About the Whistleblower speaker plans: 6 departments (Women’s Studies, Criminal Justice, Poli Sci, History, Sociology, and Social Work) have committed to co-sponsor Kathryn Bolkovac. Lilly will submit a Faculty Senate Artists and Lecturer’s request for funding. The current plan is that we would like to show the movie at the World Theater on the weekend of Jan. 26-27th. Bolkovac will drive in from Lincoln on Tuesday Jan. 29th. We would show the movie again on campus at perhaps 3:00-4:30 on Tuesday followed by her talk. Bolkovac has also agreed to visit classes on Wed am before leaving town on Wed afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50. The next meeting will be Thursday Nov 1 at 3:30.

Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council (WGSAC)

MINUTES

History Conference Room (104 Copeland Hall)

October 10, 2012

Present: Grace Mims, Deb Freedman, Tami Moore, Jeanne Stolzer, Tone Mendoza, Trish Holen, Amber Lewis, Linda Van ingen (chair).
Absent: Julie Campbell, Pari Ford, Carrie Kracl, Janice Fronczak, Monica Mueller, Jenna Jorgensen (student rep).

Van Ingen called the meeting to order at 4pm.

Minutes from September 12, 2012 were approved by email on 9-20-12 and sent to Faculty Senate and Kenya Taylor.

A. Curricular Update:

1. On-line Program: Members discussed the possibility of creating an on-line program in collaboration with UNO and UNL. Van Ingen gave an update of her meeting with Kenya Taylor who said administration supports this move, including keeping an on-campus offering of the introductory WSTD 220 if supported by the program over the long-term, and the creation of a major. Taylor said proposed changes to the Women’s & Gender Studies Program should go through Ed Policy committees and then the administration will support them at the higher levels. Van Ingen also reported on her meeting with the directors from UNO and UNL in York, and shared the list of courses currently offered on-line by those programs. The collaborative effort with UNO and UNL would make offering an on-line major and minor possible. After some discussion, members voted in favor of the following proposals (some absent members voted by email):

   o Moving forward with the possibility of an on-line program (approved Freedman/Lewis). Members noted the importance of keeping the on-campus face-to-face introductory course WSTD 220 even as we move forward with the on-line agenda. Funding for the course will be term-by-term until in-coming resources increase. Members also noted the possibility of using a graduate assistantship for the course.
   o Reducing the minor degree requirements to 18 cr hours (approved Freedman/Mendoza). This change aligns the minor with the new 120 cr hour degree requirement, and makes the UNK minor degree similar in credit hours to the UNO and UNL minor degree offerings.
   o Dropping the senior seminar requirement for the minor degree (approved Lewis/Mendoza). Members raised concern about the Assessment process, as the senior seminar papers have been used as an assessment measure. This concern will be addressed in the future, with the possibility of creating a portfolio for assessment and/or returning to a senior seminar requirement for the major, once that degree is established. Members were reminded that the assessment process assesses the program, so if the program in the future contains a major and minor, the major (which will have a senior seminar) can be assessed, not the minor (which will not have the senior seminar).
   o Creating a major (approved Mims/Freedman). Members began a discussion about whether the major should be combined with Ethnic Studies, creating a “Women’s, Gender & Ethnic Studies” major, or simply “Women’s & Gender Studies.” Members agreed to look into the possibilities. Colorado State-Fort Collins and CU Colorado Springs have led the way in combining their programs (emphasizing intersectionalities of gender, race, class and ethnicity; and the social constructions of gender and race). This discussion will continue at the next meeting.
2. Cross-listing courses with WSTD prefix (WSTD status goes with instructor): Van Ingen asked members for suggestions about how best to approach departments for support in cross-listing electives. Points to consider are the benefits of support from e-campus to departments creating on-line courses; e-campus support for additional summer courses; e-campus support for faculty working with adjuncts in e-courses, and the benefits of creating an on-line minor to complement on-line major degrees offered by various departments. The list of courses that need to be cross-listed with the WSTD prefix include:

   - CJUS 315 Victimology (Campbell)
   - *CJUS 360 Sex Crimes (already on-line; Wiersma)
   - *CJUS 370 Women & Crime (already on-line Campbell)
   - *CJUS 380 Minorities & Crime (already on-line; Neal)
   - FSID 151 Human Sexual Behavior (already on-line; Moore)
   - MUS 388 Music, Culture & Gender (already on-line; Mitchell)
   - PSY 374 Psychology of Gender (Mandernach)
   - *PSCI 378 Feminist Political Thought (already on-line; Blauwkamp)
   - *SOC 430 Sociology of Family (already on-line; Maughan)
   - SOC? (Soc of Gender; Soc of Sexuality; Soc of Health & Illness)
   - *SOWK 170 Intro to Social Welfare (already on-line)
   - HIST 421 Women in America (Van Ingen)
   - HIST 484 US 1898-1945 (Van Ingen)
   - HIST 485 US in Cold War Era (Van Ingen)
   - *HIST 495 ST: 1960s (Van Ingen; possibly going on-line)
   - HIST 495 ST: Gender and War (Lilly)
   - *already on-line

3. New courses for WGS elective credit. Van Ingen mentioned two new courses that need to be approved for WGS elective credit once the syllabi are submitted: PSCI 325 Individual Liberties & Civil Rights (Longo); PSCI 353 Race & Politics (Louishomme).

4. Spring 2013 course schedule: Van Ingen handed out the list of Spring courses that count for WGS credit. Bookmarks are forthcoming.

5. Library Resources: Mendoza circulated the updated list of DVDs for WGS courses that are available in the library or through the library’s “films on demand.” Van Ingen will post the list on the WGS web page.

B. Co-Curricular:

- “No Limits” 2013 at UNL: Van Ingen sent out an email announcing this student research conference in Lincoln on March 1-2. The conference theme is “Science & Gender Matters” with keynote Professor Janet Kourany (University of Notre Dame), “But What happens When the Scientists Are Women?” and luncheon panel “Applying Gender to Psychology Research: Helping Students Create New Knowledge.” The CFP will be out shortly.

- QSA – members discussed the possibility of co-sponsoring the Marc Albrecht biology talk “That’s Gay” and they requested more information before a decision could be made.

- International Studies – members approved co-sponsorship of $200 to bring speaker Kathy Bolkovac, a human rights activist against sex trafficking in Bosnia whose story is the basis of the film The Whistleblower. (approved Freedman/Mendoza).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm (Freeman/Mendoza).
The next meeting will be held on November 14 at 4-5pm.