Women’s & Gender Studies Council  
MINUTES for October 12, 2011  
History Conference Room, 4-5pm

Present: Grace Mims, Carrie Kracl, Allison Hedge Coke, Darleen Mitchell, Tami Moore, Jeanne Stolzer, Janice Fronczak, Tone Mendoza, Linda Shaw, Amber Lewis (Alumni rep), Brit Cudaback (student rep/QSA), Linda Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Julie Campbell, Pari Ford, Rebecca Sevela (student rep/Triota).

There was no meeting in September; Minutes from the last meeting on April 13, 2011 were approved by email on 4-21-11 and sent to Faculty Senate.

Members introduced themselves and there was some discussion about recommendations for the open staff representative position.

1. Curricula:
   - Spring 2012 course schedule: Van Ingen handed out the Spring 2012 course schedule and noted that new elective classes need to be identified. Mitchell added her course MUSIC 388: GS Capstone: Music, Culture & Gender to the electives. There was some discussion about GS Capstones serving as substitutes for the WSTD senior seminar/capstone. This will be addressed again at the next meeting.
   - Status of WSTD 220: Van Ingen reported that an adjunct instructor will likely be teaching this course in Spring 2012 but the budget line has not been confirmed.
   - Credit hours for the Minor: Members discussed the possibility of reducing the Minor degree hours from 24 to 18 considering the major degree change from 125 to 120hrs. This issue will be addressed again at the next meeting.

2. Assessment:
   - New Learning Outcomes & Rubrics: Members discussed the four new Learning Outcomes as well as the new rubrics. Members made the following suggestions:
     - Outcome 1: change “to new situations” to “to a written narrative form.”
     - Operationally define the terms for “very good,” “good” and “fair” where they are currently blank on the rubrics.
     - Clarify whether feminist and gender theory are interchangeable and whether it would be better to use “women’s and gender studies concepts and theories” to be consistent with the program title and other references. Mitchell will look into this.
     - Reconsider oral presentation requirement; if adopted then clarify what this means in terms of student and faculty involvement.
     - Consider e-portfolios and the role they would play in objective 4 regarding diversity.
   - The 2010-2011 Assessment Report: Van Ingen handed out the results of this assessment cycle. All targets were met, and the specific actions for improving the assessment process involved the development of new learning outcomes, rubrics and mapping. This will be pursued over the next few months. Members approved the 2010-2011 report (Fronczak/Stolzer).
3. Budget Update: Van Ingen asked members to consider budget items for the next academic year. Our current budget amount is the same as last year, plus roll-over money expected from last year (the amount is not yet specified).

4. Co-Curricular:
   - Vagina Monologues: Feb 2 & 3. Jenna Workman is the student director.
   - No Limits!: March 2 & 3 at UNO. Keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Kimmel (Masculinities)
   - Triota: RAG on October 12 at 7pm, Coph 230 “Sexting” with Dr. Diane Wysocki.
   - Women’s Center: Shaw announced a brown bag discussion on stalking that will take place on October 25 at noon in the Cedar Room.
   - QSA: Cudaback announced that a new SAFE Zone training will be held on October 20 and that it will be student led and interactive. QSA meetings are held weekly on Thursdays at 8pm, and a drag show is planned for December. She also suggested that faculty consider putting an anti-discrimination clause on syllabi. This idea will be discussed further at the next meeting.
   - Reynolds Series: Hedge Coke announced two events: Patricia Smith on October 20 and Joy Harjo on November 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm (Fronczak/Moore).

The next meeting will be on November 9 at 4pm in History Conference Room.