Eventbrite](#). To assist you in making travel plans, [discounted rooms](#) have been reserved at several local hotels.

Thanks to the UWHEN institutional members for their support of UWHEN activities this year: BYU, DSU, SLCC, Snow, SUU, U of U, UCAT, USU, UVU, WSU, and Westminster. If you work for one of these institutions, spring conference registration is \$35 through March 15 (\$45 thereafter) and will include breakfast and lunch. Registration for non-member organizations is \$50 (\$60 after March 15).

**Please distribute this widely on your campuses and within your organizations so that *all female employees* are aware of this opportunity.**

We look forward to seeing you this spring in beautiful St. George!

Sincerely,  
Shirlayne Quayle  
UWHEN Chair

*Direct questions and inquiries to [squayle@dixie.edu](mailto:squayle@dixie.edu). Thank you.*

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