Present: Julie Campbell, Patricia Cruzeiro, Nyla Khan, Darleen Mitchell, Tami Moore, Larry Hughes, Janice Fronczak, Sheryl Heidenreich, Amy German, Laurel McKellips, Demaris Grant, Amber Lewis (student rep), Linda Van Ingen (chair)

Absent: Diane Wysocki, Carrie Kracl, Sarah Elger (student rep), Deb Bridges (Ex-officio).

The meeting was called to order by Linda Van Ingen at 4pm.

1. Members introduced themselves and welcomed new members:
   Julie Campbell (CNSS – Criminal Justice)
   Carrie Kracl (COE – Teacher Education)
   Larry Hughes (B&T – Management)
   Sheryl Heidenreich (Library)
   Laurel McKellips (Women’s Center)
   Demaris Grant (V-Day director)

2. Minutes from our last meeting in April were approved by email on 4-18-08

3. Assessment: Van Ingen will take the WEAVE training and report at next meeting.

4. APR is scheduled for Spring 2010.

5. Curriculum update: Van Ingen handed out copies of the Spring 2009 course schedule and the updated list of courses in the catalog. A new course, BMGT498 “Women at Work,” offered by Larry Hughes in Business, will be offered for Women’s Studies credit next Spring. A flyer will be designed and distributed. Darleen Mitchell’s “Global Village” course may be considered for WS credit; Mitchell will forward a syllabus for WSAC approval at the next meeting. Faculty are encouraged to share the course listings with students.

6. Women’s Center update: Laurel McKellips and Van Ingen discussed how WS and Women’s Center are collaborating to create a student-centered space for educational program and counseling needs at the Women’s Center in MSAB 158. The WS work study student will work out of the Women’s Center as will Triota students. McKellips announced the following programs to date for Fall 2008:
   September (Sexual Assault Awareness Month)
   Tues 9/16 Clothesline Project (and on Display 9/22-26 Atrium NSU)
   Wed 9/24 Sexual Assault: Stalking & Trauma (Christine Carberry)
   October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month)
   Wed 10/01 Sex Signals (Improv Show, 7pm Recital Hall)
   Wed Oct 22 Healthy Relationship Screenings (10:30-2:30 Atrium NSU)
7. Triota: students will have a WS table at the Student Organization Fair on Wednesday, September 17. There was some discussion about how to recruit students and increase visibility at the Fair. One suggestion was to have a drawing for a prize, such as an I-Pod shuffle. Van Ingen will follow up on this idea with Triota president Sarah Elger. Triota will be meeting 9/19.

8. MONA and WSAF Gathering: WS is cosponsoring an exhibit at MONA with the Center for Rural Research & Development. The “Voices of American Farm Women” Exhibit will be at MONA Oct 21-Nov 30. Faculty and students are encouraged to go. There was some discussion of hosting the WS Affiliated Faculty Fall gathering at MONA during this exhibit. Fronczak will look into scheduling a time, for a Thursday, either Nov. 6 or 20, around 5-7pm. Mitchell will put together an ensemble to play music relating to the theme of rural women. Van Ingen will present a talk on Oct 22, and there will be activities scheduled for elementary school children in November.

[Link to the exhibit]

9. 20th Anniversary Celebration for Spring 2009: Van Ingen asked members to bring ideas for this celebration at the next meeting. So far, WS will co-sponsor a speaker invited by Kate Benzel who will talk about his work on women poets in the Romantic period. We can plan other events as well.

10. V-Day plans: Demaris Grant, the new director of the “Vagina Monologues,” announced that the Spring performance will be on February 5 & 6 (Th & Fri) in the Fine Arts building. She’ll have information about auditions etc. in October or November.

11. Open Door – Van Ingen handed out “Safe Space Ally” cards that faculty can put up on their doors to show for support for gay and lesbian students. If more cards are needed, contact Van Ingen for copies.

12. Wysocki will be offering a Thailand study abroad opportunity next May. Please announce to students.

13. No Limits – in Omaha on March 6& 7. WS plans to take students to the conference; please encourage participation and nominate potential students!

14. Other business: the next meeting will be on October 8 at 4pm. The room is TBA.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.