Nebraska Women in Higher Education Leadership (NWHEL) welcomes proposals for the Friday, September 22, 2017 annual conference at Union College in Lincoln, NE. The 2017 conference theme, inspired by the need to transform challenges faced in our daily work into meaningful learning opportunities, emphasizes not only having honest conversations about sensitive topics, but understanding the contexts that give rise to challenges. Accordingly, proposals for 60-minute programs intended to engage participants in discussion and presentations on the following areas are especially encouraged:

- **TRACK 1:** “Hot” Topics (Sensitive topics affecting the classroom environment, work environment, professional development and other issues facing higher education)
- **TRACK 2:** “Moving the Needle” (Women’s advancement in the workplace, mentoring, job shadowing, negotiation techniques)
- **TRACK 3:** “Teaching Ourselves and Learning from Others” (Interpersonal communication, having difficult conversations with students, dealing with difficult people)

Appropriate program formats include individual speakers, panels, and interactive workshops.

Proposals should be submitted as Word or PDF documents and must contain the following information:

- **TITLE** of the presentation (Please do not use the Title of the conference on your title)
- **TYPE** of presentation (panel presentation, individual speaker, interactive workshop)
- **ABSTRACT** of presentation (50 word maximum; will be used in conference materials)
- **OBJECTIVES** (what will participants learn or be able to do as a result of the presentation?)
- **TARGET AUDIENCE** (faculty, graduate students, administration, staff)
- Full names, titles, institutional affiliations, and email addresses and phones of all presenters

Interested parties should send proposals via NWHEL email at nebraskaWHEL@gmail.com by **July 28, 2017** for full consideration. Please use **NWHEL 2017 Conference Proposal** as the subject line.

For more information, please contact NWHEL President Katty Petak (vpetak@csu.edu) or President-elect AnnMarie Marlier at marlier@midlandu.edu, using NWHEL 2017 Conference as the subject line.

NWHEL is an affinity group of the ACE Women’s Network, a project of the Inclusive Excellence Group of The American Council on Education. The mission of NWHEL is to advance women’s careers and leadership in Nebraska higher education. NWHEL is committed to fostering diversity in higher education leadership with regard to race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and/or disability. NWHEL strives to improve the status of women working in Nebraska’s colleges and universities.