Highlights of BWFC March Meeting

The March BWFC meeting opened with a presentation from Margaret Wirth, Interim Director of the “Center for Stem Education” in the College of Education at East Carolina University. Dr. Wirth discussed the Center’s Mission:
1. Improve the quality and quantity of K-12 teachers of science and mathematics;
2. Provide strong experiences in science and mathematics for all K-16 students, while increasing the number of graduates pursuing careers in STEM disciplines;
3. Create a supportive environment for multidisciplinary research, evaluation and assessment while bridging the gap between educators and STEM professionals; and
4. Encourage community engagement that leads to increased university partnerships with school districts, business and industry.

Next she provided an overview of several ongoing programs and opportunities/resources for the BWFC membership. These include Teach Net, an online collaboration system for STEM curriculums, Lending library and The Expert’s Bureau, a program for faculty to offer their expertise to educators and provide their services to schools for free. Finally, Margaret discussed a new initiative “Brown Bag Lunches”. Two events are scheduled in April and will provide the opportunity for faculty to eat lunch and share their time with 8th grade female students (see flyer). For more information and/or to volunteer please go to the Center for Stem Education website (http://www.ecu.edu/educ/csmte/), link to their newsletter (http://www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/csmte/upload/CSMTE-NEWSLETTERfinal5.pdf), or contact Margaret (wirthm@ecu.edu)

Rukiyyah Van Dross reported on the March fundraiser for the Summer Brody Scholars and request for summer mentors. In addition, she brought to our attention the need to improve the diversity of the “standardized patients” used to train the medical students. This request was brought to the VCDI by the medical students. As a follow-up to the February VCDI and BWFC combined meeting, a subgroup on diversity is being formed. Rachel Roper volunteered to represent the BWFC. Additional volunteers are welcome to participate in the first initiative to develop “The Diversity Minute”, short, specific emails addressing diversity issues.
Upcoming BWFC Events

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Professional Leadership in Medicine & Science Program (formerly Women in Science and Medicine Conference), “Career Mapping and Positivity” with Presentations by Monica Leach, PhD, “Career Mapping & Personal Choices” and Kathy Sprau, “It’s All About Me... I Can Make a Positive Difference”. April 18th, 2012, 12:00 – 5:00 ECHI. To register for the event, please visit http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bsomfacdev/120418.cfm

Please mark your calendars for the BWFC meeting May 15th, 12:00 – 1:30 in Brody 2W-38. End of Year Celebration and Officer Elections.

Your Attention, Please!

Accomplishments
Congratulations Rachel Roper (Department of Microbiology). Rachel Roper, Ph.D. was recently notified by the Office of Technology Transfer that a patent had been issued for “METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR POXVIRUS A35R PROTEIN”.

Congratulations and a BIG THANK YOU to Kelly Warren, Rukiyah Van Dross, Lorita Rebellato, Kathy Verbanac and Paula Daughtry for volunteering their time and organizing a successful Brody Summer Scholar Fundraiser! Through their combined efforts and support of the BSOM, this three day fundraiser raffle raised $2179 to fund undergraduate summer research.

BWFC Mission Approved
The results of the survey vote on the revised BWFC mission statement were 32 members responded yes, 0 responded no, and 24 members did not respond to the survey.

Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women
The Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW) is seeking nominations for new members for 2012-2015. Both self-nominations
and nominations by colleagues are welcome. **Nominations are due by April 15 and nominees will be notified by June 15. The appointments are for 3 years.** Submit nominations electronically through the following website: https://ecu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5b9gxJ8LW o5JAcM

**Volunteers Needed!**
Consider volunteering to serve on the BWFC executive committee for 2012-2013. Open positions for Program Chairs, Chair Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer. Elections will be held during the May BWFC Business meeting (contact Jamie DeWitt for more information).

**2012 BWFC Faculty Advocacy Award**
Nominations for the 2012 BWFC Faculty Advocacy Award have been extended. The Brody Women Faculty Advocacy Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated leadership in promoting, encouraging or implementing policies to facilitate the professional development of women faculty and/or students. Please consider nominating a BWFC member, self nominations are welcome. (contact Jamie DeWitt for nomination application).

Have you had a paper accepted for publication recently? Had a grant funded? Made a contribution through community service? Been appointed to a committee or board? **WE WANT TO KNOW!** Send your accomplishments to Barbara Muller-Borer (mullerborerb@ecu.edu) and we will help get the word out. Please refer to the BWFC Website for current information. www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/bwfc/

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**Opportunities**

**INSPIRE Program** – Tenured BWFC members have been asked to participate in the INSPIRE program. The goal of this program is to provide skills to move faculty through the academic program and to help develop a rich and diverse BSOM. Please contact Barbara Muller-Borer (mullerborerb@ecu.edu) if you would like more information or can volunteer your time and attend one or more of the scheduled meetings (see list below).

**Calendar for Peer Mentoring Sessions** – 5:30pm - 7:00pm – Food Provided
- April 10, 2010 – Negotiation
- May 8, 2010 – Feedback and Sensitive Issues
- June 12, 2010 – Project Management/Meeting Management/Closure

**BWFC Professional Development Award** – Apply for a Brody Women Faculty Professional Development award, intended to advance the professional development and leadership abilities of women at BSOM. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get support to go to a meeting or program that could make the difference in your career! For more information contact Barbara Muller-Borer (mullerborerb@ecu.edu)

**Application’s Now Open for the AAMC Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar.** The Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar is a three-and-a-half-day program designed for women at the assistant professor or instructor level. This year’s seminar is scheduled for July 7–10 in Potomac, Md. The seminar is targeted at physicians and Ph.D. scientists holding medical school appointments and considering leadership positions within their disciplines, departments, or institutions. www.aamc.org/meetings

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**Resources**

In collaboration with the ECU Leadership Collaborative, Joyner Library has assembled a display collection of books available for checkout in multiple fields of leadership. The collection consists of more than 200 titles exploring the topic of leadership in business, community relations, education, political science, psychology, and more. Authors include Malcolm Gladwell, Steven Covey, Peter Drucker, and Robert Greenleaf. The display is located at the entrance to Joyner Library, adjacent to the circulation desk. For more information contact Rebekah Rogers, Interim Coordinator of the Leadership Collaborative, at rogersr@ecu.edu or Mark Sanders, Assistant Director of Public Services – Joyner Library, at sandersm@ecu.edu

Stop by the BWFC lending library located in Brody 2N-72E. A sampling of books includes:
- “CAREER STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN IN ACADEME” by Lynn Collins
Goings-On of Possible Interest
Recruiting for Bridges Professional Leadership Program

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