February 21, 2014

BCC NJ ACE Women’s Network

Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

1. Ann M. Gill..........(AMG)
2. Mince John.......... (MJ)
3. Janette Dishuk....... (JD)
4. Vanessa Pusey......... (VP)
5. Lori Yoselow......... (LY)
6. Wette Roman......... (WR)
7. Richlene Joannides... (RJ)
8. Cora Fenney......... (CF)
9. Magali Muniz......... (MM)
10. Alician Graham...... (AG)
11. Esther Diaz.......... (ED)
12. Jamie Smigelski...... (JS)

• **Introductions (Name, Title, What You Do, What interested you in the Women’s Network?)**
  - Various Responses: empowerment, leadership, creating a women’s unit, growth, exposure, more say on campus and networking
  - Each person created a table-tent with her name and title (allowed us to use and learn names)

• **Minutes from Last Meeting (1/31/14)**
  - Magali’s also mentioned the April conference and the possibility of the group reading and sharing chapters from the book, *Lean In* by Sheryl Sandberg.

• **History of NJ Women’s Network** - [http://njwomensnetwork.org/](http://njwomensnetwork.org/)
  - (read aloud and indicated that many areas of “why they were interested in the BCC Network” were also areas embedded in the history)

• **Brief Review of BCC NJ ACE Women’s Chapter Mission/Vision and Goals**
  - shared handouts
• **Brainstorm of Ideas for Campus Initiatives**
  - Meeting at the different campuses
  - **Question:** wanted to know if they could share ideas and add to the website as needed
  - Table in the Student Center during Women’s History Month (March)
  - Conference – attend and our own

• **Mentoring Initiative**

  1. make office number optional for those who may not have an office/phone
  2. give an option of “not sure” in regards to being a mentor or wanting to be one
  3. Page break needed (which alluded to it maybe too much information to read on the form)
  4. Adding an “other” box for anything else someone filling the form may want to add
  5. **Question:** What would be the time commitment for the mentoring relationship? When will the form be ready? Is everyone aware that there is “Women’s Institute” on campus, how does this group differ from that one? (RJ)
  6. Add a section for personal interests (i.e. hobbies, etc.), strengths and weakness – this way a colleague maybe able to help in those areas as well

• **Dr. Gonzalez De-Jesus will schedule a Meet & Greet for NJ Women’s Network within the next two weeks.**

• **Closing Remarks**
  - minutes for Meetings
  - **Next Meeting:** Friday, March 21st, 2014. (Meetings are the third Friday of each month.)
  - Bring a Friend!

  - Jamie invited the women to stay longer to chat if needed

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