Women’s Studies Advisory Council--MINUTES
Meeting January 16, 2008 (Wed)
3:30-5pm
Jennings Room (Library)

MINUTES:

Present: Patricia Cruzeiro, Darleen Mitchell, Tami Moore, Deb Murray, Janice Fronczak, Trudy de Goede, Amy German, Abby Kovanda, Linda Van Ingen (chair, recorder).

Absent: Beth Wiersma, Diane Wysocki, Marlene Kuskie, Nyla Khan, Sarah Elger (student), Rachael Broadwell (student), Deb Bridges (ex-officio).

1. Minutes of Dec 12, 2007 were approved by email 1-16-08.

2. Action Items:
   a. No new courses for approval
   b. Add a “campus at-large” seat to the WSAC. This is an amendment to the Governance Document (1st Moore/2nd Mitchell). All voted in favor (including email votes from Wiersma and Wysocki). Janice Fronczak will assume this position for a three-year term.

3. Course Schedules:
   a. The Spring 2008 offering of WS220 had to be canceled due to low enrollment. The campus-wide changes in WI requirements have affected the enrollments of this class so new recruitment strategies have to be developed. WSAC members suggested we look into other GS options, the First Year program, Highschool outreach programs (such as math and science fairs for girls), working with the Admissions office’s program for nontraditional students, better marketing efforts including working with business marketing classes, and being more aware of head-count strategies for Fall and Spring enrollments and Summer classes.

4. No Limits 2008 Conference (Feb 29-March 1)
   a. CFP deadline is Feb 1, 2008.
   b. Conference Schedule – members made suggestions for the program including starting the first day with student panels, then lunch, then the keynote speaker; adding specific break times; discussed the menu and registration fees to cover meals.
   c. Films for the conference were discussed, including “The Vagina Monologues: Stories from China.” If it’s possible to get this, it would work well with a panel discussion by V-Day participants. de Goede and Van Ingen will look into this.
   d. Publicity for the conference was discussed. Van Ingen will write up a press release and circulate it to Darlene, Janice and Trudy for edits before it goes out. Posters will be made to advertise the keynote speaker, musician and faculty roundtable.
   e. Conference materials such as name badges/wallets or tote bags were discussed. Murray will look into the badges/wallets possibility.
   f. Subcommittees have been formed to help organize/run the conference
      i. Panels/moderators-German/Wiersma/Wysocki/Van Ingen
      ii. Menus-German/Fronczak
iii. Registration forms: preregistration form-Van Ingen, registration on the day of the conference-de Goede with Triota
iv. Host for Grewal (pick up at airport etc.) – Murray (Van Ingen will make itinerary)
v. Housing/hotel rooms-Holiday Inn Express. Block of rooms held until Feb 12 at $70 (double; non-smoking). Call 234-8100.
vi. Conference Materials/Goodies- perhaps Triota can sell t-shirts to raise money. May want to pre-order shirts; also could sell prints of the artwork; Tote bags are possible.
vii. Info booths- Triota is working on this
viii. Photographer-???, if we get one could they set up a slide show to run during the last supper?
ix. Conference Program: Van Ingen and workstudy
x. Stage Manager for Pelon: Mitchell with assistance from Fronczak

5. Reports:
   a. Women’s Center – Kovanda said a Spring 2008 schedule will be out soon.
   b. Vagina Monologues: Performances will be Feb 17 & 18 (Sunday 7:30pm & Monday 7:30pm). Director Annie Weaver (grad student) has put together a wonderful cast and they have their first rehearsals this week. Tickets will be $3 – proceeds go to Ensler’s global spotlight campaign (10%) and Kearney SAFE Center (90%).

6. Other New Business
   a. Discussed possibility of film “Running in High Heels” (about women in politics) for Fall 2008 as part of an election year event.
   b. Next meeting dates: Feb 13, March 12, April 9 (Wed, 3:30 Jennings Room)

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.