iii. Van Ingen shared an article about Horowitz’s views on Women’s Studies. Member agreed that a workshop entitled “What is Women’s Studies” would be worth organizing later this semester.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Next meeting: April 8 at 4pm

Women’s Studies Advisory Council (WSAC)
MINUTES for October 14, 2009
History Conference Room (Copeland Hall 104) 4-5pm

Present: Julie Campbell, Carrie Kracl, Nyla Khan, Darleen Mitchell, Janice Fronczak, Demaris Grant, Rachael Broadwell (student rep), Heather Towndrow (student rep), Linda Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Debra Mowry, Grace Mims, Tami Moore, Sheryl Heidenreich, Trish Holen (Women’s Center), Deb Bridges (ex-officio).

Van Ingen called the meeting to order at 4pm.

1. The Minutes of September 9, 2009 were approved by email and sent to Faculty Senate.

2. Curriculum Update:
   New General Studies Program: Van Ingen reported that the two WSTD courses have been submitted to the General Studies Council and CAP system as Social Science Distribution (WS220) and GS Capstone (WSTD 420) courses. There was some discussion about the Portals and Democracy courses as well as CD courses, and how they can be added to the electives for WS. Members had also previously engaged in an on-line discussion with WS Affiliated Faculty regarding the GS outcomes and as a result Van Ingen forwarded a recommendation to the GS Council on 9/30/09 that asked them to add a gender component to GS program-level outcomes. This was not accepted by the GS Council.

   Bookmark with Spring 2010 courses: Van Ingen distributed the list of Spring 2010 course. Bookmarks will be printed soon. The course WSTD220 will not be offered in the Spring 2010. Van Ingen reported that she met with SVCAA Dr. Bicak about this scheduling issue and how WSTD220 should be offered to replace the advanced WSTD420 that does not make due to low enrollment. Since it is now too late for the Spring 2010 offering, the WSTD220 may be offered in the summer and again possibly in the Fall and/or Spring, depending on enrollments for the WSTD420 and the impact of GS changes on these courses.

   Summer schedule: Van Ingen reported that there is a possibility that WSTD220 will be offered as an on-line course in the summer, and that this may be linked with a possibility
of creating a certificate in WS that could focus on post-baccalaureate, on-line and non-traditional students.


4. APR: Van Ingen reported that the APR may be postponed to Fall 2010 from Spring 2010 due to General Studies changes and the possibility of creating a WS program certificate. She discussed this with Dr. Bicak and will initiate the formal process for APR postponement. An alumni survey is being organized and will be conducted this semester.

5. Reports:

Women's Center: Van Ingen distributed the Minutes from the 10/7/09 advisory council for the Women’s Center. In September, the Women’s Center organized Healthy Relationship Screenings, the Clothesline Project for sexual assault awareness, and 60 people attended the McT speaker event on Stalking & Sexual Assault. In October, they organized a labyrinth walk and Depression Screenings and are involved in Oksoberfest. November plans include the Women’s Symposium Nov 3, participation in Disability Awareness week, and a Coffee House presentation by Dr. Grace Mims, “Breaking Up Is Hard to Do” on Nov 10 at 3-4pm in the Women’s Center.

Triota (Rachael Broadwell and Heather Towndrow): Triota has initiated a “Rag Session” discussion group that meets once a month. Van Ingen participated in the first discussion on “Feminism” and guest speakers are scheduled for subsequent dates. The next event is on October 27 and will focus on women in different cultures.

QSA (Queer/Straight Alliance) An update via email: QSA meets Wednesday evenings in Martin Lounge. On September 30 they showed the film “Milk.”

Gender Equity Committee: Several WSAC members serve on the GEq committee and reported that this committee attends to gender issues on campus for faculty, staff and students. There was some discussion about better coordinating information between the various programs that support women and gender.

4. Fall Programs:

WSAF: Dr. Paula Rieder will speak on October 15 (Thurs) 4pm at Alumni House for the Fall Forum for Women’s Studies Affiliated Faculty and Students. This is cosponsored by International Studies and the History Department. Rieder’s talk is entitled “What does Misogyny Look Like?” and it’s about her research on women in the medieval period.

“What is Women's Studies?” panel – since the WS220 course will not be offered in Spring, Van Ingen suggested that this panel be organized around advising time next Spring for Summer/Fall courses.

Women’s Symposium on November 3 at 1-4:30pm, Ponderosa Rooms. Women’s Studies is a co-sponsor of this program organized by Residential & Greek Life. WS will pay for snacks from Chartwells. Faculty are asked to encourage students to attend.
Times Talk: Shaista Wahab of UNO Afghan Center will speak on Women in Afghanistan on November 5 in Fireside Lounge at 12:30. Please announce. This is co-sponsored by ADP, Ethnic Studies, International Studies and WS.

5. Spring programs

Story Teller: Beth Horner will present “Strong Women: Grand Adventurers & Everyday Heroines” on Thursday, January 21 at 11-12:15am in Fine Arts Recital Hall. Sponsored by Kearney Area Storytelling and organized by Julie Agard. WSAC agreed to cosponsor with $200 (Mitchell/Khan).

“Vagina Monologues” on Feb 18 & 19 (Th & Fri) in Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30pm. Grant is the show’s producer and she reported that she has a student director. There was some discussion about presenting the show 3 nights as Eve Ensler has allowed this for 2010. However, WSAC members decided to stay with the 2-night format given the success and positive momentum of the 2-night offering last year.

“No Limits” conference at UNL March 5 & 6 (CFP due January 22). Van Ingen distributed the CFP and asked faculty to encourage students to present. CFP is due January 22. The theme this year is “Global Issues, Local Voices” and the keynote is Professor Obioma Nnaemeka who specializes in African Diaspora Studies.


“Insight Dubai” Leadership Conference for Young Women: The 2010 conference sponsored by the Women’s College of Dubai in the Untied Arab Emirates is scheduled for next April. Broadwell, who attended last year, has been nominated by conference organizers to be a discussion facilitator. Members agreed to set up a Scholarship Subcommittee to review applications from students to attend and possibly gain financial support from WS and other sources. Fronczak, Grant and Van Ingen agreed to serve on this committee. Broadwell suggested making flyers to announce the opportunity.

6. No Limits at UNK 2011 on March 4 & 5 (Fri & Sat) in Ponderosa Rooms. Towndrow, Mitchell and Van Ingen agreed to serve on a conference subcommittee to begin advanced planning.

7. Other Business: Khan suggested a WS gathering to watch the film “My Life is in Ruins” about women in academia. There was some interest but no date was set at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm (Mitchell/Khan).

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11 at 4pm.