January 28, 2009 Minutes  
University Women’s Council

Members Present:  Lyn Bouck, Deirdre Dalsing, Vickie Dreessens, Patricia Foster, Kate Kelley, Jean Olson, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Deb Schulman

1. Motion made by Schulman to approve December 10, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Bouck. Motion to accept minutes approved.

2. Motion made by Salmon-Stephens to approve agenda with the exception that two items be added to “Other” if time. It was seconded by Dreessens. Motion approved.

Dalsing asked that when emails are sent out regarding meetings that people could do a “Reply to All” and list any announcement at that time. It would save time during the regularly scheduled meetings to discuss other issues. Schulman said we could also do that for the Treasurer’s Report. If something announced or the Treasurer’s Report needed to be discussed, we could still do this at the meeting. After a short discussion, we are going to try this for the next two meetings.

3. Recorder – Jean Olson

4. Announcements:
   - Schulman announced that Women’s Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
   - Foster said that Nancy Redd, writer of “Body Drama” book is doing a presentation on-campus March 30th & 31st, Platteville East/West Rooms, PSC. Everyone is welcome to attend.
   - Salmon-Stephens announced that Pioneering for Future is March 7th for six and seventh graders. This is to encourage girls to participate in the STEM programs.
   - Dreessens announced that National Awareness of Heart Disease “Wear Red Day” is Friday, February 6th.
   - Dreessens and Dalsing received a $4,000 Opportunity Grant based to expand their campaign for Students Promoting Respect. There will be quite a few activities planned.
   - Salmon-Stephens, Pam Peters, and Lisa Landgraf received an Opportunity Grant for STEM Strategic Planning for the campus.
   - Foster received an Opportunity Grant to bring Nickie Gesvante, and Esera Tuaolo, former NFL player that came out gay, on-campus.
   - Bouck wanted it noted in the minutes: Congratulations to all who received opportunity grants.

5. Treasurer’s Report - Schulman reported that the UWC fund has a balance of $872.52 and the Carol Sue Butts Foundation Account has a balance of $156.60.

6. Update on Pioneer Appeal Brochure – Terri Burns
Burns was absent so Dalsing will talk to her about the brochure.

7. Woman of the Year Awards
   a. Selection Committee Chair - Bouck and Dreessens are the co-chairs. Foster, Dalsing, and Annie Kinwa-Muzinga will also serve on the Committee. It was recommended during the May 2008 meeting to have the Committee Chair serve again to assist the next year’s committee to run
smoothly. Wilkins said she’d be willing. Discussion was made on the Student Woman of the Year Award. The dates looked good. Salmon-Stephens will let David Nevins know that everything looks good. She will also send an email out to all UWP students letting them know about the Student Woman of the Year Award, and will also email all UWP women about the Women of the Year Award after revisions have been made.

b. Reception Planning Committee – Bouck, Dreessens, and Foster served on the Committee last year. We need a new group to set date, time, and location. Dalsing will talk to Wilkins to see if she would talk with Annie Kinwa-Muzinga about a reception. Schulman said she would serve on the Committee after February 21st.

8. Membership Review Process – Dalsing said that Pusaporn Tabrizi cannot participate on this Committee. Do we pursue this membership review process or not? Salmon-Stephens feels we need to pursue this because we need more people on this Council and also representation from all governance groups. Schulman felt that is someone wanted to attend, let them. Questions asked do we have the identified individual groups representing and attending our meeting? Are there any other groups that should be asked? Artanya Wesley serves on the Diversity position 25% in Student Affairs. Could also ask Assistant/Associate Deans to attend if an important item is being discussed during the year. Dalsing said the majority sounds like we’re all in agreement to this. We asked for a second meeting each month. If the first meeting of the month is for a full meeting, the second meeting will be to discuss the Membership Review Process only. We could take this to the Senates in April or possibly sooner. Dalsing will contact Carol Sue Butts and ask her the timeline for sure. If anyone here is on other Committees, they can be liaisons for us.

9. Other
a. Salmon-Stephens handed out the 2009-2010 UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity Support Grants for Racial and Ethnic Studies. She said this includes our group under Category C and believes this would be a great way to bring a speaker to campus to do a gender issue for the next academic year. The deadline for application is March 23, 2009 and the maximum that we can obtain is $2,000. We could possibly pull some other entities together, SWE, WIT, Student Senate, etc. to cover extra costs such as refreshments. This would be a great way to use our own money. Dalsing suggested obtaining input from the Council via email. It was suggested that Tammy check with Kathy Lomax to make sure inclusivity would be extended to gender with this grant request.

b. Foster said we should have all received an email regarding the WWHEL Conference. The southwest area is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Madison Area Technical College, Madison.

c. Salmon-Stephens pointed out that the events calendar on the Women’s Council web page is blank. Do we want to remove this or list events? This item was tabled until our next meeting. Dalsing asked everyone to think about what we should do with the web site.