University Women’s Council Meeting Minutes
12/8/04

Present: Lyn Bouck, Carol Sue Butts, Deirdre Dalsing, Pat Foster, Hannah Heath, Kate Kelley, Sara Pedersen, Tammy Salmon-Stephens, Deb Schulman, Laura Wendorff

I. After introductions, Tammy Salmon-Stephens started the meeting celebrating some of the recent accomplishments of women on campus:
   A. Lyn Bouck reported that the Women’s Advancement Center obtained a $6,000.00 Opportunity Fund Grant Award to increase/advance women in the Industrial Studies Program.
   B. Jean Olson wrote a proposal and received $4,000.00 to develop an Activity for Program Assistants on campus.
   C. The “Pioneering Your Future” group received $2,500.00 to continue their efforts in encouraging young women to consider non-traditional career opportunities.

Dr. Carol Sue Butts notified the group of two upcoming events focused on women’s issues. On 3/23/05 the WWHEL conference will be held at Richland Center. Dr. Butts will cover the cost for any interested woman faculty or staff on campus to attend. The invitation to attend this conference will be made after the Christmas break.

On 3/22/04 there is a one-day conference in Madison which will be hosted by Wisconsin Women = Prosperity. This will be a summit to expand on the findings of the task force. Dr. Butts is extending a formal invitation to any of the University Women’s Council members who might be interested in attending. Please let her know by the end of this week if you would like to go.

Tammy Salmon-Stephens reported that the meeting between the WWHEL participants and the University Women’s Council members (which was hosted by Dr. Carol Sue Butts) was well attended and quite productive. This council will attempt to incorporate feedback from that meeting.

II. A motion was made and approved to accept the 11/10/04 meeting minutes. Thank you to Sara Pedersen.

III. Meeting time and dates were selected for next semester. We will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 11am in the Women’s Center. Group agreed to make this a regular meeting time which will be placed on the University Calendar.

IV. Group did some brainstorming to determine direction for the planned League of Women Voter’s Legislator Forum. Laura Wendorff and Pat Foster will contact CPR to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring the event. They will ask for feedback on the plan from Barb Daus who is the
University’s connection to legislators. The plan is to schedule it during the week of Women’s History Month in March, but if we have to move it to April that would be okay too. Recommendation was to send a letter to those invited to speak to clarify what our interests are, possibly sending questions we would like them to address during the event.

V. After much discussion the decision was made to attach a reception to honor the first winner of the UW-P Woman of the Year Award to the One-Woman Play scheduled late in March as part of the celebration for Women’s History Month. The event is actually a “dinner theatre”. Tammy Salmon-Stephens will talk with the first recipient to ask her opinion on what the reception should look like.

Other issues related to the UW-P Woman of the Year Award include asking Pat to make separate folders on the S drive to ensure that no one is confusing the application process/dates from 2004 with those of 2005. Nominations are due 3/15/05, with supporting materials due 3/30/05. Members of this council need to be mindful of the fact that we cannot nominate or write letters of recommendation for anyone interested in this award.

Lyn Bouck will contact the person assisting with the University Women’s Council website to make sure the nomination form gets on there. Any advertisement about the award and the process will need to emphasize that individuals who want to make the nomination need to obtain the form directly from our website.

VI. Deb Schulman reminds the group another social event with Athletics will be held on 1/25/05 before the women’s basketball game. Deb will coordinate sending out email invitations to all women faculty/staff, with a special invite to new women faculty/staff. Members of this council are encouraged to join with at least one other person to attend this function.

VII. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for 2/9/05 at 11am.