Women’s & Gender Studies Advisory Council (WGSAC)
AGENDA
September 11, 2013
History Conference Room (104 Copeland Hall)

Present: Julie Campbell, Pari Ford, Grace Mims, Susan Honeyman, Deb Freedman, Toni Hill, Jeannie Stolzer, Tone Mendoza, Amber Lewis, Sandra Loughrin (guest), Jenna Jorgensen (student rep), Linda Van Ingen (chair).
Absent: Carrie Krac, Monica Mueller, Trish Holen.

The Meeting was called to order by Van Ingen at 4:15.
Minutes from April 17, 2013 were approved by email and sent to Faculty Senate on August 28, 2013.

A. Introductions: new members (Honeyman; Hill for Moore’s sabbatical) and guests (Loughrin) were introduced.

B. Curricular:
New Major and on-line collaboration: Van Ingen reported that the proposed new major, “Women’s, Gender and Ethnic Studies,” is still in the early stages of the approval process in the Dean’s office. The delay is not due to the merits of the proposal but rather a lack of funding to support it. The CNSS Dean is pursuing resource possibilities and Van Ingen will give an update at the next meeting. Lewis suggested that the UNK student body president be involved in supporting the new major when it advances for approval at the Administration and Regents levels. Van Ingen had no new updates regarding the on-line collaboration with UNO, except to emphasize that having a major degree would help that effort, since both UNO and UNL offer a major. There was also some discussion about the inter-campus transfer and how that will work for the collaborative program.

Library: Mendoza reported that the Library is changing its funding allocation for new book purchases. WGS will likely still have $500, and she urged members to create a list of priorities to support teaching and research in WGS, including the new major in WG and Ethnic Studies. Bring book titles to the next meeting, or send them to Mendoza.

Assessment: Van Ingen asked members to review the new Learning Outcomes and Assessment Rubric. She had several changes to suggest on the new Learning Outcomes that were previously approved by WSAC in April 2012, and members made several suggestions to improve the new Assessment Rubric.

Members approved changes to the Learning Outcomes as follows (Stolzer/Mendoza)
1. Apply Women’s & Gender Studies concepts and theories in chosen more than one research discipline.
2. Analyze issues and topics from a feminist perspective.
3. Create feminist narratives using WGS literature and research.
4. Analyze results of original research project with a feminist methodology.
5. Synthesize appropriate primary and secondary sources with depth and accuracy.
6. Evaluate experiences interacting with diverse groups of people.

The 2012-2013 Assessment Report will be reviewed at the October meeting.

C. Budget: Van Ingen reported on a problem with the WGS budget, as adjunct pay seems to be drawn from the Program's operating expenses, causing the Program to run a carry-over deficit and sharply eroding resources for 2012-2013. Also, funds for the No Limits 2014 conference hosted by UNK have not been allocated. Members discussed the situation, noting that ordinarily chairs/directors are not directly involved in faculty pay line items. Van Ingen will follow-up with Administration and report at the next meeting.

D. Co-Curricular:
No Limits Conference: Members discussed conference plans for No Limits 2014 at UNK in Kearney, March 7 (Friday; one day) in Ponderosa Rooms. The theme is “Intersectionality: Gender, Race and Class” and the keynote speaker is Dr. Shireen Roshanravan (WS faculty at Kansas State; critical race theory & intersectionality of race/sexuality/gender). The speaker is confirmed and $500 deposit paid. The draft agenda was discussed and revised to the following:

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)
11-12 noon  Keynote Speaker Dr. Roshanravan
12-12:45  Lunch (complimentary for presenters and pre-registered?)
1-2:20  Session #2
2:30-3:50  Session #3
3:50-4:10  Poster Session (coffee, cookies, fruit)
4:10-5:30  Session #4
5:30pm  Closing Reception

additional things to consider:
  o panels in 4 rooms, lunch in Sandhills room?
  o Large middle room:
    ▪ Poster session in large middle room
    ▪ Info tables with materials related to WGS? (Triota, QSA, WCtr, SAFE Ctr, PFLAG, Sister-to-Sister, Social Justice, Amnesty Int’l etc.)
    ▪ Art work?
    ▪ Keynote in large middle room?
    ▪ Other ideas for this space?
  o Posters and postcards?
  o Email list
  o CFP date
  o Pre-registration process
  o Setting up the panels
  o Will need faculty moderators
  o Hotels – block some rooms for Thurs and Fri nights
  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 Budget
  o Things to do in Kearney – list of restaurants, tourist spots, Sandhill Cranes?
  o Other ideas??

Updates from related campus organizations:
  a. Women’s Center: Minutes from the WCtr announce the Clothesline Project on Oct 8-10; as well as ongoing work on sexual assault prevention.
  b. Triota: Jorgensen said Triota will be focusing on the No Limits conference, and may have more events as new members get involved.
  c. QSA: Regular meeting times have been scheduled for Thursdays at 7pm in NSU Room 310.
  d. OMA: Regular meetings times have been announced for:
      Sister to Sister: Mondays 4pm in OMA
      Social Justice League: Mondays at 5pm in OMA

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm (Freedman/Mendoza)