Minutes of the OSU Women’s Faculty Council Meeting
May 27, 2009

Present: Misty Smith, Karen Neurohr, Jen Macken, Merrall Price, Nicole Crethar, Robin Leech, Helen Clements, Michele Seikel and Tracy Boyer

Helen Clements (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of April Minutes:
• There was a motion to approve minutes with corrections; the motion was seconded and all in favor. April minutes were approved as corrected.

Announcements – WFC Officers for 2009-2010:
• Chair – Merrall Price
• Vice-Chair – Michele Seikel
• Secretary/Treasurer – Misty Smith
• Faculty Council Liaison – Barbara Miller

Other Announcements:
• ADVANCE Team Survey Report
  • 619 responses to the survey
  • Well over 1/3 of the faculty
• Gender/Women’s Studies Classes and Programming for Academic Year 2009-2010

o Handout of classes in Gender and Women’s Studies that are being offered in the Fall 2009

Discussion of Future Direction for Day Care Initiatives:
• Need to follow up on Day Care Initiatives
• Technical writing class conducted a survey on interest in day care on campus
• Push day care issue as a diversity problem
• Write a grant for a feasibility study for approximately $20,000

Report on Contact with Dr. Jason Kirksey, New Head of Division of Institutional Diversity:
• Helen emailed Dr. Kirksey – waiting for response

Planning for Next Year’s Research Awards and Possible Participation in Research Week:
• Consult larger body about research week speaker
• Find out how much money we will have to pay a speaker
• Draft out criteria for speaker
• Look at women from this region within driving distance (OK, TX, KS, AR, CO) who have made a career out of women’s research
• Discussed possible speakers for research week (Native Americans, possibly)
• Maybe a panel with around 3 speakers
• Ask student group association to participate in panel (Native American Student Association)
• Will work on putting a form online to fill out instead of sending flyers out about Research Awards
• Extend deadline to January 1
• Discussed pros and cons of participating in Research Week

Other Women’s Issues for WFC Consideration:
• Ask entire membership about what issues are important to them

Other Business:
• Jen Macken would like to ask the entire membership if anyone would like her to come to a class and speak about women’s studies
• Jen also mentioned that she is the incoming Vice Chair of GLBT if WFC would want to partner with them for anything

Adjourn:
• Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th, 2009 at 11:30.