

EWU Women's and Gender Commission

Organization – Committees

EWU Policy 104-02

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Authority: Board of Trustees

Proponent: University President

Summary: This policy establishes and describes the EWU Women's Commission for Eastern Washington University.

History: This policy revises and supersedes UGS policy 100-060-100. It was adopted by the EWU Board of Trustees on May 20, 2016 and is effective as of that date.

1. MISSION

The mission of the Women's Commission is to improve the status and quality of life of women and promote gender equality in the EWU community.

2. DESCRIPTION

The Women's Commission recognizes the diverse experiences of women and the intersection of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, nationalities and religion. In addition, the Commission advocates, recommends and monitors policies, initiatives, resources and other issues that are central to a safe, equitable and inclusive climate for all women on campus. The Commission is an advisory committee to the president.

This mission is achieved through:

a. serving as a conduit for information between the administration and the EWU community by making recommendations directly to the President on issues that have particular relevance for women, including, but not limited to campus safety, sexual harassment, gender violence, childcare, equity, access, retention, and advancement;

b. identifying and removing institutional barriers that limit equal opportunities and advancement;

c. reviewing and assessing the campus climate and current university programs and initiatives relative to gender equity and advancement of women;

d. fostering an awareness, understanding and recognition of the potential, contributions, special challenges and many roles women play in the EWU community; and

e. recommending policies, strategies, programs, and activities that promote gender equity at EWU and facilitating the implementation of them.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The University President shall appoint the members of the Commission. The Commission shall consist of:

- the Director of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, ADA Compliance;
- the Director of Women's and Gender Studies Program;
- 3 faculty members, nominated by the faculty senate and/or United Faculty of Eastern;
- 3 administrative exempt employees: 2 nominated by the President's Executive Committee; 1 nominated by the PSE Union president);
- 3 classified staff employees, nominated by the Classified Staff Union president;
- ASEWU Student Health and Safety Services or ASEWU Diversity Outreach representative ;
- 2 students, nominated by the ASEWU president.

Members are appointed by the President for 2 year staggered terms, except in the case of student members, who are appointed for 1 year terms.

4. CHAIR

The Chair is elected by the Commission members from among the appointed members for a one year term (renewable for a second year). The Chair is responsible for:

- a. setting the meeting dates and scheduling rooms
- b. creating an agenda
- c. facilitating meetings
- d. following up on issues and ideas with members

e. facilitating the nomination process and communication with the President about appointments

5. MEETINGS AND REPORTING:

The Commission will meet at least twice per quarter as a group to conduct regular business. Members of the public are welcome to attend. At least once per year there will be a university-wide open forum.

The Commission will meet directly with the University President as necessary, at a minimum of two meetings per year.

The meeting dates and times will be set prior to each quarter and distributed in advance to the university at large.