Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Committee (WGSAC):
Present: Julie Campbell, Grace Mims, Deb Freedman, Jeanne Stolzer, Janice Frongczak, Tone Mendoza, Amber Lewis, Linda Van Ingen (director/chair).
Absent: Pari Ford, Carrie Kralc, Tami Moore, Monica Mueller, Trish Holen, Jenna Jorgensen (student rep.)

Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee (ESAC):
Present: Claude Louishomme (director), John Stanko, Janette Harriott, Tone Mendoza.
Absent: Tami Moore, Dawn Mollenkopf, Steve Glazier.

Van Ingen called the joint meeting, with both WGSAC and ESAC, to order at 4pm.
Members from both advisory councils introduced themselves.

WGSAC Minutes from January 16, 2013 were approved by email on 1/24/13 and sent to Faculty Senate and Kenya Taylor.

A. Curricular: The proposed new major was the main item of business for this joint committee meeting:

Members from both WGSAC and ESAC discussed three proposed degrees for a new, collaborative major.

Members agreed to title the major “Women’s, Gender and Ethnic Studies” (Mendoza/Harriott).

The three degrees are a BA, BS and BS Comprehensive. After some discussion, members:
• agreed to require 6hrs of quantitative courses for the BS and BS Comprehensive, making the BS degrees consistent with the 6hrs of foreign language required for the BA;
• agreed to remove a minimum requirement for upper division courses from the list of 33 hr electives for BA/BS and 30hr electives for BS Comprehensive (assuming the 40 cr hr requirement has to be met for all 3 degrees); and
• ascertained that, between both Women’s & Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies programs, a sufficient number of courses can be offered each semester to meet the requirements for the major.

Both the WGSAC and ESAC approved the three degree programs (Freedman/Mendoza; Harriott/Mendoza).

Van Ingen will make the changes to the three degrees and forward them to the CNSS Ed Policy Committee.

B. Co-Curricular: Several announcements were made:
1. No Limits 2013 at UNL in Lincoln: March 1-2. Six UNK students are presenting. We have reserved the van and 4 hotel rooms. Approximate cost: $440.80 (hotel); $110 (van); $99 (conference lunches); xx (insurance). Total about $675.
2. No Limits 2014 at UNK in Kearney: March 7 (Friday; one day) in Ponderosa Rooms. Keynote speaker ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.
3. V-day update: Eve Ensler’s “Any One of Us: Words from Prison” will be performed on March 7th, 8th and 9th (Th-Fri and Sat) at 7:30 in the Fine Arts Studio Theaters. Please announce in class – give extra credit if possible! The V-day website says this play “reveals the connection between women in prison and the violence that often brings them there.” Funds raised support programs to end violence against women (the Women’s Center at UNK and Ensler’s global spotlight campaign on women in Haiti).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm (Mendoza/Freedman).
The next WGSAC meeting will be on March 13.