

Women's Committee Notes
23 July 2020

In attendance:

- Leslie-Ann McGee, Elizabeth Allan, Sam Clevenger, Mai Maheigan, Dina Pandya, Theresa Gordan, Hilde Oliver, Ann Dunlea

Linda Morse-Porteous Award

- McGee will request publicizing the LMP award again.

WHOI Wiki – Women's Committee

- Coordinate with D&I Committee about which site to host online resources
- Check with Jessica about progress

Virtual Event with Loral O'Hara

- Find a date that the WHOI Zoom licenses are available (for >300 participants). Either Tues, Wed, Thurs.
- Possibly combine with Ocean's Encounters program (hosted by Women's Committee)
- Check with Danielle Fino and Kaitlin

Room Naming Working Group

- M. Abbott onboard with renaming conference room in Fenno to be the "Mary Sears Room"
- Goal: re-name one room per department to honor a URM scientist. And the student center (hub for prospective students)
- September - Re-name Fenno Conference Room. One room every ~4 months after that.
- Have each department vote on the name of the room for their department.
- Combine with efforts to change and diversify portraits and images.
- Working with development – Court suggested turning it into a fundraising event.
- Clark Lobby Success: Removal of Maury bust. Future Ideas: installments honoring Native Tribes and early Polynesian Explorers.

Letter to support D&I initiatives

- Brainstorming an angle different from other letters being sent:
 - o Request a D&I coordinator that has the power and responsibilities of an ombudsman. Or too much for one person. Each position requires different skills. Difficult to fund.
 - o Recruitment
 - o Equity

Brainstorm the next extraordinary women to feature.