Present: Julie Campbell, Patricia Cruzeiro, Carrie Kracl, Nyla Khan, Darleen Mitchell, Tami Moore, Sheryl
Heidenreich, Amy German, Laurel McKellips, Demaris Grant, Rachael Broadwell (student), Heather Towndrow
(student), Linda Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Diane Wysocki, Larry Hughes, Janice Fronczak, Deb Bridges (ex-officio)

1. Minutes from December 10, 2008 were approved by email on January 28, 2009 and sent to Faculty Senate.
   There was no meeting in January 2009.

2. WSAC Membership update: terms for several members are up for renewal or replacement. Suggestions
   for new members were made.

3. Mission statement for web page: After some discussion, members revised the Mission Statement (see
   below). Additional input is welcome; a vote of formal approval will be taken at the next meeting.

   Proposed new statement (as of 2/11/09. (this is 45 words; original request was for a 30-word limit, but we may
   need the extra 15 words)

   Women’s and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program that places women at the center of inquiry
   and explores gender as a system of relations and power. It values the diversity of race, sexuality and class and
   it empowers students to confront an increasingly complex world.

4. Curriculum update: Two students, Amber Lewis and Rachael Broadwell, are planning to attend the
   “Insight Dubai” Leadership Conference for Young Women, hosted by the Women’s College of Dubai
   (United Arab Emirates) in April. WS is supporting this opportunity as part of its curriculum development
   in transnational feminism. There was brief discussion about how WS can publicize this opportunity with
   on-line blogs, Hub article, Triota workshops.

5. Budget update: Van Ingen circulated a budget report. Members agreed to support the Dubai conference
   with travel money that helps defray airline costs for Lewis and Broadwell. (German/Khan). Additional
   funds for the conference include support from BIE Grants and Administration support.

6. APR –for Spring 2010. Van Ingen reported that she has contacted a potential outside reviewer.

7. Women’s Center update: McKellips reported that a number of February activities are scheduled, including
   Heart Health Day on February 6, and daily events for “National Eating Disorder Awareness Week”
   February 23-26. She said there are six service-learning students and one intern helping in the Women’s
   Center office. Events for Women’s History Month in March include a speakers panel, a co-sponsorship
   with Pi Kappa Alpha for a program on self-defense, and a MONA Women’s Art Exhibit.

8. Triota update: Broadwell reported that Triota is holding regular meetings and that participation has been
   good. They had a booth promoting V-day on February 3 and plan to celebrate singles day with a booth on
   February 13. A film night, showing “Iron-Jawed Angels,” with co-sponsors Locke & Key and Phi Alpha
   Theta, will be on March 10 for Women’s History Month.

9. QSA (Queer/Straight Student Alliance): McKellips reported that QSA is planning a Love Event in
   February/March and a Day of Silence in April.

10. Extra-curricular Programs:
a. V-Day Report: Grant reported the success of the “Vagina Monologues” performance on February 5 & 6. Proceeds, including buttons and t-shirt sales, totaled $1,342.50. A total of 355 people attended (285 students; 70 general). 90% of the proceeds will go to the Women’s Center; 10% to Ensler’s Spotlight Campaign on women of the Democrat Republic of the Congo. Grant will schedule the event for next year and continue to serve as the show’s producer. She will work with a student who has volunteered to direct the show next year.

b. 20th Anniversary Celebration for Spring 2009. Van Ingen showed the poster (designed by Broadwell) that has been produced and distributed. She encouraged all to attend the events. Feb 12 (Thurs.): Dr. Stephen Behrendt, George Holmes Distinguished University Professor of English, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. “Losing Oneself in One’s Words: Romantic-Era Women Poets and the Anxiety of Impermanence.” Copeland Hall 142 at 4pm.

Feb 16 (Mon.): Michael Forbes, UNK. “Recital of Works by Women Composers for Tuba and Piano.” Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30pm.

Feb. 23 (Mon.): Manya Friedman, Holocaust Survivor and Volunteer at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Miriam Drake Theater at 7pm.

March 9 (Mon.): Jan Harriott, music recital, "Celebrating Women Composers: A Recital of Clarinet Works.” Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 pm.

March 26 (Thurs.): Dr. Amy Bix, Assoc. Professor of History, Iowa State University. “Women in American Engineering: Educational Challenges & Opportunities, 1875-2008.” Copeland Hall 132 at 3:30pm.


11. No Limits Undergraduate Research Conference – in Omaha on March 6&7. Seven UNK students are scheduled to present papers at the conference. Van Ingen will rent a van. WS will pay for transportation and lodging. There is room for a few more students to attend; Van Ingen asked for nominations. http://www.unomaha.edu/wmst/conference.php

12. Other business: Van Ingen asked for comments about a brochure idea that has WS info on one side and WCenter info on the other. Members liked the idea. Van Ingen asked for volunteers to staff the Cultural Unity Table with her on March 27 (8:30-10:20am). McKellips and Grant volunteered.

13. The meeting adjourned at 5pm (Mitchell/Campbell).

Next meetings: March 11 at 4pm and April 8 at 4pm.