November 12, 2008 Minutes
University Women’s Council

Members Present: Deirdre Dalsing, Carol Sue Butts, Trischia Hall, Kay Wilkins, Pat Foster, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Vickie Dreessens, Victoria Kohn

Guests Present: Pusaporn Tabrizi

Introductions were conducted to welcome guests and new member.

Motion was made by Vickie Dreessens to approve 10/8/08 minutes. Second by Kay Wilkins. Motion to accept minutes approved.

Motion was made by Tammy Salmon-Stephens to approve agenda. Second by Pat Foster. Motion approved.

Thank you to Deirdre Dalsing for recording our October minutes.

Announcements:

- Tammy summarized the WWHEL conference. Networking opportunities were great! There are now stipends and grants available for programming on campus-more information can be found on the WWHEL web page.
- Carol Sue discussed the severity of the WI budget deficit. She has created a Budget Review Task Force to look at how the States deficit will affect the University.
- Trischia Hall discussed planning for World AIDS Day.

Treasurer’s Report

Deirdre reported that the UWC fund has a total of $897.52. The CSB fund has $156.60. The council will need to look at how they will utilize these funds.

Council Goals

Council goals were reviewed. Motion was made by Tammy Salmon-Stephens to approve 2008/2010 goals. Seconded by Trischia Hall. Motion to accept 2008/2010 goals approved. (Approved goals are at the end of the minutes.)

Spring Meeting Dates

It was decided that the spring 2009 meeting dates will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 AM in the Women’s Center. The first meeting will be held in January. This is necessary to begin planning for the Women and Student of the Year Awards.
Council Purpose, Duties and Membership
It was recommended that our membership include a representative from MERC. Discussion followed on the proper process to adding membership to the council. This requires approval by the 3 University Senates and final approval by the Chancellor. It was recommended that we review the Women’s Councils purpose, duties and membership at length. In order to accomplish this and present to the Senates in April it was decided to have an extra monthly meeting. This meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10 AM.

Woman of the Year Award Reception Planning
This year’s committee will include Pat Foster and 2 other committee members (yet to be determined). It was decided that one member from the previous year will rotate to the next year to ease in the planning process.

Items for December Meeting
Brochure for Pioneer Appeal
Plans for utilizing funds
Designation of Women’s Council representatives at events on campus
Women of the Year Award Committee

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM.

Next meeting: December 10, 2008 at 11am in the Patricia A. Doyle Women’s Center.
Women’s Council 2008/2010 Goals

1. Identify Issues for Women on Campus and forward issues to appropriate university committee(s).

2. Continue to foster the campus network for women.
   a. Utilize the UWP women faculty/academic staff E-list
   b. Utilize the UWP women classified/LTE staff E-list
   c. Utilize the UWP women student E-list
   d. Maintain the University Women’s Council webpage.

3. Recognize and promote the accomplishments of women on the UWP campus.
   a. Administer the Woman of the Year and the Student Woman of the Year awards.
   b. Coordinate an annual reception to recognize the Woman of the Year award winner.
   c. Coordinate the Woman of the Year and Student Woman of the Year entry in the annual Homecoming Parade.

4. Create a welcoming environment for women on campus.
   a. Utilize and encourage use of the UWP community web page
   b. Attend and encourage participation in the events held on campus that are specific to women’s issues (those hosted by Athletics, the Women’s Center, the Women’s Studies Department, etc.). At least one council member will represent the University Women’s Council at each of these events.
   c. Attend and encourage participation in social opportunities for women faculty, staff, classified and LTE employees

5. Develop a funding plan and approve a council budget