**Baylor Women’s Colloquium Meeting Minutes**

**2/18/13**

*\*\*Please note action items are denoted in Red*

**Follow up from meeting with Tiffany Hogue and Robyn Driskell**

* Natalie Carnes passed out the flyers for the new mom rooms located in the library.
* Tiffany Hogue is meeting with Jim Benninghoff about having a session about FMLA during new faculty orientation
* The group decided to create a task-force who will evaluate the current FMLA policy and submit a letter to Tiffany Hogue suggesting possible changes. ***Please contact Natalie Carnes (Religion) if you are interested in serving on this task force*** [***Natalie\_carnes@baylor.edu***](mailto:Natalie_carnes@baylor.edu)
  + We need to seek further clarification about the current policy, specifically the issue of taking leave if you have a spouse who is at home or on paternity leave
  + We have questions about leave for those people who give birth in the summer
  + The library recently revamped their maternity leave policy under the direction of Patti Orr—there was conversation about looking over that policy for guidance.

**Faculty Interest Groups: Women in the Academy**

* This group who shares similar interests as ours, meets throughout the semester
* Details can be found <http://blogs.baylor.edu/atl/services/faculty-interest-groups/fig-perspectives-on-women-and-the-academy/>

**Structure of Future Women’s Colloquium Meetings**

* We decided to structure our last two meetings of the semester around issues of teaching and research
  + We would like to have two people present their current research, particularly around women’s issues (Heidi Bostic and Andrea Turpin have expressed some interest in sharing, but we welcome others as well)
  + We would also like to have two people share their thoughts on teaching teaching and feminism, gender issues, etc. This could be a general discussion or specifics from one’s own practice.
  + ***If you are interested in sharing about your teaching or research, please let us know. Contact Kristen Pond (English)*** [***Kristen\_pond@baylor.edu***](mailto:Kristen_pond@baylor.edu)
* Format for next two meetings
  + Informal 5-10 minutes presentation on research/teaching
  + Presenter led questions/discussion
  + Questions from the group

**Showing of the film *Girl Rising***

* We will co-host a showing of the film Girl Rising with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Academy for Teaching and Learning
* Details about the film can be found at <http://10x10act.org/>
* We are asking that you help promote this event with your students (i.e, extra credit). We will have promotional materials available prior to the event.
* **April 8 at 3:30pm in Kayser Auditorium**
* ***We need a team of people to help with advertisement and planning the event (a very minimal time commitment). Contact Brooke Blevins (Curriculum and Instruction)*** [***brooke\_blevins@baylor.edu***](mailto:brooke_blevins@baylor.edu)

**Next Meeting Dates:**

* **March 18: Noon (McMullen Dining Center: President’s Room): A Conversation about Research**
* **April 22: Noon (McMullen Dining Center: TBA): A Conversation about Teaching**

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Blevins

2/21/13