April 8, 2009, Meeting Minutes
10:00am, Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center, 136 Warner

Members Present: Terri Burns, Lyn Bouck, Carol Sue Butts, Pat Foster, Jered Nystrom, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Deb Schulman, Vanessa Martinez

Guests Attending: Patti Heer

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Lyn Bouck.

1. Last meeting was a discussion of proposed membership changes which have been circulated and will be discussed later this meeting; there were no minutes to approve.

2. Motion to approve agenda made by Tammy Salmon-Stephens and seconded by Terri Burns. Motion approved.

3. Deb Schulman announced that there have been no changes in the treasury, but we should expect incoming bills from the Women of the Year reception. We’ve spent 262.50 for food, though there would be added costs because we had to go to the Nohr Gallery. Originally we budgeted $350 for the event, and we may be over by about $27.50. By that estimate, we should have a balance of about $750 in the treasury after all of the bills for this event come through. Tammy added that there will also be bills coming through for the student luncheons, but to expect a delay in seeing this amount deducted from the account. (The council had agreed to match the $250 WWHEL grant money for these luncheons, which are currently ongoing.)

4. Pioneer Appeal Brochure: this is now a general fundraising brochure for funds targeting or benefiting women. Terri said that Women’s Studies has voted to change its name to Women’s and Gender Studies and would like that name on the brochure. Some material has been sent to Diana Brunton in Publications and some will be sent asap. Carol Sue Butts noted that the Women’s Studies change in program name needed to go to the APC. Lyn Bouck asked about the proof. Terri said that since she is only here part-time this semester the proof will go to both her and Deirdre.

5. Woman of the Year awards update: Pat Foster said there were three nominees for the faculty award. There were seven for the student award, a marked increase over years past. Lyn will present the student award. Several members commented that we would like a photo of the Women’s Council co-chair with the student recipient.
5. **WWHEL Grant – Luncheon Events – update:** Of the five luncheons scheduled, two have been held so far, and the 3rd will be today after the meeting. Feedback from luncheons so far, names of participants, and questions posed to participants, can all be found on the S drive. Tammy, Terri, and Deb will do a summary of all of the feedback when the luncheons have concluded, with the intent of using that feedback for strategic planning. At the last luncheon, attended by Tammy and Terri, students had very strong opinions especially concerning:
   a. The ways all but one of them felt women were stereotyped on campus
   b. Lack of healthy food choices on campus, and/or difficulty using meal plans for healthy food choices
   c. Feeling uncomfortable working out in the PAC
   d. How the university might be better able to connect incoming female students with women-centered resources on campus.

6. **Changes to membership:** An update based on the last meeting was sent out by Deirdre Dalsing. Tammy Salmon-Stephens corrected her title (it should be the Director of the Women in Engineering Program). We agreed to cut the “or designee” after the BILSA Equity and Diversity Committee, because we don’t have it elsewhere and the general feeling was that this will encourage someone to send a designee, and we want people in charge of programs and committees. Carol Sue Butts encouraged the Council to make sure that the focus stays on women. Tammy Salmon-Stephens noted that the inclusion of a member of the Faculty Senate (rather than a Faculty Senate appointee) is different from all other committees, but we have agreed that this is what we want, because we will then have a more direct pipeline between the Council and Faculty Senate. Lyn Bouck said that the next step in the process would be to send this document to all campus senates. Tammy suggested caucusing with senate members before the meetings are held.

Tammy Salmon Stephens moved, and Deb Schulman seconded, that we accept the recommendations for membership with the changes previously discussed. Motion passed unanimously.

There is still time to put this on the next Student Senate agenda on April 20th. The next Academic Staff Senate meeting is the 21st; Faculty Senate would be April 28th. We need an electronic copy of the documents ahead of time. Vanessa Martinez can speak at Student Senate; Tammy will also go. Deb and Pat can go to the Academic Staff Senate meeting. Terri can go to the Faculty Senate meeting if she moved the time of the last Women’s and Gender Studies meeting.

7. **Other –**
   a) Terri Burns gave a report on the UW-System Women’s Studies administrators meeting held last weekend in Madison and passed out a letter from James Parker, chair of the State Council on Affirmative Action. Parker says that state AA Officers are doing the best they can with very limited resources and appointments and no consistent job description, but system-wide feel overburdened. Parker made four recommendations for addressing this problem. Burns also reported on a presentation by Judy Trampf, who is in charge of the Status of Women initiative but has been able to do little because she is also in charge of several other initiatives, including supervising AA Officers, and there has been a 30% turnover in that area. Trampf is hoping to get another half position added
to her office. Burns said that Trampf may be coming back to Women’s groups asking for more support for this half position since it will enable things to get moving on the Status of Women report. Platteville is not one of the campuses currently being studied (Five were in the first group, then five in the second.) Carol Sue said we are in the rotation and she anticipates that we will be doing a climate study fall of 2010. We’re currently doing the Equity Scorecard.

b) Pat Foster reported on upcoming events sponsored by the Women’s Center, including Dr. Hollis, who worked for John Deere as a man, then as a woman. She will be speaking next Monday and Tuesday.

c) Vanessa Martinez, Student Senate Gender Issues committee chair, reported that the Student Senate will be trying a pilot Safe Walk program next week, from Tuesday through Saturday. Starting April 20th, they will also be sponsoring Safe Sex Awareness week.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for 4/22/09 at 10am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Burns