Women’s Council
November 27, 2013
Mississippi Room

Council Members in Attendance: Teresa Miller, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Patricia Pothour, Kate Demerse, Kim Sargent, Terry Burns, Deb Schulman, Lakisha Clinton, Becky Fernette

Guests in Attendance: Anna Stremlau

1. Introductions of all those in attendance (please see above)
2. Approval of the 11/27 agenda-Burns motion, Demerse second
3. Minutes approval from 11/07-waiting for next meeting
4. Web Page-
   a. UW-Platteville Committee Structure, Women’s Council is linked off of this site
      i. Removing some links and creating new menus-thoughts
         1. Main page should be mission and vision
         2. Links to memberships, minutes, community groups, etc.
         3. Kate Demerse and Kim Sargent will continue to work on this.
5. Women’s Council Statement on Sexual Assault
   a. Statement created by Vickie Dressens and Robin Gore hand out-feedback
      i. Is the statement strong enough? Perhaps adding a paragraph regarding a campus climate of rape. Suggestion: “We also refuse to condone or participate in events which implicitly create a campus environment where such acts are tolerable and as part of our mission may actively confront such attitudes”
      ii. Adding Human Resources, campus police, other non-9am-5pm resources
      iii. Should we use the term apprehend?
      iv. Title 9 clarifications suggest that even if a victim does not want to purse the university is mandated to investigate. Kate will investigate the policy and report back.
      v. Stronger statement of support and maybe less emphasis on the legalities
      vi. Define terms-such as consent, university policy, etc.
      vii. This statement may be emailed out after incidents on campus, read at Student Senate, ask others to pass along, part of the packet of information given to victims
6. Committee Direction and Updates
   a. Awards (Olson)-meeting coming up next week.
   b. WWHEL Regional Spring Workshop (S-Stephens)
i. WWHEL has been informed of our goal to host the WWHEL Conference and we hope to also host the Celebration of Women event the same date. **Tentative date: April 16, 2014 (Ullsvik is reserved)**

c. Programming on Negotiations (Clinton & Miller)
   i. Clinton will schedule a meeting before this week is over.
   ii. With the robust agenda of the council this year, this may be a planning year for negotiations and have more in place for next year, but outcomes are necessary

d. Celebration of Women Event (Gove)
   i. Renaming of the award has been approved by Provost, Senior Team, and Carol Sue Butts. Foundation has been brought into the conversation as well.

e. Vagina Monologues (Wetzel & Fernette)
   i. Provost and Chancellor Shields are on board (Provost would like a role) and suggested involving Performing and Visual Arts
   ii. Fernette, Wetzel, and Nolan will be moving forward with the planning and promotion of this event
   iii. For next meeting, possible dates will be presented for voting
   iv. Make contact to obtain script, etc.
   v. Community Outreach for the event

7. One Billion Rising Event (Fernette)
   a. Event must happen on Feb. 14, 2014
   b. Last year Family Advocates hosted it. They are happy to participate again this year.
   c. The event is what we make can be 30-90min, location possibilities. Flash Mobs?

8. WWHEL stipend application: WWHEL stipend application; Due Nov. 30
   a. We will not be able to make this deadline. This should be established as a goal for next year.

9. Announcements
   a. The Women’s and Gender Program Film Festival will consist of 6 films. Please watch campus announcements for specific details (Fernette).

10. Adjourn
    a. Motion for adjournment was made by Fernette, seconded by Schulman, motion approved.