## AGENDA

# Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies <br> March 11, 1987 

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of February 11.
3. Kathleen Shannon and NFB, Adril 3.
4. Research Institute.
5. Other business.
6. Finances.
7. Announcements.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S (ACADEMIC) COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

## Minutes of March 11, 1987

Present:
M. Assheton-Smith, V. Bergum, S. Blair, C. Bray, L. Fedigan, J. Lauber, L. Penrod, M. Potrebenko, L. Walter, L. Stewart.

1. Add to the agenda: date for next meeting, report on Ursula's visit.
2. Approval of the minutes of February 11, 1987.
3. Announcements:

Kathleen Shannon, Executive Producer at NFB Studio D, will be on campus April 3, cosponsored by the Women's Program and the Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies. All costs will be incurred by NFB. There will be a screening of the film "Love Affair with Politics" followed by discussion. Location: Education North, 2-101; 12;00 p.m.

Jean received information about a project to encourage women inventors. Leslie also has the information in her office.

Recent job postings: Concordia is looking for two directors of women's studies, U. of Victoria for one.

Seanna has found a graduate student who is interested in sitting on the committee, Hopefully, she will be able to attend the next meeting.
4. Research Institute:

Discussion of the paper presented by Marilyn:
-discussion of the use of Research scholar vs Research associate or Research assistant. Perhaps we could come up with new terms that don't have the same hierarchical connotations.
-suggestion that researchers at the institute receive a diploma stating that they were a "Research scholar" at the institute for the period of . . . .
-possible research topics: Native women, education and work; Women's history; Health issues

For the April meeting, Marilyn will write up what she sees as the remaining steps in getting the Research Institute established and operating.
Marilyn
Marilyn will also write a shorter draft of the proposal, discuss it with a few committee members and then submit it to Dr. Meekison.
Marilyn
5. Next meeting of the committee is:

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a) Posters to take home
b) Taping of lectures
2. Arts Committee update
a) Coordinator advertisement
3. Research Institute - Mary Potrebenko
4. Committee name and Term of Reference (Meekison)
5. Budget
6. Visiting speaker
7. Other business

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S (ACADEMIC) COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

## Minutes of February 11, 1987

## Present:

M. Assheton-Smith, C. Bray, J. Lauber, R. Liburd, H. Olson, M. Potrebenko, L. Walter, L. Stewart.

1. Welcome Lisa Walter to the committee, as a community member. Loro Carmen has moved out of town, so is unable to sit on the committee. Cheryl Malmo does not have the time right now but expressed an interest, and would like to be contacted again should the committee need members in the future. Marilyn has been unable to get a hold of anyone else, but will continue to work on it.
2. Approval of the agenda.
3. Approval of the minutes of January 10, 1987.
4. Franklin visit: everything is set to go. Posters have been posted in the outdoor kiosks and will be posted indoors on Wednesday. Committee agreed to have the Franklin lectures taped (audio).
5. Arts Committee update:

The advertisement for the Coordinator of Women's Studies was circulated. At the first meeting of the Arts committee, there was some discussion of the relationship between the two Women's Studies committees and possible overlap but, in fact, the two committees seem to be working on quite different things.

At the second meeting, the selection process for the coordinator position was discussed. The entire committee will review all of the applications, and the committee will send a short list to the Dean's committee. The Dean's selection committee was selected and consists of Shirley Neuman, Dallas Cullen, and someone else from the Faculty of Arts still to be appointed.

Library acquisitions were also discussed. The committee itself cannot purchase books. It was suggested that members of the committee "urge" their departments to purchase women's studies materials in their discipline.
6. Research Institute: report from Mary and Marilyn. Marilyn presented some notes on funding and structure of the institute: these are attached. Mary then presented her report. Idea/suggestions from the discussion included:

> -find out about the availability of Emily Murphy House
> -come up with a plan to get going with research projects for next month's meeting -ideas for research projects
> -contact those women across campus who committee identified earlier as probably being interested in a research institute
> -identify/contact women in the community to start some projects, and/or solicit their ideas for projects
-tap into things that are already going on, eg. CRIAW
-this committee could be the initial board, and then one would develop from within
Mary and Marilyn will bring a draft proposal to the next meeting.
Marilyn, Mary
7. As per Dr. Meekison's suggestion, agreed to change the committee's name to Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies, a Committee of the Vice-President (Academic). Also, the lines between this committee and the Arts committee seem to be reasonably clear. Arts will deal with the degree program and the Faculty of Arts, whereas this committee will address issues in the university more broadly. However, there should be no problem negotiating other work-sharing if that seems adviseable to members of either committee.
8. Visiting Speakers: Marilyn has received notice from two women - one from India, the other from Saskatchewan - who will be in Edmonton in the spring and would be interested in giving a lecture while here. Neither is requesting money. Marilyn will circulate a note giving more details or give some committee members a call to get some feedback.
Marilyn
9. Other Business: Lynda Lange has received a research grant from CRIAW, to complete her research in the NWT.
10. Date of next meetings:

Wednesday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

## Minutes of October 22, 1986

## Present:

M. Assheton-Smith, V. Bergum, S. Blair, C. Bray, L. Fedigan, J. Lauber, R. Liburd, L. Penrod, S. Susut, J. Vanderpost, L. Stewart.

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of September 17, 1986.
3. Unfinished business from last meeting:
a) Committee work for the up-coming year:
(i) Terms of Reference have not yet been sent to Dr. Meekison. Further changes were discussed as reflected in the attached revision.
(ii) Subcommittees for specific tasks:

To support and extend existing work in women's studies at the University of Alberta, especially but not limited to the work now being done in the Faculty of Arts.

- *1 Lynn, Linda
- Lynn and Linda will make contact with the informal committee that exists in Arts and advise Dean White that they are members of this committee for liason purposes.

To facilitate the introduction of women's studies courses and programs in additional faculties at the University of Alberta, especially but not limited to those faculties which currently have very little work being done in the area of women's studies. - *Vangie, Jean, Seanna

To co-ordinate the flow of information related to women's studies within the University of Alberta, particularly across faculties and other university units. - Leslie will take responsibility for this in a formal way, and the AWA Newsletter will be used as appropriate (as Hope suggested at the last meeting).

To support the development of feminist research and feminist scholarship at the University of Alberta.

- *Rosemary, Janina, Linda, Jean

To advise on policy generally at the University of Alberta with regard to the development and enhancement of women's studies.

- Marilyn will pull information out of existing material to bring to a full committee meeting.

To provide a liason structure between women's studies at the University of Alberta and the women's community

- This will not involve a committee but Sandy will take responsibility here, as well as in working with the Arts committee regarding things like community placements for

[^0]students. It is also assumed the community members will have an interest in this area.
For the moment, liasing will fall with Jean and Marilyn.
(iii) Dates for next meetings of committee are November 19, and December 10, 9:0011:00 a.m.
b) Agreed to refer letters the committee has received regarding courses on campus to the Faculty of Arts committee, and to the advisory committee's next meeting, which will focus on policy. Leslie will distribute letters the committee has received with the agenda package.
Leslie
c) Leslie will work on putting together a monthly calendar of events. Formal note from this committee to go out saying that we will be doing this and asking people to phone with information. Is there another mechanism to reach women off campus?
Leslie
d) Idea of Emily Murphy house as a possiblity for the research institute referred back to the research institute committee.
e) Agreed that committee should take out memberships in the Canadian Women's Studies Association and the National Women's Studies Association,
4. Sandy needs the information on Ursula Franklin's talks by the third week of November in order to include it in the brochure. Jean will send letter to Ursula asking for lecture titles. Perhaps should arrange for a reception with academics.

## Jean

5. Three additional new members have yet to be appointed. Seanna Blair, undergraduate representative, was appointed prior to this meeting. See handout for suggestions of women in the community who may be interested in sitting on the committee.
6. Terms of Reference will be sent to Meekison and Twyla Dickson with today's revisions. Marilyn, Leslie
7. Previously the committee had paid rent to the Women's Program for the space, telephones, etc., used by Leslie. This year, will look at giving lump sum of money to the Women's Program rather than monthly rent.
8. University of Manitoba has lost funding for its women's studies program. Marilyn will send letter to them indicating that we are anxious to know about their situation, and willing to offer support however we can.
9. Sandra Harding will be at the University of Calgary in December. She would be available to come to Edmonton on December 2, probably for an afternoon talk on women and science. Margaret Vanderpit in the Philosophy department has already been contacted. Jean will look into this further.
Jean

## REMINDER

Next meeting of the committee is scheduled for

November 22, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
You will receive an agenda prior to the meeting

## VISITING SPEAKERS in WOMEN'S STUDIES

## April 1987

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies,
A Committee of the Vice-President (Academic)

Gayle James, Chairwoman, National Council on Welfare Gayle Dreaver, Edmonton Social Planning Council<br>Olenka Melnyk, Researcher and writer<br>Women and Poverty<br>Thursday, April 2<br>7:30 p.m. Humanities Centre, L-1<br>Contact: Women's Program and Resource Centre, Faculty of Extension (432-3093)

Kathleen Shannon<br>Executive Producer, National Film Board 's Studio D<br>Women and Film<br>Screening of Love Affair with Politics, discussion to follow<br>Friday, April 3<br>12:00 p.m. Education North, 2-101<br>Contact: Women's Program and Resource Centre, Faculty of Extension (432-3093)

Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies
Theme: Crisis, Culture and Development in Africa
May 7 - 9
Contact: Ann McDougall, Department of History (432-5420, 439-9988)
The conference will feature many lectures on various aspects of women's lives in Africa. For more information on program details, contact Ann McDougall.

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