Members in attendance: Jessie Altum, Peter Binney, Brenna Birt, Ale Brown, Rob Buirgy, Tom Cech, Hope Dalton, John Ecohawk, Liz Gardener, Valerie Gates, Greg Hobbs, Eric Kuhn, Dan Luecke, Barbara Moskal, Nona Shipman, Ken Wright

Members on the phone: Paul Lander

I. Review of Consultant’s Report from November 7th facilitated meeting
   a. The report was briefly reviewed and discussed. Peter Binney and Eric Kuhn suggested adding “agriculture” and “consumptive use” as additional multi-disciplinary items listed in the first paragraph on page three. Greg Hobbs suggested also adding “recreation” along with “environment”. The Advisory Council accepted both suggestions. The Council voted unanimously to accept and use the documents as a reference for future Council work.

II. Attendance and brief bylaw review
   a. Liz Gardener led the discussion and everyone agreed that the Council needs more focus and responsibility before OWOW can expect Council members to be actively involved. Ale Brown stated that if members cannot join a meeting, it is important to maintain an open line of communication with the OWOW Center. A call in option will continually be used for future meetings.

III. Student Mentoring
   a. Various types of student mentoring were discussed. Hope Dalton mentioned that Red Rocks Community College has a strong program using recent graduates as mentors for students. Monthly meetings are part of this program. Paul Lander mentioned that the CU-Boulder Business School has a very successful mentoring program and they utilize rigorous on-line criteria. Liz Gardener appointed Hope Dalton, Paul Lander, and ask Nicole Seltzer to be apart of the “Mentoring Task Force” for the OWOW Center Advisory Council.
   b. Peter Binney recommended that a few other taskforces should be created, as needed.
   c. Dan Luecke inquired about connecting the Colorado Foundation for Water Education Water Leaders program with the MSU Denver mentoring efforts. Tom Cech stated that he had visited briefly with Nicole Seltzer regarding that idea and would follow up.
IV. Election of new terms of office
   a. Hope Dalton, John Echohawk, Eric Kuhn, Barbara Moskal, Nicole Seltzer, Reagan Waskom were unanimously re-elected to the Advisory Council for another three year term.

V. Meridian Institute presentation from John Ehrmenn and Brad Spangler
   a. Meridian presented to the Advisory Council a potential collaboration regarding use of the CAVEA (decision theatre at MSU Denver) and involvement of the OWOW Center. Much discussion followed and the Meridian Institute will re-structure their proposal and bring it back to Liz Gardener and Tom Cech. Brenna Birt suggested Meridian connect with the MSU Denver Honors Program students to offer research opportunities to students.

VI. Report on survey results from OWOW student survey
   a. Peter Binney, Liz Gardener, and Tom Cech created a survey that was distributed to MSU Denver students from mid November to early December. Response was low due to midterms and fall break. The OWOW Center would like to distribute one student survey each semester to capture important student impressions to use with OWOW operations and share with necessary faculty. Brenna Birt suggested utilizing faculty evaluations as a way to get information out to students regarding the Water Studies Minor. The Council agreed the survey was a good starting point to create future surveys and contributed editing and layout suggestions.

VII. Set date for next meeting
   a. It was decided that the OWOW Center would do their best to choose potential dates for the next Advisory Council meeting that do not conflict with other regular meeting dates that Council members are obligated to attend. A Doodle Poll will be distributed to Council members to decide the next meeting date.

VIII. Other Business
   a. OWOW 5-year plan
      i. The OWOW Center is creating a 5-year plan that will be presented to the Advisory Council at the next meeting.
   b. Friends of OWOW Brochure
      i. Steve Galpern presented the draft Friends of OWOW fundraising brochure that will go out to groups and people that have expressed an interest in OWOW. The giving levels are based on the capacity of water sources in Colorado. Several Council members had suggestions for giving levels that would diversify the current levels. These changes will be made and reflected in a new draft of the Friends of OWOW brochure.

Next Meeting: It was decided a Doodle Poll would be sent to Council members to select the date of the next Advisory Council meeting.