

# **NSTU Status of Women Committee Year End Report 2023-2024**

## **Committee Mandate**

Advise the Provincial Executive on ways of enhancing the status of women in the teaching profession and in society.

## **Committee Members**

Michelle Pinaud (Chair), Karlee Perry, Danielle Quinlan, Alicia (Kaelin) Tingley, Christine Emberley, Sunita Pinet, Nancie de la Chevotiere (Executive Member) and Wendie Wilson (Staff Liaison)

## **Meeting Dates**

October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 (in person)

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 (virtual)

April 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 (in person)

## **Summary of Activities**

The main focus of the Status of Women's Committee this year was to plan the biennial conference that took place on April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> with a theme of "Lead-Her-Ship". The event was held at Hotel Halifax in the Bluenose Ballroom with over 50 delegates in attendance. The highlights were presentations from Wendy Lyons (opening Indigenous ceremony), Claudia Chender (Dartmouth South MLA), Robin Jenson (HRCE art specialist), Wendie Wilson (staff liaison) and Dr. Kesa Anderson Munroe (professor in Acadia's School of Education) who gave the keynote address on women in leadership. The feedback via evaluations was excellent.

The committee also organized an International Women's Day campaign on March 8<sup>th</sup> with a theme of Inclusion and Gender Parody. The campaign spotlighted 6 female leaders within the NSTU. The campaign ran on our social media handles.

The committee ordered moose hides in support of the Moose Hind Campaign. The moose hides were disrupted at the Status of Women Conference in time for the May 16<sup>th</sup> annual observance.

A beautiful new logo was created by Paul Hamer for the Status of Women Committee. The logo was unveiled at the Status of Women Conference. Stickers were created and the committee discussed potentially using the logo for clothing and other swag. There was some great feedback from delegates at the conference about the logo.

Resources were purchased, distributed and displayed with a focus on women, leadership and diversity. The mandate was to include as many aspects of womanhood as a means to being more inclusive. Resources on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) were distributed to all delegates at the Status of Women Conference.

**Council Resolutions Reviewed**

None

**Goal or Plans or Next Year**

Continue a focus on women in leadership and gender parity.

**Budget**

Year to date \$2,067.95

Annual Budget \$5,100

**Respectfully submitted by Wendie Wilson (Staff Liaison)**