Founded in 2008, the Professional & Administrative Women’s Council has for several years held networking and professional development events, met with other women colleagues & organizations working to enrich the University environment for women, and participated in all-campus advocacy work.

The P&A Women’s Council is funded by the Women’s Center.

Priorities & Accomplishments 2015-16

Instituted a strategy of producing smaller, more frequent and relevant events to support P&A Women’s networking and development

- July networking event, know your campus: Lunch Walk “Amidst the Brick - A Tour of East Bank Art Installations” with Josh Geiger, BFA
- August networking event, focus on wellness: Lunch Walk “Healthy Eating at the Farmer's Market” with Katie Kasner, Nutritionist at Boynton Health Services
- October professional development event “Creating your Personal Brand (in Today’s World)” facilitated by Darren Kaltved, Senior Career Counselor
- November P&A Women Read for communication style "I'm just so sorry I say 'just' so much" facilitated by Michelle Overtoom, Vice Chair
- February professional development on interpersonal communication “Microaggressions, it’s the little things” facilitated by Professor Naomi Scheman

Reintroduced P&A Women’s Council Reception to connect to a broad audience

- June Reception and networking event at the Campus Club Speakers: Director Peg Lonnquist, Vice Chair Michelle Overtoom

Council Engagement

Ten regular meeting attendees; twelve monthly meetings
75 engaged members who volunteer for and regularly attend events
Listserv 270 P&A women who ask to keep in touch with Council activities

Executive Board annual leadership development

- Assertiveness Training by Peg Lonnquist, January, 2016
- Annual Planning Retreat, held in July

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Mission

The P&A Women’s Council provides leadership to enrich the University environment for P&A women through professional development, networking, and advocacy.

The overall goal of the Council is to broadly represent the interests and concerns of our constituency. This is accomplished by connecting the University of Minnesota’s P&A women to each other and to information and resources they need to achieve their goals, ensuring that voices of P&A women are heard in important University-wide discussions, and improving the climate for all women on campus.

Council Goals

Host casual networking events to connect with and listen to University P&A women

Host 2-3 events focused on building career skills

Increase membership and involvement in the P&A Women’s Council by inviting members to help with events on an ad hoc basis, as well as greeting potential members

Provide regular communications to our membership; monthly email, invitations and biannual newsletters

Provide professional development training in leadership and diversity for officers

Publish an Annual Report

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