c. Khan announced her Times Talk on Friday, April 10 at 12:15 on women and violence in Kashmir, entitled “Behind the Vale.” Please announce – NYT provides pizza and other goodies.

14. The meeting adjourned at 5pm (Cruzeiro/Fronczak).

This is the last meeting for 2008-2009!

Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council
MINUTES for September 9, 2009
History Conference Room

Present: Julie Campbell, Debra Mowry, Grace Mims, Carrie Kracl, Nyla Khan, Tami Moore, Janice Fronczak, Sheryl Heidenreich, Trish Holen, Demaris Grant, Rachael Broadwell (student rep), Heather Towndrow (student rep), Linda Van Ingen (chair).
Absent: Darleen Mitchell

The meeting was called to order by Van Ingen at 4:05pm.

1. Minutes of April 7, 2009 were approved (Campbell/Fronczak).

2. Fall Programs:
   a. Khan asked for WGS co-sponsorship for a speaker from UNO’s Afghan Center. He will speak about the latest developments in Afghanistan, including the status of women. Members supported the idea and the date of November 5 is a possibility.
   b. Van Ingen suggested that WGS co-sponsor a talk by Paula Rieder of Slippery Rock University (Pennsylvania) on her recent research addressing gender in the Medieval Period. She can be the keynote speaker at the Fall 2009 WS Affiliated Faculty and student gathering. The week before October break was identified, with a preference for October 15. Fronczak volunteered to reserve the Alumni House and place the Chartwells order once the date is confirmed.
   c. Mims agreed to speak on a Women’s & Gender Studies panel that will focus on two questions: 1) What is Women’s & Gender Studies? 2) What are the career possibilities with WGS? A second panelist will be a student from Triota, and a third panelist has yet to be identified. Mims agreed to contact the Career Center/Career Fair for suggestions for a date; Fronczak will make some community contacts for another panelist (Good Sam Hospital and possibly the UNK Alumni Directory and Gold Torch alumni). Van Ingen will look into possible dates around Jr/Sr. day.
   d. A Women’s Symposium, organized by Residential & Greek Life, will be held on November 3 at 1-4:30pm. It will focus on healthy relationships with speakers from across campus. WGS is a co-sponsor of the program.

3. Curriculum Update:
   ENG 217 Beginning Poetry was adopted as a new WGS elective course (Mims, Fronczak)
New General Studies Program: Members reviewed the new GS outcomes and WS220 & WS420 courses and agreed that the WSTD220 (retitled to “Women’s & Gender Studies) should be submitted for Social Science Distribution credit and WSTD 420 (retitled to “Feminist Theory & Practice”) should be submitted for GS Capstone credit. Van Ingen will write the course/GS outcomes and will submit the two syllabi to the GS Council for approval.


5. APR - scheduled for Spring 2010: Van Ingen will work with the WSAC and workstudy student on preparations for the APR.

6. Reports:
   Women's Center: Trish Holen reported that over 600 cards were distributed on the “get carded” day for September’s “Sexual Assault Awareness Month.” The “Clothesline Project” is scheduled for September 14 and Crhiston MacTaggert will speak on “Sexual Assault & Stalking” on September 30.

   Triota: Rachael Broadwell reported that Triota held its first student meeting and they plan a monthly discussion group called “The Rag.” The first topic will focus on “Feminism” and will be on Monday, September 28 at 3:30 in the Fireside Lounge. The group also staffed a table at Blue & Gold Day and they plan to write a newsletter for distribution to students.

7. Spring programs: Van Ingen asked members to think about scheduling now for Spring.

8. No Limits --
   UNL March 5 & 6: members are asked to encourage students to participate in the conference.
   UNK 2011 – Van Ingen asked members to think about a theme and speakers/acts. Broadwell suggested that WGS make childcare available at the conference.

9. Recruitment: the WGS Bookmark listing Spring 2010 courses will be distributed in October.

10. Other business: Fronczak is looking into bringing Emily Day (Dance Therapy) to campus. WGS would be interested in co-sponsoring.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm (Grant/Towndrow).
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14 at 4pm in the History Conference Room.