Women’s Studies Advisory Council
History Conference Room
MINUTES for 11-8-06 (Wed)

Present: Trudy de Goede, Cynthia Lightner, Deborah Murray, Janice Fronczak, Linda Van Ingen, Nyla Khan, Darleen Mitchell, Tessa Gifford (student representative), Carol Lomicky (ex officio member)

Absent: Stan Lightner, Beth Wiersma, Diane Wysocki, Liz Peck, Jeanne Butler, Kate Benzel, Kerry Beldin, Glen Powell, Carol Lilly (on leave).

The meeting was called to order by Trudy de Goede on 11-8-06 at 4pm.

1. Minutes from 10-5-06 were reviewed:
   Janice Fronczak wanted to document the climate of conflict that was present at the meeting of October 5. No changes to the Minutes were made, but the contested climate of that mtg is duly noted.

   Carol Lomicky noted that she did not abstain from the vote on Good Sam as recorded in the minutes. Because she is an ex officio member, she does not participate in calls for a vote. Therefore, the number of members who abstained from the Good Sam vote is 5, not 6. Trudy de Goede noted the change.

   Linda Van Ingen moved to approve the minutes as amended; Janice Fronczak seconded it.

2. de Goede reminded members that the WS420 Assessment process for Fall 2006 should begin towards the end of the semester. The 6 WS420 students should complete the assessment questionnaire that Trudy has forwarded to each of the WS420 advisors, and she will organize a focus group mtg with the 6 students.

3. de Goede announced that she is collecting data on the number of WS students in the courses cross-referenced with WS. Two professors still need to turn this information over to Trudy. She said it will be used as supporting data for WS development.

4. November 16, 2006 event: de Goede distributed flyers for the noon-hour talk by Professor Nyla Khan on November 16 from 12-1:30pm; Union #310. The talk is based on her book and is entitled “The Land of Lalla-Ded: Politicization of Kashmir and Construction of Kashmiri Woman.”

5. Nyla Khan gave an update on the February 16, 2007, event co-sponsored by WS: Dr. Sangeeta Ray will be coming to UNK to speak on “Transnational Feminism.” WS will
contribute $250 to this event which is also supported by the English Dept, World Affairs Conference and an Artists and Lecture Grant ($700) that Khan applied for.

5. de Goede handed out a copy of an email from “Nebraska Women Work!” (NEWW!). They are in a cooperative partnership with the Neb. Commission on the Status of Women and are conducting a survey of working women in Nebraska. Trudy will forward the online survey to Advisory Council members.

The January Meeting of the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women will be held on January 26.


7. V-day update: There will be two performances of the Vagina Monologues: Feb 3 & 4. Auditions are scheduled for Nov 29. The director is Annie Weaver. Linda Van Ingen met with Annie on 11/6; Annie is still waiting for the script from the V-day project. She has co-sponsors lined up with Residential & Greek Life, and possibly a sorority and fraternity. Women’s Studies will co-sponsor with $150 allocated for the rental of lighting from Yanda’s. Tessa Gifford will check with the Women’s Center and Triota leadership about co-sponsoring. Janice Fronczak met with Annie about reserving space for the performance. Diane Wysocki met with Annie earlier in Oct. to go over the V-day licensing agreement. A WS Sub-Committee for V-day was formalized with Linda Van Ingen, Janice Fronczak, and Diane Wysocki serving as members.

8. Tessa Gifford is the student representative on the new Women’s Center Advisory Council. She said they met on Oct 27 and reviewed their activities. There’s another mtg scheduled for late November.

9. The WS Sub-Committee on Governance (Van Ingen, Wysocki, Mitchell) has not yet met; will meet later Nov.

10. “No Limits” 2007: de Goede read a letter from UNL organizer Rose Holz. The CFP is due January 26, 2007. Trudy will forward the on-line CFP to Advisory members. The conference will be March 30-31. WS will fund hotel and registration for students. Encourage students to participate.

11. WS will host The Faculty-Staff Club on March 9. de Goede will look into how it gets paid for.

12. Deborah Murray suggested that WS events get posted on the UNK on-line calendar.

13. Women’s History Month is March 2007:
Diane Wysocki has volunteered to speak on her trip to Seneca Falls. A noon-hour presentation will be scheduled.

Darleen Mitchell presented information about a possible performer, Laura Pelan. Her fee is $2,000. Darleen will look into co-sponsors and grants, and will contact Pelan. Janice Fonczak will look into reserving the new Merryman Theater.

14. Carol Lomicky spoke about the Spring 2007 search for a new WS Director: It will be an internal search, and the candidate must be tenured. Lomicky is forming a Search Committee and asked for volunteers from the WS Advisory Board to serve; interested members should email Lomicky. Student/Triota representation will also be on the Committee.

15. de Goede shared information from Victoria Goro-Rapoport of the Art Dept., about co-sponsoring an on-campus visit by an Iranian artist. Trudy will look into getting more information.

16. The Good Sam issue was revisited. De Goede asked for comments on her memo of Oct 18 that was attached to the circulation of Minutes for 10/5 mtg. She explained in that memo that the Good Sam vote of 10/5 was not valid due to the number of members abstaining, that prior email exchanges (April 2006) indicated support for WS participation in the Good Sam health event, and that Good Sam is not actually looking for official co-sponsorship. There were no comments.

17. New Business: Janice Fronczak said she is on the Gender-Equity Committee; Trudy de Goede and Darleen Mitchell announced that they are on that committee as well. The question of sharing information between the two groups was raised. It was suggested that information be shared when the Gender Equity Committee puts together a report or minutes for public consumption outside of the Committee.

18. RREAC (Recruitment & Retention Enhancement Advisory council) update: no report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Van Ingen
11-13-06