Present: Grace Mims, Carrie Kracl, Deb Freedman, Tami Moore, Jeanne Stolzer, Tone Mendoza, Monica Mueller, Trish Holen, Amber Lewis, Jenna Jorgensen (student rep), Linda Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Julie Campbell, Pari Ford, Janice Fronczak.

Van Ingen called the meeting to order at 4pm.

Minutes from November 14, 2012 were approved by email on 11/29/12 and sent to Faculty Senate and Kenya Taylor. There was no December meeting.

A. Curricular:
1. On-line Program – Van Ingen asked the Advisory Committee to follow-up with her regarding the Ed Policy process for: changing to 18 cr for the minor; dropping the sr. seminar requirement; creating the major; and cross-listing courses. Moore agreed to follow-up in two weeks.

2. New Course: Members approved PSCI 353 “Race & Politics” (Louishomme) pending two sentence additions: 1) add gender/women to objectives; 2) include women/gender in book report options. (Freedman/Mendoza).

3. Course listings for Summer and Fall (2013): Members considered changing the bookmark “look” to include the on-line courses from UNO and the pending programmatic changes. Van Ingen will follow-up next meeting.


5. NWSA (National Women’s Studies Association) membership: Van Ingen asked members to look at the http://www.nwsa.org website to see if there are ways get more benefits from our annual membership to the organization. Speaker lists for No Limits next year? Student activities and Women’s Center ideas?

6. Subtopics within Women’s Studies: Van Ingen shared a UCSC Ph.D. program card that lists a number of Ph.D. fields within Women’s Studies: “social justice, sexuality studies, postcolonial theory, transnational feminism, science & technology, critical race theory, feminist critical race studies, film studies, cultural studies, transgender studies, critical prison studies, post-socialism studies.” UNK probably focuses most on “social justice” issues. Mendoza suggested the possibility of collaboration with the new health programs regarding “women’s health” issues.

B. Co-Curricular:
1. No Limits 2013 at UNL in Lincoln: March 1-2. Van Ingen estimates 4 or 5 presenters from UNK will be going, as well as several other non-presenters from Triota. Women’s Studies usually takes a van and pays for hotel; Van Ingen will present a budget for approval next meeting.

2. No Limits 2014 at UNK in Kearney: March 7 (Friday). Van Ingen has reserved the Ponderosa NSU rooms for March 7. Members agreed shifting the conference to one day at UNK was a good idea. Mueller is looking into the name of a possible speaker on the concept of “intersectionality” of gender, race and class. Other keynote speaker ideas are welcome. Van Ingen would like to pay a deposit for a speaker this semester with 2012-2013 budget funds.
3. **KHS Women’s Symposium** in collaboration with UNK: Lewis suggested organizing a women-centered conference at the high school in possible collaboration with UNK. Members liked the idea, and there was some discussion about collaboration for 2014 (with the No Limits conference?). Members also discussed possibilities and raised questions about AP credit or dual credit between UNK and KHS’s women’s studies classes.

4. **V-day update:** Fronczak and students are working on a new Eve Ensler play, “*Any One of Us: Words from Prison.*” Auditions are complete and there is a full cast. Performance dates are still being scheduled. Like “The Vagina Monologues,” this Ensler play is part of the V-Day campaign. The V-day website says this play “reveals the connection between women in prison and the violence that often brings them there.” It also says that many campuses who “took on this performance” showed a documentary entitled “*What I Want My Words To Do To You,*” which is a PBS film based on Eve’s writing group at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Many groups also screened the 2002 documentary about the creation and impact of the V-Day movement, *Until The Violence Stops.*

5. **Triota Update:** Jorgensen reported on upcoming Rag events planned for the semester, including sessions on self-defense and yoga. Students are meeting next week to plan the semester.

6. **OMA:** Mueller provided a list of meeting dates for the OMA-sponsored groups. The new group “Social Justice” is focusing on several issues including homelessness; “Sister-to-Sister” is planning for Women’s History Month. A full listing of events is available on the UNK OMA website google calendar.

7. **Women’s Center:** Holen reported on a number of events, including one on stalking awareness this week, National Wear Red Day in February, Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April (which will include a “freeze mob” on April 1, “Take Back the Night” on April 11, “Can I Kiss You” speaker event on April 18, and “Wear Denim Day” on April 25).

8. **Event co-sponsorship:** “The Whistleblower: The film about sex trafficking will be shown at the World Theater on January 25, 26 and 27, and for free at 2:30 on January 28 in Coph 131. Kathy Bolkovac, the Lincoln police officer whose experiences with the UN International police force in Bosnia-Hercegovina led to the making of the film about blowing the whistle on sex-trafficking, will be speaking on campus on January 28 at 4:30, Coph 131.

9. Other events: Stolzer raised the issue of gun violence as a possible topic for a student event. Mims announced the “Justice for All” Counseling conference on February 22 will focus on gender identity.

Remaining meetings for this semester: February 13; March 13; April 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm (Stolzer/Mendoza).