MINUTES

Present: Rachael Broadwell (Triota - Student Rep) Patricia Cruzeiro, Trudy de Goede (Recorder), Sarah Elger (Triota – Student Rep), Janice Fronczak, Amy German, Nyla Khan, Abby Kovanda (Women’s Center), Tami Moore, Deb Murray, Beth Wiersma, Linda Van Ingen (Chair).

Absent: Diane Wysocki, Marlene Kuskie, Darleen Mitchell.

Van Ingen called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

1. Minutes of the meeting of October 10 were approved by an email vote on Oct 16-17.

2. Van Ingen distributed color reproductions of the painting Rachael Broadwell has created for the No Limits conference. We discussed ways to use the painting in conference publicity. Rachael was complimented for her excellent work.

3. Action items:
   
   a. Gender Studies: There was a discussion of changing the name of the program to include the word Gender, with the name becoming “Women’s and Gender Studies.” This would require some formal changes, some courses would have to be renamed, the name change would have to be approved at several levels. Also, changing the name of WS 220 should be considered.

   Motion: Moved to add the word “Gender” to the program title. Cruzeiro/Wiersma. All in favor.

   b. Co-sponsoring the Women’s Center event in April 2008: This event will feature a speaker, C.L. Lindsey, who will discuss legal issues and problems students face with Facebook and MySpace, including problems such as identity theft, issues of personal privacy, the risk of sexual predation, and the impact on later employment.

   Motion: Moved that Women’s Studies contribute $150.00 to the Women’s Center program on Facebook and MySpace. Wiersma/Khan. All in favor.

   c. Course approvals: the course CJUS 401 “Women and Crime” was approved.

   Motion: Moved that CJUS 401 be assigned WS elective credit. German/Wiersma. All in favor.

4. WS Courses: We discussed courses to be offered next spring and the following fall. Workstudy student Carla Frisch has created a bookmark that lists Spring 2008 courses that can be distributed in classes. Elger and Broadwell have publicized the program in some classes and will distribute the handout. Van Ingen has created posters to publicize classes that need more
enrollment, signed posters were distributed for people to post. We are monitoring enrollment for Spring 2008 classes. Faculty should encourage people to take these classes. Susan Honeyman’s section of WS 220 has 6 students enrolled; enrollments are low because the WI requirement has been lifted. Darleen Mitchell’s class “Woman Composers and their Music” (MUS 247) has low enrollment. We have to publicize it more. Marguerite Tassi’s new class “Wild Justice: Women and Revenge in Western Literature” has 9 enrolled.

Nyla Khan observed that there should be more classes on theory. Van Ingen will be doing this in WSTD 420, and Joan Blauwkamp teaches a summer course on Feminist Political Thought (PSCI 377).

5. Conference Planning for “No Limits 2008: Transnational Feminism” (Feb 29-March 1):
   Budget: The conference should cost about $4,680.00. Van Ingen is applying for grants to help cover expenses.
   Publicity: Beth Wiersma and Amy German volunteered to help Van Ingen proofread conference material. Initial emails are out, the postcards will go out in December. We should send a Press Release to Glennis Nagel in the Communication Office. German will post a message on the student e-bulletin, Elger will mount information on FaceBook. We could reach the community through an appearance on the radio program Talk of the Town. We will publicize by mailings to other universities in the region (Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas, and Kansas).
   Panels: Sarah Elger suggested students maintain a journal for display at the conference, as was done last year by the students in Lincoln. There was a discussion about organizing the panels; we agreed that faculty and students should share the task of moderating panels; panel volunteers will be solicited closer to the date.
   Catering: Amy German will work on conference menus.

6. Appreciation reception for Women’s Studies Affiliated Faculty
   Faculty who have taught a WS elective course in the past 5 years will be invited to a reception in their honor on Tuesday, Dec. 4 in Nebraskan 310, 4-6 pm. Each professor will get a certificate for their contributions to the WS program. Janice Fronczak is organizing set-up and food. Deb Murray suggested we locate a speaker or have some other point of focus after the first half hour. Amy German suggested that each professor be given a gift copy of a book; Janice Fronczak suggested a WS bookmark also accompany each book. The bookmark could have some curriculum information on it; the meeting can be an opportunity to ask WS faculty what they need.

7. Reports:
   a. Women’s Center: Abby Kovanda reported on upcoming Women’s Center programs and invited everyone to attend.
   b. Triota: Sarah Elger discussed upcoming activity that is focused on recruitment.
   c. Open Door is becoming active, and we should support their efforts.
   d. Gender Equity: no report.

8. Women’s Studies Recruitment Strategy: Van Ingen reported on the progress made on the priorities identified by WSAC at the last meeting:
   a. #1 Sarah Elger/Triota has been visiting classes with information about WS.
b. #2 There is now a Bulletin Board in Copeland Hall with space to publicize WS courses, Women’s Center news, Triota activity, and information from WS graduate programs.

c. #3 The WSAF Reception is scheduled.

d. #4 We can move forward on Gender Studies with today’s vote.

e. #5 Newsletter: Van Ingen still plans to write a newsletter.

f. #6 Web page: Van Ingen has learned Ektron and will update the webpage. de Goede should update the library information on the webpage. German suggested an “Add a WS Minor” link to the Advising Office.

g. New Recruitment ideas: WS should try to recruit more non-traditional students; we have to think of ways to do that.

9. There was no new business.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

The next meeting will be on December 12 at 4pm.