

Madison Caucus for Gender Equality
 Business Meeting minutes
 Great Room, Leeolou Alumni Center
 November 6, 2014

Overview of Planned Calendar

Friday, November 21, 2014 3:00-4:00pm Leeolou Great Room	Info session on partner benefits with Diane Yerian, Director of Human Resources <i>Co-sponsored with the LGBTQ Employee Group @ JMU</i>
Thursday, December 11, 2014 5:00-7:00pm Stephanie Baller's House	Holiday Social
February 2015 Time TBD Location TBD	Social event organized by Networking Committee
Friday, March 20, 2015 3:00-4:30pm Leeolou Great Room	<i>Bully in the Ivory Tower</i> book discussion Written by Dr. Leah Hollis, 2014 Dominion Lecturer
Thursday, April 9, 2015 4:00-5:30pm Leeolou Great Room	Spring business meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2015 5:00-7:00pm Location TBD	End-of-year Social

Please let the Caucus Steering Committee know if you have suggestions for additional events.

Caucus Leadership Update

Cannie Campbell has stepped down as co-chair of the Caucus and Liz Edwards will be on leave in Spring 2015. Howard Lubert has agreed to fill in as chair during that time. Elections will be held in the spring for new steering committee members.

Committee Reports

- o Advocacy Committee (Kathy Clarke) – The committee will be accepting applications for the Professional Development Fund in the spring. Please let Kathy know if you're interested in assisting with the process.

- Dominion Lecture Committee (Kathy Ott Walter) – The committee will be choosing a speaker for September 2015 in the spring. This allows enough time for the contract to be secured in early summer. Please let Kathy know if you have suggestions for a speaker. AJ Morey suggested Tammy Duckworth for consideration. She is an Iraq war veteran and currently serves in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Networking Committee (Misty Newman and Nancy Barbour) – The Caucus has partnered with the LGBTQ Employee Group @ JMU to offer a partner benefits info session on Nov. 21, 3:00pm in the Leeolou Alumni Center Great Room. The information will be presented by Diane Yerian, Director of Human Resources.

Membership Update

Stephanie Baller, treasurer, announced that there are currently 68 paid members. She shared the great idea of contacting previous members individually and encouraging them to rejoin. Hopefully this will result in a member increase.

History and Impetus for the FWC and MCGE

Meg Mulrooney, former MCGE co-chair, presented a thorough and inspiring history of the Caucus. This information will be integrated into the timeline on the [History page](#) in the coming weeks. Her talk encouraged members to question how we can make things better. She mentioned that many hands and many worker bees are needed; the steering committee can't do it all on their own. There is power in the collective.