Women’s Council Minutes  
September 10, 2008

Present:  Carol Sue Butts, Deirdre Dalsing, Vicky Dreesens, Will Deuerling  
Pat Foster, Jean Olson, Deb Schulman, Teresa Burns, Kate Kelley, Tammy Salmon-Stephens,  
Lyn Bouck

Unable to attend:  Alisha Slowey, Kay Wilkins

Motion to approve the agenda made by Lyn Bouck.  Seconded by Teresa Burns . Motion approved.

Today’s recorder – Lyn Bouck.

Announcements:
1. Women’s Studies have a course: “Women in Science and Engineering” taught by Tammy Salmon-Stephens.
2. On Tues., Oct. 7th – Volleyball Game with UW-Whitewater, to be held at UWP Williams Field house, 7PM. This is the “Dig for the Cure” Breast Cancer Fundraiser event. Athletes will be dressed in pink to promote the event. Donations can be made per “dig” or a general donation can be made. All are encouraged to attend and donate for the worthy cause.
3. Women’s Center will hold off hosting an “Open House” until November. Prior to the event an invitation email will be sent out to the campus.
4. WHEL Conference is coming. It will be held on Oct. 23-24, 2008, Alverno College. Carol Sue indicated that all women attending would be reimbursed for the cost of the conference. She encouraged all to attend.

Treasure’s Report:

Women’s Council Endowment Acct: $ 502.70
Carol Sue’s Spendable Acct: $ 243.12

Tammy indicated that the last two outstanding bills from the Celebration Dinner bills held last spring will be paid within a few days of this meeting. At that point, all bills from the event will have been paid.

Pioneer Appeal:
There was discussion on the different Women’s organizational funds and possibly listing them together on a checklist form for the Pioneer Appeal fundraiser. The Women’s Council has two funds: the Endowment Account and the Spendable Account. Donations have been encouraged for both accounts. There was discussion regarding the other campus women’s organizational accounts and additional discussion took place concerning the development of a flyer to promote all the Women’s accounts. The Women’s Studies has employed a work-study student to develop a flyer to promote the Women’s Studies Program. Teresa Burns suggested having the work-
study student also develop a Pioneer Appeal flyer to promote the Women’s Council accounts and other Women’s organizational accounts. Teresa mentioned the student was very creative and thought the student could do a good job designing the flyer. Jean Olson volunteered to find out the all the Women’s accounts from the Foundation Office and then email the list of accounts to the Women’s Council Members as well as to the Work Study Student.

Among other discussion, it was suggested to have the Women’s Council meeting dates put on the University Calendar.

**Membership:**

Two main issues:
1. Need to determine a process to identify the Co-Chair or Vice-Chair of the Women’s Council.
2. Representatives are also needed on the Women’s Council to represent several different groups on campus. They include Affirmative Action, Residence Halls, Alliance, and so forth. There was discussion as to whom should be on the Women’s Council to provide a larger voice for the campus. Deirdre read a list of the positions to consider for membership. This concern is to be placed on the agenda for the Oct. 8th meeting.

Co-Chair/Vice–Chair Position:
Deirdre made arrangements to set up this meeting. She has also offered to volunteer as the Chair of the Women’s Council for the second consecutive year. However, Deirdre indicated the need to develop a process for the succession of the Chair or Co-chair in the future.

Tammy suggested a two-year commitment to provide continuity to the leadership in the Women’s Council. It was thought that a rotation would allow for more planning. There was more discussion from Deirdre, Tammy, Carol Sue, Teresa, and others regarding the rotation process. Various options were discussed. Teresa suggested that if a member wanted to serve as Chair that arrangements could be made for that person (other than a director) to serve in the leadership capacity. More discussion took place. Then it was moved by Tammy to have a 2-year rotation in which the Vice Chair takes over the Chair position after the first year. It was seconded. More discussion took place. It was determined that the individuals holding the Vice Chair and Chair leadership positions would come from the five director positions of the different UWP areas. These areas include: Women’s Center, Women in Engineering, Women’s Athletics, Women’s Studies, and Women in Industrial Technology. An oral vote was taken and the motion was passed.

The Women’s Studies Director position was in line next to become the next Vice Chair based on the current rotation for the 2008-2009 year. The director holding this position is Teresa Burns. However, because of a previous sabbatical application that had been made by Teresa, she was not sure she would be able to fulfill the duties of the Vice Chair position for the 2008-2009 academic year. After more discussion took place, Lyn Bouck offered to become the Vice Chair of the Women’s Council for the 2008-2009 year.
Other information:
Jean Olson suggested having the Woman of the Year Award recipients featured in the 2008 UWP Homecoming Parade. Tammy suggested inviting all the recipients to participate in the parade for this year and then after that to invite the one recognized for that particular year to ride in the parade. Jean volunteered to assist with this invitation process.

As the meeting came to a close, Deirdre indicated that at the next meeting the council members would discuss updating the annual goals, the website, and committee to plan the Woman of the Year award. The next meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01PM.