Women’s Council  
October 23, 2013  
Mississippi Room

Council Members in Attendance: Jennifer DeCoste, Becky Fernette, Teresa Miller, Tricia Pothour, Jean Olson, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Val Wetzel, Kim Sargent, Lakisha Clinton

Guests in Attendance: Kim Nolan

1. Introductions of all those in attendance (please see above)  
2. Approval of the 10/23 agenda-Olson motion, Fernette second  
3. Minutes-Wetzel motion, Olson second  
4. Web Page  
5. V-Season 2014 (Fernette)-handout  
   a. Feb. 14 we have the opportunity to coordinate an event  
   b. Last year there was an off campus event, but nothing on campus  
   c. Variety of events we could host  
      i. Vagina Monologues, The Men, etc.  
      ii. Vagina Monologues is free for campuses to put on, if campuses charge a fee 10% go to nationally-90% stays locally  
   d. What should we do?  
      i. We could tie this into negation conversations  
      ii. Jen DeCoste read an excerpt to provoke thought  
      iii. Could counseling services have counselors available for questions after?  
      iv. Fernette will get all council members a link-2 weeks to review-vote at the next meeting to see if the council would endorse this.  
   e. Film Festival  
      i. Calls for partnership have gone out, films have not been chosen yet.  
      ii. Focused around March-for Women’s History Month  
      iii. Wetzel advises BSU and Asia Club-can support this in some way  
6. WWHEL  
   a. Amy Griswald will be giving the IR report today at WWHEL  
   b. Nominate Becky for IR-motion by Val, second by Pothour  
      i. Communications from WWHEL would come through IR  
7. Conference Call Availability for Meetings  
   a. Mississippi Room has a conference phone for any distance attendees  
8. Committee Direction and Updates  
   a. Awards (Olson)-no updates  
   b. WWHEL Regional Spring Workshop (S-Stephens)-we are making a play to host this conference, this is a fund raiser for us, more info after Amy Griswald returns from WWHEL
c. Programming on Negotiations-(Clinton)
   i. DeCoste update-AAUW grant and developed a set of
      negotiations skills for interviews, series of workshops and a
      negotiation competition with cash prizes, geared towards women
      but allowed all to participate, one for students and one
      employees, would have resources to these past materials and
      speakers-look into AAUW grants
   ii. Committee will convene and discuss how to move forward

d. Celebration of Women Event-no committee members in attendance
   today
   i. Hoping to have this event this year
   ii. Renaming the Woman of the Year Award-
      1. Wetzel motion to approach Carol Sue-Olson seconded
      2. DeCoste suggests approaching Senior Team about
         precedence of renaming and fundraising possibilities
      3. Wetzel amends motions-we will connect with Provost
         to be sure we are ok to make this change, after approval
         we can approach Carol Sue-Olsen seconds
      4. S-Stephens will approach Provost and thereafter with
         approval-approach Carol Sue

8. Statement regarding sexual assault
   a. If an event occurs on campus-we have a statement to provide.
   b. At one time Dreessens was chair and submitted a letter in reference to
      a sexual assault on behalf of the Women’s Council
   c. Should this put up on the website prior to an assault or after, posters,
      etc.
   d. S-Stephens will connect with Dreessens to see if the previous
      statement is on file.

9. Announcements
   a. Breast Cancer Awareness Month-football game, t-shirts, light the M
      pink
   b. Stop the Hate today at 12 and 6pm
   c. Friday November 8th Pillars of Leadership Conference
   d. November 11th-soft opening for new center for veteran/non-traditional
      students. New coordinator for the center starts on November 11th.

10. Adjourn-Sargent motion, Clinton seconded-10:58am