Women’s Studies Minutes
2009-10

9/8/2009
Present: Barbara Ewell, Al Alcazar, Karen Reichard, Alice Kornovich, Jaita Talukadar, Sue Mennino, Trish Nugent, Valerie Goertzen, Alice Clark, Ginger Hoffer, Constance Mui

The List-serve needs to be updated: please put Blanca Anderson on it.

We need to replace Lydia Voigt on the Steering Committee. Cathy Rogers has been nominated. We will do the election over email.

20th Anniversary Celebration Update:
• How much is it acceptable to use from the gift account for this celebration? $2000 maybe more. After all, that is what the money is there for.
• Can we do non-Loyola catering? Connie Mui suggested Cafe-Reconcile – their prices are very reasonable. Sara will look into it.
• Should we have a cake? Tony Decuir’s wife does this. Valerie will look into it.
• Angie Hoffman will help with WS Anniversary celebration. Plus Mignon Fager is happy to donate a piece.

WS Discussion Group:
• Get a list of the students and faculty for Blackboard and sent it to Barbara Ewell.
• Maybe also sent out an email to Loyno mass mail – or will that have us end up with too many people?

Concerns:
• Our intranet is empty. What happened to all the minutes from previous meetings?

We are trying to put together a pamphlet about the WS scholarship – the steering committee will get together and do that.

Upcoming Programming:
• Love your body week (Sept. 21-25)
• Take Back the Night (Oct. 27)
• Thursday prayer services dedicated to women’s spirituality
Fall 2009 Brown bag lunches:  Sept. 14, Dean Cruz;  Oct. 5, Nancy Bernando;  Nov. 2, Kathy Anzelmo;  Dec. 7, Judy Deshotels
Women in Film Series, Wednesdays at 3:30 in the WRC

10/6/2009

Present:  Sara Butler, Alice Clark, Karen Reichard, Cathy Rogers, Sue Mennino, Jaita Talukadar, Katherine Fidler, Ginger Hoffman, Blanca Anderson, Alice Kornovich, Valerie Goertzen, Laura Hope

Announcements:
- Religious Studies is going to be offering Women in Islam in Spring 2010
- Early Registration: if you are teaching a course in WS in the spring, could you please send Sara Butler the information

WS 20th Anniversary Celebration Update:
- T-shirts? Do we need Volunteers to man the sales? Marcus is going to organize this.
- Lydia is going to give us money!
- Food, music, etc.
- Scholarship / we need to think about this is going to work and how it will be used. What exactly is the mission of the WS?
- Advertising: Maroon, Loyola at a Glance, DVD of presentation!
- Cake: Tony’s wife can’t do it. Any other ideas?
- Is there any chance that we could switch to MM#1 from MM#2 for Nancy’s presentation? Barbara (since she is on senate) will look into this.
- Concerns: 3 straight-back chairs with no armrests for musicians; table for set-up for books, brochures, etc. Wine (ask Karen). Meet with Michael from catering to make sure the got everything.

Upcoming Programming:
- Exhibit about Women at Loyola at Monroe
- Sexual Assault Awareness 7 pm Oct 7th Audubon Room
- RADS Classes: 4 hours, with Angela Honore from the police dept. Scheduling for women majors

American Cancer Society Making Strides: this Saturday Oct 10th: Donate online. Meet 8:30 UNO Lakefront.

Jeremiah Group: Project on Affordable housing. Looking for support for people going through this project.
WS Discussion Group: Going well.

11/17/2009

Present: Alice Clark, Alice Kornovich, Cecelia Bennett, Karen Reichard, Catherine Wessinger, Barbara Ewell, Constance Mui, Sara Butler, Ginger Hoffman

Tues. Dec. 15th at 4:30-6:30: Christmas Party. We’ll have a potluck.

Posting of Nancy’s Video:
- Will have i-tunes link on WS site
- Will get Nancy’s powerpoint

AVW is coming to campus this spring (Women in Politics)
- Also with AVW: negotiating skills for women. Does anyone want to learn how to train people for this? Karen will attend and keep us up to date.

Writing Women Back into History:
- Let’s make this the theme for the Spring.

WS Discussion Group:
- How can we improve?
- Cast the net wider.

Book on Women in Developing Countries by Cheryl Wudon – Karen is planning a read-a-thon to raise money for some organization to raise charity

Conference Updates from Karen: she went to the National WS association
- This got here thinking against about the name change of the department.

Connie asked: what ever happened to the Women’s Studies Consortium for Louisiana?

Christina Garcia will be here in April.

Talk for next year? Joan Scott?

Women’s Studies Retreat: when: late Feb. or early Mar.
Present:  Sara Butler, Trish Nugent, Valerie Goertzen, Jaita Talukadar, Karen Reichard, Constance Mui, Barbara Ewell, Marcus Kondkar, Sue Mennino, Janet Matthews, Alice Clark, Alice Kornovich, Blanca Anderson.

Women’s Studies Retreat:
- Why do we need one?  We need to take as a theme:  “Moving Forward” and use this as an opportunity to do some strategic planning (where will WS be in the next 20 years? WS in a gender studies world).  We need to find a good retreat center.  Any ideas?
- Date:  March 12 / 13.

Speakers for Fall 2010:
- Alma Piero:  for Latin American Studies
- Anne Firor Scott:  Southern History
- Nick Christoff and Cheryl Wudunn book – this is going to be attached to a read-a-thon

Announcements:
- Christina Garcia will be here April 7

We need to announce the WS contests!

Who is teaching WS courses in the fall?  Blanca, Barbara, Janet, Karen

WRC Update:
- The WRC will be involved with two AAUW workshops this semester:  1) Campaign College (a student leadership workshop geared to women to give them the tools & encouragement to run for office on campus and beyond), Feb. 20th all day.  2) Start Smart (a workshop that trains women in negotiating skills for better salaries, promotions, etc.)
- We have 3 Brown Bags lunches this semester:  Feb. 1, Sara Butler, Mar 1, Khedidja Boudaba, April Laura Hope
- We will be co-sponsoring our women in film series with WIO – first film:  Marie Antoinette (Jan 25th at 6 pm)
- Tues. Mar 23:  host an evening of Writing Women Back into History with recent authors from book Louisiana Women.  Please let Karen know if you are interested in coming.
- Who is participating in this semester’s WS discussion group:  Cathy, Sue Mennino, Jaita Talukdar, Barbara Ewell
- WRC has a new website and there is now room for a Women in the Spotlight feature.  Please sent in names to Karen.
• Let’s think about putting together a Women of Excellence recognition/award event for the end of the semester that would include the prizes for the essay contest.
• Community Outreach

2/2/2010

Present: Sue Mennino, Alice Kornovich, Jaita Talukdar, Karen Reichard, Barbara Ewell, Cecilia Benett, Trish Nugent, Constance Mui, Sara Butler

Unfortunately, the minutes have gone AWOL....

3/2/2010

Present: Sara Butler, Alice Kornovich, Cecelia Bennett, Karen Reichard, Marcus Kondkar, Sue Mennino

Membership: Rae Taylor (Criminal Justice) would like to join WS. Someone needs to contact her. Cecilia will.

WS Retreat
• Date has been changed to May 22. Need to remind everyone by email.

Donor: a donor has contacted Karen and wants to donate money for the WS prizes.

Interdisciplinary Committee: Kathy Gros – we need to contact Kathy and find out about students who consistently take courses in WS but have not declared a minor.

Awards:
• The committee voted in favor of changing the WS writing awards so that they are only available to WS minors.
• Essays are due in April.
• We need to get advertising!!!!

Events co-hosted with CARE:
• Women in developing countries.
• Encourage students to go.
• Contact Reichard for transportation.
• Cosponsored with LUCAP.
Louisiana Women event: March 23rd, need people to RSVP to Karen. This will be a dinner and discussion.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Peace Conference week are all falling at the same time. There will be inter-play between the two.

Clothesline Project: will be done soon.

April 12th: Laura Hope for the next Brown Bag.

WS Intro Course
- Should we get rid of it?
- Why won’t people take it?
- Could this be done as a Freshmen seminar?

4/6/2010
Present: Terri Bednarz, Anne Hoff, Karen Reichard, Valerie Goertzen, Trish Nugent, Janet Matthews, Blanca Anderson, Alice T. Kornovich, Rae Taylor, Cecelia Bennett, Barbara Ewell, Constance Mui, Ginger Hoffman, Laura Hope, Catherine Wessinger

Elections:

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Steering Committee:
Connie Mui rotated off and is replaced by Laura Hope.

All elected by acclamation.

Summary:

Our Steering Committee:
- Sara Butler, Laura Hope, Cathy Rogers, Karen Reichard, Marcus Kondkar, Valerie Goertzen

Our Regular Members:
- Sara Butler, Laura Hope, Cathy Rogers, Karen Reichard, Marcus Kondkar, Rae Taylor, Ginger Hoffman, Janet Matthews, Terri Bednarz,
Writing women into History:
- Update: Yes, we would like a speaker for the fall to keep in this theme. But: Joan Scott was busy. Judith Bennett was busy. What about Cokey Roberts? Sara will contact (later update: busy).

Writing Awards: We need to open this back up to all students. This is important for visibility.
- Why don’t we have an outstanding WS minor award? We will! And we will name it after Sister Fara Impastato. Sara will contact Kathy Gros and Rich Wilson. Connie will do a write-up on Sister Fara.
- Donor: Julie Stieger has donated $1000 for the WS awards. Yahoo!

Budget update: Still none. Sara is sitting on an Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Board and this is one of the issues up for discussion, so let’s hope for the best!

Retreat: May 21-22
- Steering committee will plan it.
- 9:30 to 4
- No brunch – extend our thanks to Lydia though – we need that time for very important discussions.

WRC Director Update:
- Sexual Assault Awareness Week is next week
- Vagina Monologues: Thurs 5:30 this week
- Peace Conference next week (WRC is very involved in this)
- Wed 12:30 next week Q & As on Sexual Assault
- End of Next week Start Smart Workshop.

Next Agenda: WS Discussion Group

Pro-choice group of students is looking for a faculty advisor. Fears that if we take on that role, WS will be associated exclusively with pro-choice. Barbara Ewell will look into this more.

Who is going to the Retreat?
- Sara, Jean, Valerie, Karen, Barbara, Alice C., Mary McCay, Cathy W, Cathy R, Sue Mennino, Alice K, Rae Taylor, Connie Mui