Members in attendance: Burns, Salmon-Stephens, Williams, Nimocks, Schulman, Foster, Durr, Olson, Hines, Zipfel, Fisher, Martens

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Burns

1. Minutes from October 13, 2010: Salmon-Stephens moved to approve; Olson seconded. Minutes approved.


3. Announcements:
   - Dreessens is attending the Sexual Assault Awareness meeting. She will report on it next time.
   - The Hmong group is having a Thanksgiving Dinner
   - UW-Platteville climate study will be discussed next week. An outside consultant for system has put together a general survey for all campuses. Each campus will add questions that are more representative of their own space. The University Diversity committee will be coming up with questions to add for UW-Platteville
   - Mark Wrubel wants to put together a men’s council to mentor males to help them engage in more sensitive, appropriate behaviors. We will invite Mark to our next meeting to talk about our concerns.
   - Next Women’s Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 10
   - Women in Engineering Career Day: not a lot of students attended but those who did found it helpful. We may want to do more of these smaller gatherings.
   - Women’s and Gender Studies program will have 4 courses to be approved by the council, for Gender Studies credit. If they pass through WGSPC and UUCC, Burns will give retro Gender Studies credit to those who have already taken the courses. WGSPC is working to get enough courses for a Gay and Lesbian Studies Certificate.
   - Rainbow Rave—Conference and Drag show will be on Saturday, November 6.

4. Treasurer’s Report: Balances have not changed.

5. 16th Annual Women of Color Award committee report: The committee met on October 26. The letter announcing the award and soliciting applications will be sent by Burns to Lee Jadaan to be distributed on and off campus. Nominations should be sent to Foster. Deadline for nominations is November 30. The committee will meet on December 1 to choose the nominee to recommend to the Provost. The committee has yet to determine a chair.
6. Iron Jawed Angels viewings: The first showing was October 26. Wetzel reported to Burns that about 20 students attended. There was not much discussion afterwards. Burns will attend both of the showings on October 27. Members of the Student Senate Gender Issues committee will attend today, as will some of the other members of Student Senate.

7. Celebration of Women Event: discussion postponed to next meeting.

8. Mascot: The image committee tentatively has selected “Pete the Miner” and the “Mighty M” as our mascots. Salmon-Stephens made the following motion:

“The University Women’s Council will write a letter to the Image Committee to express concerns about the choice of Pete the Miner, ask for clarification of the process in choosing this mascot, request to see a rendering of the mascot, and provide our feedback.” Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Meeting Adjourned by Burns at 11: 55 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Rose Williams