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

Members Present: Terri Burns, Carol Sue Butts, Deirdre Dalsing, Pat Foster, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Deb Schulman, Kay Wilkins

Guests Attending: Vanessa Martinez

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

1. Motion to approve minutes from 2/11/09 made by Teri Burns and seconded by Deb Schulman. Motion approved.

2. Motion to approve agenda with an announcement at the end by Terri was made by Tammy Salmon-Stephens and seconded by Pat Foster. Motion approved.

3. Deb Schulman announced that there is $156.60 in the CSB account and $1,132.52 in the UWC account. Tammy Salmon-Stephens moved that the council move the $156.60 since they have matching funds. She also reminded everyone that the council had agreed to match the $250 grant money of the UWC account. Also confirmed the $350 budget for the Woman of the Year reception.

4. Woman of the Year awards update: There are four nominees for the Woman of the Year Award and seven for the Student Woman of the Year Award.

Kay Wilkins announced the reception for Annie Kinwa-Muizinga will be held Thursday March 26th from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Harry Nohr Gallery. Lynn and Dierdre will present the award and Teri would like to speak as well.

5. WWHEL Grant – Luncheon Events – update: There are five luncheons scheduled and the first one was March 10th and four students participated. Tammy shared the list of questions that was asked of the participants. If anyone has additional questions or other suggestions send them to Tammy. There were four themes that came out from the conversations:
   a. The perception is we are a farming community only
   b. We don’t have enough healthy choices for food on our campus
   c. Students were upset that they took the lifting areas out of the residence halls.
   d. Lack of transportation on campus
e. They wanted to be able to connect with other women’s groups on campus. Pat Foster talked about offering bus trips to students to go shopping etc.

6. Deirdre updated everyone on the last meeting regarding council membership process and that we would continue the discussion at the next meeting scheduled for March 25th.

7. Other – Had a discussion regarding the Student Senate Meeting where they wanted to combine the Gender Issues Coordinator and Diversity Issues Coordinator positions. Vanessa Martinez read the letter Deirdre drafted on behalf of the council. There were at least 40 people there in support of not combining the positions which was very powerful to see the impact of the students. The motion did not pass to combine the two positions. Vanessa thanked the council for their support. Tammy suggested we write a letter to the exponent about how well the students supported this. Motion by Tammy “That we designate Terri Burns to write a letter to the exponent praising our student leaders in successfully petitioning the Student Senate to keep the Gender Issues Coordinator and Diversity Issues Coordinator as separate positions in the Student Senate. Terri amended that we add Women’s Studies, Women in Engineering, Women in Technology, Women’s Athletics, etc. Deirdre seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Vanessa will also ask BSU to draft a letter as well and to be inclusive of all other organizations.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/25/09 at 10am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Schulman