February 11, 2009, 2008 Meeting Minutes
10:00am, Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center, 136 Warner

Members Present: Lyn Bouck, Terri Burns, Deirdre Dalsing, Vicki Dreessens, Pat Foster, Jean Olson, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Sarah Wasrud, Kay Wilkins

Guests Attending: Bao Lee

1. Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Deirdre Dalsing.

2. Introductions were made.

3. Motion to approve minutes made by Deb Schulman and seconded by Vickie Dreessens. Motion approved.

4. Motion to approve agenda with a few notations (student planners and WWHEL conference) was made by Teri Burns and seconded by Teri Burns. Motion approved.

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. Announcements
   a. National Girls and Women in Sports Day is scheduled for 2/13/2009; there are 185 girls already registered.
   b. Student Health Services is sponsoring the 10,000 steps contest. The program begins 3/23/2009, with a sign up by 3/12/2009. Teams of five are encouraged to sign up and the cost is $3 per person.
   c. Student Health Services is sponsoring the 15th Annual Wellness Fair on 3/11/2009 from 10am-2pm in the Pioneer Student Center. The theme is a “Passport to a New You.”

7. Terri Burns shared examples of the UWP Pioneer Appeal brochure. Discussion took place in regard to how to present the women-based foundation account to the campus. It was decided that the council would not make a separate Pioneer Appeal brochure, but a brochure highlighting the women-based foundation accounts, with a brief description of the funds and any logos associated with each program. It was decided that the Council would utilize the publications office to produce the document. Members of the council will need to share information with Terri so that she can share
content with publications. The cost to fund the brochure will be discussed at a later date – based on quotes from the publications office. A motion was made by Lyn Bouck to create a tri-fold University Women’s Council brochure to include information about the various women-based funds in the Foundation; with a proposal of the anticipated printing expenses and the expectation that council members will be able to proof-read the brochure before it is printed. Motion was seconded by Terri Burns. Motion passed.

8. Woman of the Year Awards. Kay Wilkins is working with Annie Kinwa Muzinga to setup her Woman of the Year reception. Several dates were posed at the end of March. Discussion took place regarding some specific elements. Regarding the 2009 call for proposals, the website has been updated and a posting has gone to the Intercom. Vickie Dressens will forward an announcement to Tammy Salmon-Stephens to share on the women’s list serves.

9. The proposed WWHEL grant submitted by the council was funded. A discussion took place in planning the implementation of the WWHEL grant. Tammy Salmon-Stephens discussed a plan to setup 4-5 luncheons to provide feedback into a strategic planning process to increase the recruitment and retention of women on campus. The grant covers $250 for these luncheons. The University Women’s Council did propose a match of $250, so the total expense for the event is $500. Tammy will set up the luncheons and send out advertisements via the women student list. She asks that members of the council assist in getting the word out about the luncheons and that council members encourage students to participate. It would also be helpful to have additional council members attend the luncheons.

10. The UWS IRE Support Grant was discussed. A question was asked of grant administrators if gender would be considered acceptable criteria for a grant proposal. The answer from administration was forwarded to council members via Email. The basic answer is that gender is a consideration; however, proposers should include the idea of intersectionality of gender and other under represented categories. The Women’s Center, in conjunction with the Women’s Studies Program were planning to write a grant to bring in a key speaker (Nikki Giovanni). Discussion took place in regard to support from the University Women’s Council for the grant proposal as the criteria in the request for proposal indicates that collaboration between groups was desired. Additional discussion took place about including K-12 constituents and the support of STEM preparation in the grant, as these were key criteria listed in the RFP. Pat Foster and Terri Burns will consider these ideas as they prepare the grant application. Women’s Council members should be thinking about ideas perhaps for next year’s application to the IRE support grant.

11. A discussion took place in regard to the Women’s Council web page and specifically the calendar link. Currently the calendar link is empty. A discussion took place on how to best handle this issue. The Women’s Council concluded that because of the number and magnitude of events to keep track of that it would require too much maintenance and that our time may be better spent. Lyn Bouck moved that the Council discontinue the calendar link on the Women’s Council web page. Pat Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed.

12. The Vice-Chancellor would like Council members to know that she will sponsor members of the Council to attend the Regional WWHEL conference this spring. Please notify Liz Schaal if you are interested. Reimbursement will take place after the event takes place. Liz prefers to be notified by March 10, 2009.
13. A discussion took place regarding the inside cover of the 2008/2009 student planners. Several members of the Council are concerned about the University’s choice to advertise drinking establishments on the front cover and in particular an establishment called “School Girlz.” The Women’s Studies program has also discussed this issue and many members are outraged by the advertisement. Additional discussion occurred. It was agreed the Vickie Dreessens would follow up with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office regarding the issue. Based on what Vickie finds out, the Council will decide if any action is needed. A motion was made by Terri Burns to have the Women’s Council express their concern and about the issue and that additional information be gathered from the Offices of Student Affairs to better understand how this issue came to be. Tammy Salmon-Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

14. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/25/09 at 10am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center.

15. Meeting adjourned at 11:03am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Salmon-Stephens