Triota: Rodriguez reported that about 50 people attended the showing of *Miss Representation* on Tuesday, January 28 and that they are planning several more film showings this semester. Triota members will also help at the registration table for No Limits and are helping on the Take Back the Night (TBTN) organizing committee.

QSA: Mueller reported QSA organized “Support Love Week” and is working on TBTN on April 17 which includes a Drag Show.

OMA: Mueller reported that Sister-to-Sister is organizing a male pageant for March 13, and that both Sister-to-Sister and QSA will have information tables at the No Limits conference.

Women’s Center: Holen reported that WC events have had excellent attendance. Recent events included Respect2All leadership training, “Stalking Awareness” panel, “Love is Consent” workshop in residence halls, involvement in the “Women’s Symposium” on Feb 3. Upcoming events include a speaker on bullying, a “Response Ability” event, and “Healthy Relationships” presentation. The WC is also working as a co-sponsor of TBTN.

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 5pm (Freedman/Moore)

There is no meeting in March (come to No Limits conference). The next meeting is April 16 (last meeting of year).

Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council (WGSAC)  
MINUTES  
April 16, 2014  
History Conference Room (104 Copeland Hall)

Present: Pari Ford, Carrie Kracl, Susan Honeyman, Tone Mendoza, Amber Lewis, Sandra Loughrin, Linda Van Ingen (chair)  
Absent: Julie Campbell, Grace Mims, Deb Freedman, Tami Moore, Monica Mueller, Trish Holen, L.Paola Rodriguez (student rep).

Van Ingen called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

Minutes from January 22, 2014 and February 19, 2014 were approved by email and will be sent to Faculty Senate by noon Monday, April 21. There was no meeting in March.

A. WGSAC Membership updates for 2014-2015: Members discussed the Advisory Board membership in terms of anticipated changes with a new director and collaboration with Ethnic Studies. Members decided to continue as currently structured for Women’s & Gender Studies, with three-year terms, pointing out that the strength of this Board and its historical memory will help when the changes actually take place. Members with three-year terms expiring this year are Campbell (CNSS), Kracl (COE), Moore (B&T). Kracl renewed her term; Van Ingen will follow-up with the others.

B. Curricular: Updates
1. The New Director Position and the New Major: Van Ingen had no new developments to report, except to reiterate administration support from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for a half-time director housed in the Sociology department. The search for this position will likely not take place before Fall, so an interim leadership will need to be identified for 2014-2015. Van Ingen will keep the Advisory Council updated by email. There was no update on the
proposed new major in collaboration with Ethnic Studies, except to note that the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) list-serve recently had a fruitful discussion about WGS programs merging with other units (including Ethnic Studies, Latino Studies, International Studies, General Studies) while maintaining their identity. Van Ingen forwarded this list-serve discussion to administration leaders.

2. **New courses for review:** Honeyman announced that she will be offering a new lit class for Spring 2015, “Queer Literature” (ENG 254). This course will be formally reviewed for approval for WGS credit in the fall, but in the meantime let students know that it will be offered.

3. **Course list:** summer and fall classes. Van Ingen reminded members that the list of WGS courses are on the WGS webpage.

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

5. **Scholarship Sub-Committee:** Sub-committee members Van Ingen, Lewis, Freedman will finalize the decision for the “Associated Women Students Endowed Fund” ($255 for 2014-2015) after the meeting. 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).

6. **WGS minor on-line:** Van Ingen reported that the first on-line only WGS minor will be taking the intro WSTD 220 course online from UNO through inter-campus transfer. She credited the On-line Coordinator for Sociology/Criminal Justice for making this transfer process available and accessible to students. A brochure and/or other publicity should be created to increase student awareness of this on-line minor degree.

**C. Budget:** Van Ingen reported that sponsorships for No Limits included $1,500 from Assoc. SVCASA Kenya Taylor's office; $400 from OSP Falconer's office; $100 from Sociology Department; $500 from Ethnic Studies (including $250 in last fiscal year for speaker down-payment); $1,000 Faculty Artist & Lecturer Grant for speaker. SVCAASL Bicak's office offered another $1,500, but it was not needed. Van Ingen estimates that there will be a small carry-forward amount for 2014-2015.

**D. Co-Curricular:**

**No Limits:** Van Ingen reported that the conference on March 7 went very well, with about 200 people attending the keynote address, 41 panel participants (12 UNO, 11 UNL, 8 UNK, 7 Creighton, 2 U of Iowa, 1 SUNY Binghamton) and 10 poster participants (7 UNK, 3 other). There were also information tables from UNMC Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality; UNK student groups Triota, Sister-to-Sister, QSA, UNK Women’s Center, UNK Department of Counseling & School Psychology; and vendor Damsel in Defense. Member feedback and suggestions for next time include: setting up podiums in the panelist rooms; more time between sessions for restroom breaks; preparing for tech glitches (such as burned-out light bulb in projectors) by having back-ups and a tech person available; utilizing the Chamber of Commerce as a resource -- to make nametags for example. Members felt the one-day format was a good idea, and that the keynote speaker was exceptional (students had a lot to think about). The next No Limits conference will be held on March 13 at UNO next year.

**Other co-curricular events:** Van Ingen handed out the list of events sponsored by the Women's Center (on back of meeting agenda) and asked members to encourage students to go the “Take Back The Night” event and drag show on Thursday, April 17 starting at 6pm (Ponderosa NSU), and the Triota-sponsored film event “The Invisible War” on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 (Copeland 130).

The meeting adjourned at 5pm (Mendoza/Lewis). It is the last meeting of the 2013-2014 year.