

NDSU FORWARD members present at national conference

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Several Committee members from NDSU ADVANCE FORWARD attended the 2010 national conference of Women in Engineering ProActive Network, giving both oral and poster presentations.

Canan Bilen-Green, associate professor of industrial engineering; Karen Froelich, associate professor of management; Elizabeth Birmingham, associate professor of English; and Ann Burnett, associate professor of communications and director of women's studies, gave presentations.

Bilen-Green and Froelich presented "Women in University Leadership Positions: Comparing Institutions with Strong and Weak Gender Equity Track Records." The study examines structural dimensions of institutions with strong track records regarding the prevalence of women in the advanced academic ranks.

Bilen-Green, Birmingham and Burnett presented "Framing Change: Feminist Theories and the Conceptual Frameworks of ADVANCE IT Grant Proposals." This study addresses whether the use of an explicitly feminist framework in conceptualizing the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE IT grant and its programs has any relationship to the overall success of the programs on campus; whether an alternative, discipline-based model is more effective; and whether the conceptual framework is an important part of effecting change.

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