Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council (WGSAC)

MINUTES April 14, 2010 (Wednesday)

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

Present: Carrie Kracl, Allison Hedge Coke, Darleen Mitchell, Tami Moore, Jeanne Stolzer, Tone Mendoza, Demaris Grant, Trish Holen, Heather Towndrow (student), Juan Gallegos (student), Linda Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Julie Campbell, Debra Mowry, Grace Mims, Janice Fronczak, Rebeca Acosta (student), Deb Bridges (ex-officio).

1. Minutes of March 3, 2010 were approved by email and sent to Faculty Senate on 3-8-10.

2. Membership update: Members discussed the open representative position from the natural sciences.

3. Curriculum Update:
   - Bookmarks: members were asked to promote the summer and fall course offerings for WGS. Summer Advising and Transfer Day were identified as important events for the information.
   - Soc 225 Global Cultures and Diversity – members agreed this course does not meet the criteria of 50% content in women and/or gender.
   - Approved elective courses were sent to the CNSS Ed. Policy committee.

4. No Limits at UNK in 2011 on March 4 & 5 (Fri & Sat) in Ponderosa Rooms: The theme is Eco-Feminism & Artful Healing. Members discussed possible keynote speakers/events. Van Ingen will follow-up on some of ideas so initial commitments can be scheduled before the end of the semester. Mendoza is working on the library report.
   Tentative Schedule:
   Friday:
   10-11am  Registration/coffee
   11:15-12:30  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?; Music?
   3:45-5pm  Sessions B
   5-9pm  Dinner and Comedy?

   Saturday:
   Early birds  Sandhill Cranes (Hedge Coke will look into this)
   8:30-9  Registration/coffee
   9-10:15 Session C
   10:30-11:45 Session D/Labyrinth Walk; Drama Therapy; Mandalas; music?
   12-1:15 Session E
   1:15-2:30 Lunch and closing panel? Alumni panel?

5. Scholarships: subcommittee of Fronczak, Grant, Van Ingen, Hedge Coke will meet April 20 at 11:30 am in the History Dept. to decide on the scholarship award.

6. APR Fall 2010: Van Ingen reported that the APR team has been approved with the possible addition of one more participant. Members discussed ideas for “Future Directions” for WGS including on-line programming; post-bac certificate; major degree; other WSTD courses (on transnational feminism?). Also discussed were re-entry course programs for non-traditional students. Van Ingen will send out links to other university post-bac and women’s studies programs.

7. Spring programs:
   No Limits – at UNL on March 5 & 6. Nine UNK students attended; 4 presented papers.
Women’s History Month – March. Van Ingen noted the list of events and suggested that these be coordinated in one publicity campaign for next year and that WGS may want to cosponsor some of the World Affairs Conference and other March events next year.

Equal Pay Day – Sister-to-Sister (OMA) is sponsoring this event with AAUW on April 20. There will be a table in the Union to build awareness about the gender gap in wages. NE-AAUW president Susan Good will speak at 1:30-2:30 in the Sandhills Room.

8. Fall 2010 Programs: Annual Fall Forum for Affiliated Faculty & Students – a date/venue needs to be reserved for October, either at MONA, Frank House or Alumni House. Mendoza will look into the schedule of events at MONA and Van Ingen has a possible speaker for the Alumni House. Members were asked to recommend speakers for this or future events.

9. Reports:
   Women’s Center: Holen reported the success of the Sexual Assault Awareness Panel in April (about 60 people attended and media coverage was good) and plans are underway for Fall scheduling.
   Triota: Towndrow said the last RAG Session is scheduled for April 22 at 4pm, Fireside Lounge. The discussion topic is “human trafficking” which she will lead. Triota has also amended its constitution, and will hold officer elections on April 22.
   QSA: Gallegos reported on upcoming events including a dance/drag show, a Day of Silence on April 16, and a film night at the View.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm (Stolzer/Hedge Coke).

The next meeting is September 8 at 4-5pm. (second Wednesday of each month)