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INCLUSION, COMMUNITY, & BELONGING

International Women’s Day

Each year on March 8th, thousands of events are held across the world to acknowledge International Women’s Day (IWD) and bring political and social awareness to the struggles of women worldwide while celebrating successes and the work of so many to make change. A global web of rich and diverse local activity connects women from all around the world in a wide range of activities from political rallies and business conferences to local women’s craft markets and theatric performances. The Women’s Center is active on the IWD at UC San Diego Committee and strives to encourage the community to think globally and act locally in addressing issues of gender equity and inclusion. This year’s event featured the “Make it Happen” Campaign, a photo campaign that asked community members to state what they will commit to this year as it connects to the theme of IWD. The culminating event for IWD featured Dr. Lianne Urada and Dr. Elizabeth Reed discussing the connections of social and economic empowerment to improving sexual and reproductive health for women and girls and had over 100 attendees.

PSYCHOSOCIAL WELL-BEING

Working Moms of Infant and Toddlers Support Group

In partnership with the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) we launched our Working Moms Support Group. While we have had various moms groups meet at the Women’s Center, this new monthly group is facilitated by Izabel Caetano Francy, LCSW, a counselor at FSAP who is also a working mom with a toddler. We had fifteen staff participants in the February meeting that kicked off this new group. The February meeting was the first meeting of the group and was used to generate ideas about the kinds of topics attendees would like to see in the future. The March meeting focused on relationship changes after baby/parenthood.

TEACHING/TRAINING/CONSULTING

SDSU Women’s Resource Center Search Committee

The Women’s Center Director is serving on the search committee for the first professional staff position, the Program Coordinator, at San Diego State University’s newly established Women’s Resource Center. Over the years Women Center staff has met with students and faculty from SDSU and have provided consultation on the development of a Women’s Center. The search is currently still under way and is expected to conclude before the end of the academic year.
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ACADEMIC SUCCESS/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

UCDC Information Session—Social Justice Careers in Washington

As part of our ongoing Real World Career Series we hosted an information session for the UCDC Program, an academic program that provides students of all majors an opportunity to continue their studies while interning in Washington, DC. The Women’s Center information session provided students the opportunity to learn more about UCDC and the many internship opportunities that are available through the program.

OUTREACH, YIELD, & RETENTION

Gender Buffet—Women of Color in the Academy

In collaboration with the Cross-Cultural Center, we hosted the annual Women of Color in the Academy discussion as part of Women’s History Month and our regular Gender Buffet program. This program serves to support retention of faculty by providing a space for Women of Color Faculty to connect across departments. The program also provides students, both undergraduate and graduate, with insight and inspiration for navigating the challenges and opportunities of pursuing a career in academia. This year’s panel featured Dr. Ebonee Williams (Engineering), Dr. Jillian Hernandez (Ethnic Studies), and Dr. Luz Chung (Education Studies). Twenty six students, staff, and faculty participated in this program.

Winter Quarter

3154 – Visitors signed in at our front desk
179 – Meetings, classes, and events took place at the Women’s Center
42 – Programs and workshops coordinated or facilitated by Women’s Center staff