May 2, 2007, Meeting Minutes  
11 a.m., Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center, 151 Doudna

Members Present: Carol Sue Butts, Deirdre Dalsing, Vickie Dreessens, Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, Kate Kelley, Jean Olson, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Deb Schulman, and Kay Wilkins.

Members Absent: Lyn Bouck, Kimberly Braatz, Pat Foster, Kate McClellan, Kayla Scheel, and Laura Wendorff.

1. **Approval of April 4, 2007, minutes.** Tammy Salmon-Stephens moved, Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk seconded, to approve the minutes of April 4, 2007, as printed. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Agenda.** Vickie Dreessens moved, Tammy Salmon-Stephens seconded, to approve the agenda as printed.

3. **Recorder** – Kay Wilkins.

4. **Announcements.**

   a. **Carol Sue Butts University Women’s Council Development Fund.** The University Women’s Council is very excited and thankful to learn that Carol Sue Butts established a development fund to support its activities. Thank you, Carol Sue! The fund will yield approximately $500 per year. The Women’s Council will receive 75% of the yield, while the other 25% is matched by some other funding. Kate Kelley is authorized to sign off on any expenditures.

   b. The Women’s Center will be moving to Ullsvik Center in the ACE’s office area when Ullsvik opens next spring.

   c. Rea Kirk sent the Women’s Council a thank you note. She really enjoyed her reception and the notoriety she’s received from her Woman of the Year Award, because it helps to raise awareness of women’s issues and sexual assault in particular.

   d. Deirdre Dalsing sent a card of congratulations on behalf of the University Women’s Council to Sheng Xiong, the recipient of the UWP Woman of Color Award.

   e. Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk announced that she has accepted a position at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and will be leaving UWP at the end of this semester. The Women’s Council extended its best wishes to her.

   f. Tammy Salmon-Stephens announced that Marge Karsten gave an excellent presentation at the Durant Women’s Conference.

5. **Status of Woman/Student of the Year Awards – Jean Olson.** Alisha Slowey was presented the Student Woman of the Year Award at the Student Leadership Awards event on
April 27. There were six applicants for the Woman of the Year—all very good. The sub-committee is recommending that Carol Beals receive the award. Carol is the EMS Dean Assistant and President of the local union. As such, she has worked with many women on campus and is a strong advocate for them in the areas of pay, equity, etc. She is also involved with unionizing the day care employees and with Badger Camp.

Given the difficulty of comparing applicants, especially when sub-committee members don’t know all of them, Vickie Dreessens raised questions/suggestions for the future: (a) Do we want to restrict eligibility for the award to full-time employees or employees with 50% or more appointments? (b) We should request a recent update from the applicant. (c) It’s important to have past award recipients or former UWC members on the sub-committee because some of the applicants may be current UWC members.

Carol Sue Butts will notify the award recipient and the runner-ups. Tammy Salmon-Stephens will continue to keep the applications on file. The UWC discussed whether all the nominees should be recognized. It will review the entire process in the fall. Vickie Dreessens, Lyn Bouck, and Jean Olson will serve on a planning committee for the Woman of the Year reception to set parameters and keep some consistency. This year’s reception cost $272.

6. **Website Design Ad-Hoc Committee.** Deb Schulman, Vickie Dreessens, and Tammy Salmon-Stephens will work with Rita Rukashaza on the UWC website this summer.

7. **Review of Goals and Progress Made.** We need to set up a budget, set funding priorities, and plan funding activities to raise the 25% matching money for Carol Sue’s development fund. Will discuss and apply in the fall for the Spring WWHEL conference.

8. **Other.**

   a. Carol Sue Butts announced that we would be getting new furniture for the UWC when it moves to Ullsvik in 2008.

   b. No one volunteered to co-chair with Deirdre Dalsing next year. We discussed the possibility of having one of the student members serve as co-chair to give them leadership experience and an opportunity for mentoring by the other co-chair but we weren’t sure if a student would be willing to commit to that role.

Topics to discuss in the fall: Co-chair, meeting time, Woman of the Year awards.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Wilkins