Women’s Studies Meeting
Minutes
3/15/2011

Present: Sara Butler, Valerie Goertzen, Trish Nugent, Ria Newhouse, Jaita Talukdar, Sue Mennino, Barbara Ewell, Karen Reichard, Rae Taylor, Laura Hope, Angie Hoffer

Recruitment update

a. Sara Butler sent out personal letters to all students who have taken 2 WS courses (roughly 250 letters). Two students have already contacted her since then to discuss setting up a minor.

b. Not quite sure what has happened with Sororities evening. The Sororities seem to have lost interest since Cait Smith is no longer on the Panhellenic Council. Sara promised to try to get in touch and figure out what was going on.

c. Assoc. Deans have rejected idea of allowing students to declare a minor on LORA. Angie Hoffer (from the Assoc. Deans’ Council) was present and she explained that this had more to do with piles of paperwork and finding ways to advise students in person (some students sign on for far more than they can handle). Sara and Angie decided that they need to meet up to discuss the issue with Mike Rachel and see if there is a way to make all this work.

d. Please take brochures for the WS program for advising week.

WS writing contests. We need to start thinking about this – get out a flier, send out emails on the student list-serve. Barbara told us the background of these – how the first student who won actually funded the contest for several years after this. Valerie suggested we put out a call for judges.

We need to start think about Sister Fara Impastato Award

- Sara has already put out a request to Kathy Gros to find out who is graduating and what their GPA is. This will be done by email.

If you are teaching a WS course in the summer or the fall, could you let S. Butler know?

Next meeting (i.e. Tues. April 12th) we will hold elections; positions to be assumed for the academic year 2011/2012:

Current Steering Committee:

Sara Butler (chair): term ended, need an election
Laura Hope: one more year remaining
Cathy Rogers: term ended, need an election
Karen Reichard: remains
Valerie Goertzen: term ended, need an election
Marcus Kondkar: to be replaced by previous chair
Here is a list of our regular members:

- Sara Butler, Laura Hope, Cathy Rogers, Karen Reichard, Jaita Talukadar, Rae Taylor, Ginger Hoffman, Janet Matthews, Terri Bednarz, Connie Mui, Barbara Ewell, Valerie Goertzen, Sue Mennino, Trish Nugent, Angie Hoffer (total 15)
  - Sara will send around a request asking if people would like to retain their status.
  - We really need to start getting student reps out next year.

Women’s Studies / Gender Studies Forum Update:

- Let’s hold this in Fall 2011 – a way of starting off the year.
- Think about inviting Donna Lillian, director of Women’s Studies at Appalachian State University (conducting survey on this very issue). Sara will invite her.

Programming Update

- Tues., Mar. 22, 5-6:30, Diboll Gallery: Appreciation Reception for Women Faculty in STEM fields
- Mar 25, 7 pm, Freeman Auditorium: Newcomb Feminist Film Series, “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”
- Mar 30: 4pm, WRC: Women’s Studies Discussion Group
- Apr 4-8: Sexual Assault Awareness Week
- Apr 7, 5 pm, Tulane: Walk a Mile in her Shoes
- Apr 9, 9 to noon in Miller 112: Start Smart negotiating skills workshop