Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council (WSAC)

MINUTES for March 3, 2010 (Wednesday)

History Conference Room (Copeland Hall 104)  4-5pm

Present: Julie Campbell, Carrie Kracl, Darleen Mitchell, Jeanne Stolzer, Janice Fronczak, Tone Mendoza, Demaris Grant, Trish Holen (Women’s Center), Rebeca Acosta (student), Heather Towndrow (student), Linda Van Ingen (Chair).

Absent: Debra Mowry, Grace Mims, Allison Hedge Coke, Tami Moore, Deb Bridges (ex-officio).

1. Minutes of February 10, 2010 were approved by email and sent to Faculty Senate on 2-17-10.

2. Curriculum Update: Bookmarks with Summer & Fall courses will be out soon. Members suggested ways to improve the bookmark with info on No Limits, other events, and possibly some quotes. Approved elective courses will be sent to the CNSS Ed. Policy committee.

3. No Limits at UNK in 2011 on March 4 & 5 (Fri & Sat) in Ponderosa Rooms: The theme is Eco-Feminism & Artful Healing. Members discussed ideas for a keynote speaker/performance. Mitchell, Fronczak, Van Ingen, Mendoza will follow-up on the topics, fees and availability of several possibilities and will forward this information to the rest of the committee by email. A tentative schedule was discussed.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday:
10-11am Registration/coffee
11:15-12:30 Keynote: keynote
12:45-2pm Sessions A (2 or 3 panels? UNL has 3; we had 2 (5sess/more audience)
2:15-3:30 Labyrinth Walk; Drama Therapy; Mandalas
3:45-5pm Sessions B
5-9pm Dinner and Comedy?

Saturday:
Early birds Sandhill Cranes
8:30-9 Registration/coffee
9-10:15 Session C
10:30-11:45 Session D/Labyrinth Walk; Drama Therapy; Mandalas
12-1:15 Session E
1:15-2:30 Lunch and Music: local Native American musicians? Alumni panel?

4. Budget: Members approved $100 each for two Women’s Studies students’ (Rebeca Acosta & Ana Martinez) study abroad to Colombia. (Mitchell/Mendoza).
5. Scholarships: Several students have applied for the Women’s Studies scholarship. The scholarship subcommittee of Fronczak, Grant, Van Ingen, Hedge Coke will meet in April to decide on the award.

6. APR Fall 2010: Van Ingen reported that the APR team, date, and alumni survey are in progress.

7. Spring programs:

Vagina Monologues Feb 18 & 19: Demaris Grant reported that 269 students and 65 community members attended the shows and $1,245.10 was raised. 90% of the proceeds will go to the UNK Women’s Center and 10% to Ensler’s Spotlight Campaign in the DRC/Congo. Grant said the Thursday night performance was the best yet in the six years of production at UNK.

No Limits at UNL in 2010 on March 5 & 6: UNK has 4 students presenting and 6 others participating.


Women’s History Month: March events. Please Announce!

- “Writing Women Back into History” panel on March 10 (Wed) with Julie Campbell, Tone Mendoza, Linda Van Ingen; 4-5pm in 310 NSU (sponsored by Women’s Center and Phi Alpha Theta)
- “Modern Gender Roles” discussion on March 23 (Tues) with Linda Van Ingen; 4-5pm Fireside Lounge (sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta and Triota)
- “Women & Sexuality” discussion on March 25 (Thurs) with Diane Wysocki; 4-5pm Fireside Lounge (sponsored by Triota)
- MONA “Women in Art” Exhibit in Calvin T. Ryan Library for month of March
- Film Festival; March 22-25 in 140 Copeland Hall at 7-9pm (sponsored by Sister-to-Sister OMA):
  - Monday “Iron-Jawed Angels”
  - Tuesday “Sarafina!”
  - Wednesday “Joy Luck Club”
  - Thursday “Real Women Have Curves”
- Saturday Film Festival; March 27 in the View. Films TBA (sponsored by Triota)
- Rape Aggression Defense Training; March 29. 7-8pm location TBA.

Majors Fair/Panel: “What is Women’s Studies?” Van Ingen reported that Women’s Studies can have a table at the Careers Fair held each year in Feb and Oct and at the student organization day in September.
Equal Pay Day –Sister-to-Sister (OMA) will have a booth in the Union on April 20 (Tuesday) to build awareness about the gender gap in wages. The event is supported by the AAUW and there was some discussion about supporting an AAUW affiliation at UNK. Members will look into this further.

8 .Reports:

Women's Center: Holen reported that the February “Eating Disorder Awareness Month” was a success with 50 students attending a panel and excellent publicity in the Kearney Hub. They are sponsoring several events for Women’s History Month in March, and in April they are planning a panel of community members for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Triota: Acosta reported that the February 25 Rag Session on “Women and the Media” with Dr. Grace Mims went very well with about 12 students attending. The March Rag Session is “Women & Sexuality” with Dr. Diane Wysocki on March 25. In April they plan a session on Human Trafficking.

QSA (Queer/Straight Alliance): A cultural show is planned for April, and advanced planning for the Fall “Building a Better Nebraska” is in progress with QSA PFLAG and LGBT affiliates in Hastings.

Gender Equity Committee: “Stress Reduction Fair” on April 1 at the noon-hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm (Mendoza/Mitchell)

The next meeting is April 14 at 4-5pm.