

To: Academic Council  
FROM: Cindy Fendrick  
Chair, All-University Committee on the Status of Women  
DATE: October 24, 2008  
RE: Annual Report (2007-08 AY)

As stated in the Bylaws of the Committee, the All-University Committee on the Status of Women

*. . . shall assist the President of the University and have as its ultimate purpose the assurance that every effort is expended to give equal consideration to women in all phases of operation of the University, and to create an environment equally supportive of achievement by both men and women. It shall endeavor to ensure full participation and encouragement of contributions from women pursuing the overall goals of the University.*

The All-University Committee on the Status of Women was comprised of four standing subcommittees during the 2007-08 academic year: Education/Communications, Campus Life Issues, Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Luncheon, and Fall Activities

Our most public event, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Awards Recognition Luncheon honored Katelyn Cherney (senior in the College of Arts and Sciences) and Bruce Rasmussen (Director of Athletics). Following the February 2008 event, this subcommittee proposed changes to the award nomination process. The general committee accepted a change to limit the number of support letters to three, require that all nominations be electronic and require the primary nominator to have current affiliation with Creighton as a faculty, staff, student or alum.

While the Luncheon is our most visible presence on campus, the Committee also planned three fall events for 2007: a breast cancer awareness table at the Fall Festival, a breast cancer informational luncheon with the Wellness Council on October 24, 2007 and a book reading, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, and discussion in conjunction with the Cardoner program on November 9, 2007. The Committee offered our support to the following events: Body Image Awareness, the advertising of lactation rooms on campus, the Center for Health Policy and Ethics' Women and Health Lecture, and Women's History Month. The Committee decided to offer financial support to the Russell Child Development Center and members also volunteered to work at the annual Holiday Bazaar Luncheon.

The Education/Communications subcommittee updated the website to make it resourceful. The Campus Issues subcommittee held discussions with the sororities and fraternities on appropriate themes and advertising for their social events.

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