Council Members in Attendance: Vickie Dressens, Kari Hill, Patricia Pothour, Melissa Ortiz, Teresa Miller, Valerie Wetzel, Kate Demerse, Kim Sargent, Robin Gore, Jean Olson, Becky Fernette, Deb Schulman

Guests in Attendance: Lisa Merkes-Kress, Molly Reid, Joanne Wilson

1. Introductions of council members and guests
   a. Open positions, Faculty Senate and Director of the Women’s Advancement Center
   b. Women’s Advancement Center is located in Industrial Studies, chair Colleen Kaiser is willing to help if need be

2. Approval of the minutes from May 8, 2013 - Val Wetzel motion to approve, Jean Olson second, motion carried.

3. University Women’s Council Leadership
   a. Chair and Vice-Chair rotational schedule was distributed. Rotations documented through 2024-2025. Motion by Vickie Dreesens and second by Jean Olson to approve the revised rotational scheduled. Motion carried.
   b. Treasurer election (signature authority)- Deb Schulman has been serving in this role for a number of years. Willing to continue serving, but offering up the opportunity to other interested members. None were interested. Motion by Becky Fernette and second by Val Wetzel to elect Deb Schulman as Treasurer. Motion carried.
   c. Recording secretary election. Motion by Deb Schulman and second by Kim Sargent to elect Tricia Pothour as recording secretary. Motion carried.

4. University Women’s Council Goals were distributed.

5. WWHEL Outstanding Achievement Award was discussed. Chair posed question of whether this should be part of the Woman of the Year committees duties. Discussion took place: WWHEL nomination process, deadline of Sept. 27, Chair proposed the Woman of the Year could be the nomination for WWHEL Achievement Award, should other women have a chance for the award nomination. WWHEL does not restrict the number of nominations from a campus. Women’s Council will
nominate the Woman of the Year for this award and campus can nominate others if they so choose. This duty will be added to the Awards Committee. Chair will pass along this conclusion to the Provost.

6. Breast Cancer Awareness Month-Coloring the “M” Pink? Chair shared background information. Southwest Health Center approached UW-Platteville about coloring the “M” pink for breast cancer awareness month. How does the Women’s Council feel about this possibility?

**Discussion:** great support for women; how would our alumni feel about this; where would the campus draw the line, how many times a year will we color the M and for what causes; there are a number of other causes out there that deserve attention as well; How does Paul Erickson/Image Committee feel about this; should there be a policy in place for these kinds of ideas?

**Suggestions:** Think of other ways to color the M, cloth, pink flares, women in pink shirts outlining the M.

**Conclusion:** The Women’s Council feels changing the color of the M is too drastic. However, we do like the idea of embellishing the M in some way to show support.

7. Woman of the Year Committee
   a. Handout of committee membership rotations
   b. Val will convene a meeting of the committee as last year’s chair. The committee will choose a new chair at this time and coordinate the nomination of this year’s Women of the Year to the WWHEL Outstanding Achievement Award-nominations are due Sept. 27. A motion was made by Val Wetzel and a second by Vickie Dreessens to include the WWEHL Outstanding Achievement Award nominations as part of the Woman of the Year Committees duties.
   c. Kim suggested a friendly amendment of changing the name of the committee to the Women’s Council Awards Committee. Val Wetzel and Vickie Dreessens agreed to the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

8. Website management
   a. Chair has been in charge of website updates but would like another council member to take this on responsibility. This person will be responsible for sending needed updates of the website to web. Kim Sargent volunteered.
9. 2013/2014 Planning
   a. Roll over ideas from last year
      i. Involve Chancellor Shields
      ii. Explore ways to allow distance individuals to call in to future meetings
      iii. Renaming the Woman of the Year award
      iv. Sexual assault awareness and follow up
      v. Women of the Year criteria reevaluation
      vi. SUFAC funding issues
      vii. Hosting the WWHEL Regional conference
   b. New ideas
      i. Student safety issues
      ii. Rad program or other self-defense opportunities for students
      iii. Statement from the council to show support during times of crisis
      iv. Drop in sessions for students to express concerns
   c. Next meeting we need to prioritize these ideas

10. Adjournment