Chair Sandra Silberstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Comments on and approval of minutes
2. Web Portal
3. FCWA Agenda through AY 2007-08

1. Comments on and approval of minutes

The Council noted that the posting of minutes online, creates the need for a particular kind of balance: On the one hand, the council reaffirmed the need for detailed descriptions of actions taken; on the other, web publishing requires being mindful of privacy issues. As a result, the Council agreed to report names only as necessary and to avoid publishing personal information. October and November minutes had been approved (via e-mail vote). The November minutes were adjusted accordingly (by consensus of the voting members present). The January meeting was canceled due to weather. The December 2006 and these minutes (February 2007) will be approved at the March meeting.

2. Mentoring Web Portal

The Council noted that previous FCWA Chair Dina Mandoli had submitted a proposal to the Provost’s office for funding for a Mentoring Web Portal. Continuing Council members recalled that most of the work on the Mentoring Portal had been done two years ago, with a subcommittee continuing work through last year. The concept for the portal had been endorsed by FCWA, but the budget has been developed subsequently. Silberstein suggested that FCWA support Mandoli in the concept of the Portal, but remain silent with respect to the particulars of the budget. She will draft a memo for approval by the Council that restates support for the concept but makes clear it has not vetted the budget.

3. Agenda through AY 2007-08.

Addressing the FCWA Agenda for the next 18 months, Chair Silberstein expressed her hope that the Council use the time and efforts of its members productively. Many groups on campus are addressing women’s issues and it makes sense to narrow the Council’s focus to those issues where it can make the most impact. Work around two issues was underscored by members present. First is continuing efforts to develop benchmarks for issues of particular concern to women, particularly childcare. Second, were the related issues of pipeline and tracking of women into clinical/service/applied/pedagogical positions, all of which are related to the climate issues being addressed by the LCVI.
Action Items

- Council members will review the LCVI survey results and current progress, which can be found at http://www.washington.edu/admin/pubserv/lcvi/progress_report_01_07.pdf

- Silberstein will circulate a draft memo endorsing the web portal concept, but clarifying the Council’s stance with respect to the budget.

- Silberstein will contact the Women in Pediatrics group concerning their visit on March 5, and invite Mindy Kornberg to a future meeting.

- Sutapa Basu will check with the Childcare Advisory Committee and Ana Marie Cause to see what benchmarking data is available. Silberstein and Basu will see what data on women is available through PACW

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Minutes by Susan Folk, Staff Assistant, Office of Regional Affairs, 1-4183, sifolk@u.washington.edu

Present: Faculty Members: Soo Borson, Beatrice Gandara, Marjorie Olmstead, Sandra Silberstein, Selva Takkok, LuAnne Thompson
President’s Designee: Sutapa Basu
Ex-officio Members: Pamela Yorks, Kelly Gilblom

Absent: Faculty Members: Michelle Habell-Pallan (excused), Margaret Heitkemper (excused), Janet Primomo (excused)
Ex-officio Members: Kim Johnson-Bogart (excused)