

Advocacy Committee Report
July 7, 2006

After discussion we recommend the following:

- That at the July 15 AAUWNC summer meeting you vote to sign the petition requesting changes in the UNC Healthcare system to give greater access to healthcare and improve the healthcare given to all NC residents. This is in line with one of the items under healthcare on the NCWU draft agenda.
- That we join with LWVNC and the NC Justice Center as leaders (we would include others who support this issue) in lobbying the General Assembly to provide more education money for low wealth school districts. This issue is tied to the lawsuit, commonly know as *Leandro*.
- That we work with the Diversity Chair to help promote better access to the legal system for all citizens. Your socio-economic group should not be a factor in having access to the quality of your legal representation.
- That we work with the Program Chair to have a Women's Agenda Assembly as part of our fall AAUWNC meeting.
- We will have an AAUWNC public policy program ready for presentation and approval (by vote) at the fall AAUWNC meeting. If we approve an intern program for the 2007 General Assembly, it is vital that a printed public policy program is in place. The Advocacy Committee should work closely with the intern; her Raleigh direct contact should be a member of the Advocacy Committee.
- That we work with the NC Center for Public Policy Research and other organizations on education about the issue of aging (birth to death is the new definition of aging) and be a lead organization in supporting this report when it is submitted to the General Assembly (probably 2007). See the "blog" for more information on this topic.

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