Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. Approval of 9.14.11 Minutes: Salmon-Stephens moved to approve with corrections; Foster seconded: Minutes approved.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Salmon-Stephens moved to approve agenda; seconded by Foster: agenda approved.

3. Announcements:
   - WWHEL has an institutional rep (IR) at each campus. At the statewide conference in the fall the IRs meet. Salmon-Stephens is IR for UW-Platteville. Would someone else like to be IR? Usually IR meeting is Thursday morning from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Provost is willing to sponsor person to go a night early in order to be there for the 10 a.m. meeting. Also, provost is willing to sponsor a couple of members to go to the conference. We’re a leader in women’s initiatives so folks from the other system Universities like to talk with our IR; therefore, it’s important for us to have a rep attending. Salmon-Stephens cannot attend this year. So, even if no one takes over as IR she needs someone to attend the IR meeting in her place.
   - Today in the Women’s Center, 3 students who did internships this summer are reporting on their experiences. A speaker from Dubuque will talk about internship opportunities.
   - At the next Academic Staff Senate meeting they’ll elect a new rep to WC. Consequently, Martens will not be attending future WC meetings as the representative to the Academic Staff Senate.
   - 11 -1:30 Thursday, October 6, there will be an open house at the Women’s Center.
   - Women’s and Gender Studies Program passed a motion to suggest to University Administration to have Women’s Center open during the summer.
   - Courtney Hoffman volunteered to get the banner for the homecoming car. We want too much info on it, given the size we want. She’s in need of some guidance.
   - Dig for the Cure—Women faculty are invited to a reception prior to the game; then they will get into the game free.
   - Pink-Out is men’s football game October 29.
   - Salmon-Stephens and 2 others submitted a $1 million grant to NSF to create a recruitment and retention center in EMS.
   - Administrative Council issue: Burns is now serving on WC as the appointed representative of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program Chair, Laura Beadling.

4. Treasurer’s report: no change (CSB account $1610.18 & WC account $2642.90).

5. SUFAC issues – Concern is that funding privileges competition over collaboration. Events that are supportive rather than competitive are not recognized by SUFAC for funding. Joanne Wilson suggested that some members of WC should meet with Jay Hines, student chair of SUFAC, to get more information since there are some changes going on with SUFAC. Burns will discuss this situation with Hines and report back to WC next time. Based on what she discovers, WC will discuss a course of action.
6. Artanya Wesley reporting to us on Sexual Assault: Numbers of reports come through a variety of sources and offices. Number of anonymous sex assault forms filed in 2009 = 5; 2010 = 11; and now we're at 5 for 2011. Reporting seems to have increased. This is a good thing since we know it’s happening; increased reporting means more are feeling comfortable to come forward. A student can't be anonymous when they walk into offices to report. But, when the info comes to Wesley it’s anonymous. We would like confirmation about our legal obligations for mandatory reporting. Durr said there are a limited number of mandatory reporters. The question was raised: How do faculty help students who are being harassed, sexually or otherwise? It appears we need some education on how to handle such situations. Durr reported that we’re looking for system to give us system guidelines—they’re trying to put a template together so that there’s consistency among the campuses, particularly in dealing with Title 9. There’s been some training, but system doesn’t necessarily agree with what the trainers have done. The policies we do have are on line and we should encourage faculty to go read them. There are steps outlined in faculty and student handbook for reporting harassing behaviors. Burns will send out the particular parts of handbooks that are most relevant.

7. Homecoming parade committee: Chair is homecoming-impaired. So, she’s turning it over to someone else. Wetzel has car; Hoffman will get banners. We need a person or more to deal with the details, which include: Tell Hoffman what to put on the banners; secure a driver for the car; get the car to the parade, coordinate with other winners of women’s awards. There were no volunteers for this committee. Burns will engage in some personal persuasion to get folks to help.

8. Scholarship committee: We want to award it in the spring. It'll be on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Other:
   - Thanks to Artanya Wesley for coming today.
   - Next meeting is October 12, 2011.

Schulman moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Rose Williams