Women’s Council Minutes  
April 9, 2009

Present: Deirdre Dalsing, Vickie Dreessens, Pat Foster, Jennifer Mandel, Jean Olson, 
Deb Schulman, Terri Burns, Kay Wilkins.

Unable to attend: Lyn Bouck, Carol Sue Butts, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Kate Kelley, 
Alisha Slowey, Katie Gabris

Motion to approve 3/12/08 minutes made by Terri Burns. Second by Jennifer Mandel. 
Motion approved.

Motion to approve today’s agenda made by Terri Burns. Second by Jennifer Mandel. 
Motional approved.

Today’s recorder – Deirdre Dalsing. Thank you to Lyn Bouck for recording at our last 
meeting.

Announcements:
1. WWHEL conference is 4/11 at Edgewood College.
2. Terri Burns announced that Dave Zierath and Kathy Winz are retiring at the end 
of this academic year.
3. Pat Foster announced that on 4/16 Mercedes Ramirez-Johnson will be speaking 
on campus at 6pm in the Velzy Commons. A reception for her will be held in the 
Women’s Center that same evening at 7pm. She is sponsored by 
SOL/CPR/Women’s Center. She was one of 4 individuals who survived a plane 
crash in 1995 which cost 160 people their lives.
4. Deb Schulman is reminding everyone about the Women’s Night Out event set for 
4/23. Many new speakers and the vendor fair is growing as well.
5. Pat Foster announced that on 4/18 April Bennett will be providing massages at the 
Women’s Center for faculty and staff. Each massage for 15 minutes will cost 
$10.00. Sign-up in necessary.

Woman of the Year Awards Update: 
Kay reported that 10 nominations were received with 8 individuals deciding to pursue the 
award. The selection committee will meet next week to finalize selection for Woman of 
the Year. One student nomination was received and that name was forwarded to David 
Nevins. The UWP Student Woman of the Year Award will be presented to Jenna Walsh.
at the student award banquet on 4/25/08. Tammy Salmon-Stephens is presenting the award on behalf of the Women’s Council.

Discussion was initiated by Deirdre Dalsing that this council will need to take official action on several discussion points that were made at our meeting on 3/12/08 regarding this award process. Discussion was had that the awards process would benefit from a standard set of policies outlining timelines, expectations, who is responsible for what, when and how, etc. A recommendation will be offered by Deirdre at one of the last meetings for a formal voting process.

Celebration Wrap-Up:
Deirdre handed out a thank you from Dr. Deborah Cureton and an email recognition from Rea Kirk thanking the council for a wonderful event. All bills need to go to Deb Schulman so we can finalize the event and have a complete treasurer’s report by the end of this academic year.

Additional feedback was offered at the meeting by Jennifer Mandel with regard to encouraging men to attend the event. After some discussion it was offered as an option that we ask Dr. Markee to take an active role in that effort, next time the event is offered.

Where do we go from here?
Discussion was generated regarding final projects that should be addressed prior to the end of this academic year for the council. Members present agreed to return focus to website and review of goals.

Call for Co-Chairs:
Deirdre reminded the group that her second term as chair has come to an end and a new chair (or set of co-chairs) will need to be identified for academic year 2008-2009. Deirdre recommends to the group the use of the co-chair model, as this year with one chair was “a lot of work” for one person. Some discussion ensued as to whether we should make nominations now. Pat Foster nominated Jennifer Mandel who politely informed the group she could not. All council members are encouraged to consider taking on this role for next year. A decision will be rendered at the last meeting in May.

Next Meeting:
4/23/08 at 10am. Final meeting of the semester is scheduled for 5/7/08 at 10am

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted by: Deirdre Dalsing