Present: Grace Mims, Carrie Kracel, Deb Freedman, Tami Moore, Jeanne Stolzer, Tone Mendoza, Monica Mueller, Amber Lewis, Sandra Loughrin, Claude Louisehomme (Ethnic Studies), Jenna Jorgensen (student rep), L. Paola Rodriguez (student rep), Linda Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Julie Campbell, Pari Ford, Susan Honeyman, Trish Holen.

Van Ingen called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.
Minutes from November 13 and December 11, 2013 were approved by email and sent to Faculty Senate on 1-21-14.

A. Curricular
1. The New Major & New Director Position: Van Ingen reported that the job description has been forwarded to the CNSS Dean. There was some discussion about making sure the new major goes through the Academic Affairs approval process regardless of the status of the director position so that the new director has the major degree to work with when hired or, if no new director, there is still a new major in place. Van Ingen will follow-up with administration.

2. New courses for review: none

3. Course list: the course list for summer and fall will be ready for distribution in time for Academic Advising March 31.

4. Library: reminder for book titles – please send them to Van Ingen or Mendoza.

5. Webpage: is updated except for affiliated faculty page which is in progress. Thanks to Kim Elliott for her work.

6. Scholarship Committee: Deb Freedman and Amber Lewis agreed to serve on this sub-committee with Van Ingen. Women’s & Gender Studies has an endowed scholarship that amounts to about $300 a year. Award guidelines are based on student’s GPA and her/his contribution to Triota and to women’s issues in the larger Kearney community (Feb 2010 WGSAC meeting). Van Ingen also mentioned a larger one-time scholarship of about $1000 and asked members to brainstorm criteria of when and how to award this money.

B. Budget: Van Ingen reported that Kenya's office has transferred $1500 to the WGS account for the No Limits conference, and that the Chancellor’s office also has $1500 marked for the conference. This $3,000 is about the same amount received in years past to host the No Limits conference. Van Ingen noted again the the WGS Program’s operating budget is much smaller than years past due to funding for the adjunct faculty.

C. Co-Curricular: No Limits 2014 at UNK in Kearney: March 7 (Friday; one day) in Ponderosa Rooms. The CFP is out; due date for abstracts is February 7, 2014.
   a. Theme “Intersectionality: Gender, Race and Class.”
      i. Keynote speaker confirmed: Dr. Shireen Roshanravan (WS faculty at Kansas State; critical race theory & intersectionality of race/sexuality/gender)

Van Ingen reported that some student proposals have been submitted, and members reviewed plans for the conference. Suggestions included getting the guest wireless password soon and have it displayed on a white board at the conference and/or on name tags; make sure smart carts are in working order for presentations; some discussion about childcare needs that could be implemented into the conference proposal for next time. Other updates: change keynote from 11 to 11:15 to match class schedule on Fridays; look into blocking off parking spaces; volunteers to contact Triota, NeAIDs and SAFE Center (Rodriguez); PFLAG, Sister-to-Sister, Social Justice (Mueller); Amnesty International (Van Ingen) for table displays; Counseling & School Psychology may also set up a table as well as a representative from UNMC.
b. Conference schedule:

8-9:30am  Registration (coffee, rolls, fruit)
9:30-10:50 Session #1 (4 panels of 3 students possible; 4 sessions = 48 presenters)
11:15-12:15 Keynote Speaker Dr. Roshanravan
12:15-12:45 Lunch (complimentary for presenters and pre-registered; in Sandhills Room)
1-2:20  Session #2
2:30-3:50  Session #3
3:50-4:10  Poster Session (coffee, cookies, fruit)[tables available in NSU; will need setup]
4:10-5:30  Session #4
5:30pm  Closing Reception

c. Volunteers so far:

Moderators:
Morning session (9:30): Freedman; Mims, Mendoza, Moore, Louisehomme
Afternoon sessions: Loughrin, Honeyman, Hill
Open: Lewis
Others:
  Hastings (Laura Logan and Jessica Henry)
  UNL (Kathleen Lacy; Rose Holz, Chantal Kalisa?)
  UNO (Karen Falconer-Al Hindi, ?)

Panel organizers/titles: Stolzer and Hill
Hotel block reservation: Mueller (done!)
List of things to do in Kearney: Freedman (done!)
Pre-Registration form/process: Van Ingen
Chartwells: Van Ingen
Posters/Flyers/postcards: Van Ingen with Women’s Center

d. Additional things to consider:

  o  Email list
  o  Make/print a program
  o  Help at the conference – registrations, moderators, hosting (students, faculty)
  o  Chartwells – am coffee/rolls; pm coffee/snack; lunch – complimentary?
    Vegetarian/GF?!
  o  Other ideas??

Women’s Center: upcoming events include:
Respect2All about dating violence was held on Jan 15
Stalking Awareness Panel on Jan 29 @5-6pm; NSU 310;
Healthy Relationships presentation on Feb 6 in Coph 130 @ 4-5pm
Barbie Remake – tentatively set for Feb 20 @ 7pm

Triota: Rodriguez is assuming the presidency of the group from Jorgensen who is now student teaching.
There was some discussion about activities and recruiting new members. There will be a showing of the film Miss Representation on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30pm Coph 142, followed by discussion. Triota is also helping with Take Back the Night/Drag Show (with WCtr/OMA) on April 17.

QSA: Mueller reported on a number of events including work on the Drag Show and TBTN. She pointed members to the OMA web site which lists all events.

OMA: Mueller reported on new activities by the Black Student Association; the group “Social Justice” is presenting a panel on Immigration on February 6; the Latina Youth Leadership conference for 7th and 8th graders is on Feb 27.
Counseling & School Psychology: is holding the Justice for All conference February 22 which focuses on gender issues. There was discussion about Triota participating at the conference with a table of information.

WGS Affiliated Faculty news:
Lewis and Van Ingen will be leading a workshop as part of the “Discover Leadership” series sponsored by Student Life. The workshop is “Women & Leadership” on April 1 at 7:30-8:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm (Mendoza/Freedman).

Next meetings:
February 19 (Wed)
March 7 –No Limits conference (Friday). Please attend/participate/help/bring your students! 
April 16 (Wed) – last meeting of the year

Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council (WGSAC)
MINUTES
February 19, 2014
History Conference Room (104 Copeland Hall)

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Absent: Julie Campbell, Susan Honeyman, Jeanne Stolzer, Amber Lewis.

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A. Curricular: Van Ingen reported briefly on the following updates:
1. The New Major & New Position: still in progress
2. New courses for review: none
3. Course list: summer and fall distribution in time for Academic Advising March 31.
4. Library: reminder for book titles – please send them to Van Ingen or Mendoza.
5. Webpage: updated except for affiliated faculty page which is in progress. Thanks to Kim Elliott for her work.
6. Scholarship Committee: Award guidelines are based on student’s GPA, her/his contribution to Triota and to women’s issues in the larger Kearney community (Feb 2010 WGSAC meeting). New committee members are Van Ingen, Lewis, Freedman.

B. Budget: no update.

C. Co-Curricular:

No Limits: Members discussed last details for the No Limits conference on March 7. Van Ingen extended her thanks to Stolzer and Hill for their work creating panels and panel titles. Advisory council members signed-up to moderate the panels and also offered helpful suggestions which included: getting the wireless guest password set up and publicized at the conference on an easel and on the program; confirm with NSU facilities about the laptops, projectors and screens; look into getting a student service-learning volunteer (from CSIS?) to help with tech issues during the day since the NSU has no tech staff on Fridays; determine number of tables needed/possible for vendor and student organization booths. Members also discussed catering options and agreed on the Argentinian buffet for the conference lunch.