Women’s Studies Advisory Council   
Mtg: Jennings Room, Library  
MINUTES for 3/7/07

Present: Trudy de Goede, Janice Fronczak, Beth Wiersma, Glen Powell, Linda Van Ingen, Cynthia Lightner, Stan Lightner, Sarah Elger (student rep), Tessa Gifford (student rep), Deborah Bridges (Faculty Assistant to SVCAASL, Ex-Officio)

Absent: Nyla Khan, Jeanne Butler, Deborah Murray, Darleen Mitchell, Liz Peck, Kate Benzel (on leave), Kerry Beldin (on leave), Diane Wysocki (on leave), Carol Lilly (on leave).

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Trudy de Goede.

1. Minutes for 2/7/07 were reviewed. Bridges noted that the Governance document under discussion at that meeting includes Library representation. de Goede will amend the Minutes to reflect that. No motion was made to approve the Minutes since there was no quorum at the 2/7/07 meeting.

2. Women’s Studies History Month Activity:
   a. Film festival: WS & Triota will show three films: Memoirs of a Geisha (3/7 at 7pm in Copeland 140); Freida (3/21); Thelma & Louis (3/28)
   b. Faculty/Staff club is on Friday 3/9 from 4-6pm. de Goede has been collecting food from WSAC faculty for the event.
   c. Workstudy student Jackie Stoltenberg is creating a publicity poster for all of the movies that will be shown.

3. No Limits, Lincoln: 3 students are presenting; total of 5 or 6 going (later information: 4 students are attending, 2 of the 4 will be presenting)

4. Faculty are encouraged to participate in all these activities

5. Triota: Sarah Elger was introduced as the new Triota Chairperson.

6. The WS Director Search is in progress; the Search Committee has forwarded a recommendation to the SVCAASL.

7. Assessment: reminder to conduct Assessments for WS220 and WS420

8. V-Day: the “Vagina Monologues” was presented Feb 3&4; directed by student Annie Weaver. A total $874 was raised from ticket sales, buttons, T-shirts and cupcakes, with a check for $726.30 going to Kearney SAFE Center, and $89 going to the V-Day Spotlight campaign, “Women in War Zones” and $58.70 to
Triota. There was some discussion about improvements and the schedule of producing the “Vagina Monologues” next year.

9. The proposed Governance Document was discussed. The following changes will be made to the Governance Document, then circulated via email for WSAC approval:

a. WSAC agreed to add a staff member to the WSAC, and that the process to appoint a staff member, by going through Staff Senate, would be followed. Glen Powell moved to approve this change to the membership of the WSAC as defined in the Governance Doc. Janice Fronczak seconded it. The vote carried unanimously.

b. Other proposals and changes were discussed and agreed upon by WSAC:
   i. WSAC agreed to open the rank of student representation to sophomore status or higher.
   ii. It is understood that non-voting members of WSAC can still participate in WSAC and WS programs.
   iii. WSAC agreed that the definition of Quorum for regular meetings was changed from 2/3 of voting members to a “50% plus 1”. Voting will be a simple majority.
   iv. WSAC agreed that the Director be given the right to vote in cases of a tie-vote.
   v. The process to amend the Governance Document was discussed. It was agreed that an Amendment process should be clearly stated: “a proposal to amend the WSAC Governance Document must be presented to the WSAC at one meeting for discussion, and then taken up for a vote at a second meeting. A 2/3 voting majority is required to amend the document, and then it will be forwarded through the formal process involving the SVCAASL, and the Faculty Senate.”
   vi. Discussion took place about the role of the Director in the member appointment process and the concept of faculty governance. Bridges noted that this process as stated in the Gov. Document is standard for other programs.
   vii. Discussion took place as to the urgency of passing this Gov Document today; Bridges stated that it was in WSAC’s best interest in terms of WS credibility to proceed quickly.
   viii. The issue of waiting for the new WS Director to be appointed was raised. It was suggested that the new Director work with the interim Director and Bridges in a transition period.

Stan Lightner moved to adjourn the mtg. Janice Fronczak seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,