Women’s Studies Meeting Minutes

2/8/2011

Present:  S.Butler, Constance Mui, Ginger Hoffman, Trish Nugent, Jaita Talukdar, Barbara Ewell, Sue Mennino, Valerie Goertzen, Alice Kornovich, Rae Taylor, Karen Reichard, Terri Bednarz, Angie Hoffer

Announcements:

- Date of our next meetings: Tuesday March 15; Tuesday April 12
- “Women Empowering Women Night”: this is our meeting with the Sororities to talk about what we have in common. Sara has met with the panhellenic council. What’s going on? The plan is sometime before the next advising week. What works best? Maybe a Wednesday – or a Friday at 3:30.

Karen – programming update.

- Sexual Assault Response Advocacy Workshop is Feb. 12, 9-4.
- Love your body week:
  - Monday, Feb. 14: Love Your Body Week: "Walk in the Park"
  - Tuesday, Feb. 15: Love Your Body Week: "Feed Your Soul through Meditation" - 12:30p - 1:30p; Love Your Body Week: "Girls' Night In" - 7p - 9p
  - Wednesday, Feb. 16: Love Your Body Week: "Walk in the Park" - 12:30p - 1:30p; Love Your Body Week: "Indian Women and the Ultra-Thin Ideal" - 3p - 4p + Stacy Nadeau from Dove Soap
  - Thursday, Feb. 17: Love Your Body Week: "A Conversation with the Carmelite NGO on Global Issues- Food Security" - 12:30p - 1:30p
  - Friday, Feb. 18: Love Your Body Week: "Walk in the Park" - 12:30p - 1:30p; Love Your Body Week: "Salsa Lessons" - 3:30p - 6:30p

Women in STEM Reception: Mar 22

Service Project: 10 students going to Harvey, Latino Farmer’s Coop to Empower people to take control by starting with gardens. Feb. 19th – faculty or staff are welcome. Please contact Karen if interested.

Women’s Studies / Gender Studies – Where are we?

- Terri Bednarz suggested we have a panel/forum where we invite in a specialist from outside the university to help us debate this, but not just among ourselves, also invite students so that we can hear what they have to say. Everyone loves the idea.
- Connie Mui: suggested that we have a separate minor from WS that would be Sexuality & Gender – not a lot of support from those present; it was suggested that those are usually combined at other universities.
• Should we run a survey on survey monkey (or some such thing) for students in WS classes to find out how they feel about all this?