

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Agenda

**Wednesday, September 16
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

1. Major discussion will be community participation in the Research Institute.
2. Other business (15 - 30 minutes):
 - i) Appointment of new committee members.

Vangie - **Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies**

Marilyn - Behind the Veil News

Minutes of September 16, 1987

Leslie will book the rooms (will try to get Bldg N-2-113) and make posters.

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, V. Bergum, C. Bray, S. Copeland, R. Coulter, R. Liburd,
H. Olson, L. Penrod, L. Walter, L. Stewart

1. Approval of minutes of August 26, 1987.
2. Welcome to Sande Copeland, a new committee member representing undergraduate students. Sande is currently working on her B.A. in Canadian Studies.
3. Main agenda item: community involvement in the Research Institute. Wide-ranging discussion, but some points discussed were as follows (also, please see Marilyn and Rosemary's notes in item 12 of the Agenda for the October 7 meeting):

- Have a meeting and invite interested women from the community. Women could talk about research they may be involved in.

- Could alternate meetings between 1) the next step for the institute and 2) women presenting their research. Also look at alternating the meetings between on- and off-campus locations and holding them in the evenings or on weekends.

- Perhaps could have a few "dyads" of women currently doing work to present their research as well as their methods of working together. These might then serve as models for the Research Institute. Some ideas about possible research projects that the Institute might want to be involved with:

- **Rebecca** will contact the Alberta Federation of Labour Women's Committee

- **Cathy** will check into a proposal re: disabled women with Maurita Salmon and will also contact Diana Chown re: a women's history project that she's working on.

Agreed to have the first of these types of meetings on:

Thursday, October 22

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

11019 - 90 Avenue

(Bring Your Own Food)

4. Film Series:
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Film Bookings:

Lisa - Firewords

Cathy - peace film

Vangie - Change of Heart
Marilyn - Behind the Veil: Nuns

September 10, 1987

Leslie will book the rooms (will try to get Ed. N. 2-115) and make posters.

Rosemary will phone Education A.V. to arrange for a technician.

5. **The next regular meeting of the committee will be:**

**Wednesday, October 7
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome to Sandra Cope,
undergraduate student,
studies.

Main agenda item - community involvement in the research institute.
Wide-ranging discussion, but some points discussed were as follows (please
see Marilyn and Rosemary's notes in item 12 of the Agenda for the October 7
meeting):

- Have a meeting and invite interested women from the community. Women could talk about research they may be involved in.
- Contribute to meetings between 1 (the position for the institute) and 2 (women presenting their research). Aim: work at alternating the meetings between on- and off-campus locations and holding them in the evenings or on weekends.
- Perhaps could have a few "dyads" of women, currently doing work, present their research as well as their method of working together. These could then serve as models for the Research Institute. These dyads could possible research projects that the Institute might want to be involved with.
- Rosemary will contact the Alberta Association of Women's Committee.
- Cathy will speak into a prepared or identified microphone in front of Salmon and will address all those who are present. Cathy will also be working on...

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Minutes of August 26, 1987

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, C. Bray, R. Coulter, R. Liburd, L. Penrod, J. Vanderpost

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Round.
3. Approval of the minutes of the June 24, 1987 meeting.
4. Business arriving from the minutes of June 24 meeting:

i) Women's Studies courses guidelines.

Discussed briefly in the context of sharing our involvement and past work with the Arts committee. This item was taken off the agenda with a view toward a more complete discussion at a later point and the need to review the administrative guidelines.

ii) Agreement to invite Heather Jon Maroney to the September meeting.

iii) Marilyn made contact with Dr. Meekison since the last meeting. Members of the Coordinating Committee need to be appointed by him.

iv) Film series schedule is as follows:

Prairie Women - September 25

Firewords - October 21. Janice Williams, discussion leader.

A peace film is tentatively scheduled for November 12. Juliette Trudeau and Virginia Sauve were mentioned as possible discussion leaders.

Loyalties - January 21, 1988. Ann Wheeler has tentatively agreed to lead the discussion. Suggestion that Tanto Cardinal also be invited.

Behind the Veil - March 3, 1988. Fran Hare, discussion leader.

v) Budget.

Reviewed and discussed. Lynn asked for a contribution to the travel of two guest speakers who may be in Edmonton in the fall of 1988. Agreement to approve this request in principal with a contribution of \$100 each. To be reviewed again in light of the 1988-89 budget. This led to discussion concerning the need for guidelines in making decisions of this nature. Are we supporting feminist scholarship? Speakers who are self-identified feminists?

vi) Administrative Assistant.

It was agreed that Marilyn will contact Leslie Stewart to ascertain if she would be available for administrative work and Mary Potrebenko for work on the Research Institute.

vii) New members.

Before inviting new members, Marilyn will contact Hope Olson and Linda Fedigan, and Rosemary will call Lisa Walter to determine if they still want to be on the committee. Proposal to appoint Sandra Copeland was made and accepted. Discussion focussed on how we perceive community involvement on the committee and in the institute. Janina proposed that we send the institute proposal to community members for response and feedback. There was agreement on the committee's mandate for the establishment of guidelines regarding involvement of community members.

5. Other business: Approval for Marilyn to attend the meeting on Research Institutes in October.
6. The September meeting has been re-scheduled for:

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The primary agenda item will be community involvement regarding planning of the Research Institute.

7. A larger meeting to be scheduled for a Saturday will occur in late September or early October.

Sept. 16/87

Research Institute Process: A Community of Researchers

1. Recognizing that feminist researchers may appear in many occupations, including professors, clinical practitioners in various fields, social activists, independent thinkers whose primary work is homemaking, etc.
2. Setting a task that will bring together some of the women in that community so the institute can begin.
3. The first task could be selection of the first two or three research projects for the institute, and working out the institute structure that would make it possible to complete those projects.
4. Further tasks could involve further meetings.
5. We could accomplish this task in a full day of work, perhaps a Saturday. However, we might be wise to "book" two consecutive Saturdays to make it possible for additional work to be done, or to develop a stronger process.
6. We would need to decide who to invite to this session, where it would be held, what documents would be distributed in advance, what procedure would be used for getting possible projects to the group for discussion, how we would handle lunch and snacks, what would be done with the decisions or recommendations of the group.
7. I don't know if she is here or if she would do it, but rather than hiring a short term worker for the institute per se we might ask Sandy Susut if she would organize that meeting for some dollars.
8. Out of it should come not just the projects but the first structure of the institute, the beginning which would then evolve as we worked.
9. The lengthy document could be distributed, or the (not yet written documents) proposed earlier about the institute...they would all be seen as draft documents which this group could modify.
10. If we define this as a community of feminist researchers, we may reduce some of the categorizing problems that have plagued us. However, we still need to recognize some of the divergent interests that we may have as women, and develop an imagery for the institute which will make it possible for feminist researchers to recognize when their research is most appropriately carried out at such an institute. (In some ways the film research on the Edmonton Grads presents a partial model I think, as well as

the interdisciplinary and issue focused research we have described earlier). We also need to be able to realistically address the interests of divergent communities, such as the university, action oriented women, and perhaps women making their living by providing various types of services to women.

I want to keep this short, to provide only a possible discussion outline for us. So I better get away from the word processor!

Marilyn
Sept 16. /87

September 16, 1987. Report from Marilyn

1. Heather Jon Mulrone will be here Sept 21 to Oct 7 or 8. Shirley sees no problem in her meeting with this committee during that time, whether at a formal meeting or for lunch or coffee sometime.

2. Leslie has taken up 10 hours of duties with us, as administrative worker for the committee. The cost is a little higher than predicted, at just over \$11 an hour, and hopefully we will have less hassles with payroll over her cheque each month. She and I have met about her work.

3. Mary has not agreed to work on the research institute project. We should consider that position further. I have not yet laid out a detailed "job description."

4. There continues to be discussion about "Chez Nous". I met this week with Shirley Newman and Susan Jackel. I think we agreed that Canadian Studies and Women's Studies together would require considerably more space than that house provided. However, Women's Studies and the Research Institute might be a feasible combination, as has been noted earlier. Arts people are scrambling for space, and elbows are out all over the place.

5. Linda Fedigan has decided not to continue with this committee, and written me accordingly. Hope Olson will be here today, but would like to continue one more year; she thinks it would also be useful for Susan Pawlson to be considered for the committee.

6. I will be going to the conference on Communicating Feminist Research in Hull that I mentioned at the last meeting. It is Oct. 1. A one day meeting on Women's Studies will now precede that conference and I will also attend it. I am using my Faculty travel money, which will at least pay the air fare, and requesting some meal and accomodation costs from the organizers (if they get SSHRC money). I may still come back to the committee for \$100 or so but it should not be more than that. I will bring back information, and send them to both committees.

7. I think we should have a mailing list on campus of academics really interested or involved in women's studies in any way. (i.e. with a somewhat different purpose than the AWA mailing list). This is likely something Leslie could develop on the microcomputer if it is okay with Cathy.

6. I think that is all from the last meeting.

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3. Approval of the agenda
4. Minutes of the April 8 meeting...any corrections?
5. Business from the minutes
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 - b) Suggest Meekison be invited to the August meeting? (Report not yet sent to him). (or September if August date not suitable)
 - c) Film Series, Rosemary and Vangie?
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Volunteer for keeping tab of finances?
 - e) Finances (total \$16,626+ or -) Detailed report and budget for August
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**Wednesday, February 10
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1. Women's Research Centre meetings.
2. Memberships: i) Renew the National Women's Studies Association membership?
ii) Membership in Movement?
3. Women in Philosophy conference.
4. Letter of thanks to Vangie, Hope, Sande.
5. Discussion of the Proposal for a Women's Research Centre.
6. Information:
 - i) CCLOW Literacy Materials for Women Project
 - ii) Learned Societies Conference
7. Other business.

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Minutes of February 10, 1988

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, L. Austin, C. Bray, R. Coulter, B. Elliott, A. Lambert, R. Liburd, R. Mott, J. Vanderpost, L. Stewart

1. Approval of agenda: add Space under #1.
2. Approval of the minutes of January 13.
3. Women's Research Centre Meetings: Marilyn and Cathy attended the last meeting at which Vangie presented her research. It went very well.

It was agreed to have an April meeting of the Research Centre. It was suggested that we look through the forms that we have received and ask someone from that group to present at the April meeting.

Leslie suggested that each of the Research Centre meetings need someone to act as coordinator. Marilyn agreed to coordinate the March meeting.

Marilyn

Leslie will call Patti Browne re: distributing the Research Bank forms at the next AWA meeting.

Leslie

4. Space: Marilyn will give keys to Lisa A. and Rebecca so that they can start using the Research Centre.

Marilyn

Leslie will keep track of who has keys to the house.

Leslie

Rebecca, Marilyn and Lisa will meet at the house to decide what should be done with the furnitue.

Rebecca, Marilyn, Lisa

5. Memberships: Decided not to renew our membership in the National Women's Studies Association, to renew our Canadian Women's Studies membership, and to become participants (\$25/year) in Movement.

Leslie

6. Women in Philosophy Conference, Sept. 16 -18, 1988: Marilyn will meet with Lynda Lange and Debra Shogan to discuss more specifically the kinds of tasks they would like the committee to take on and then report back to the group.

Marilyn

7. There was some concern that we do not have community representation on the committee, since Lisa W. has not been to the last few meetings. Marilyn will phone Lisa to see if she is still interested in being on the committee.

Marilyn

8. Discussion of the proposal for a Women's Research Centre:

-Conceptual fuzziness around "feminist research." Not clear what is meant by "interdisciplinary research". We need to discuss these things but not sure if they should go in the document for committees to tear apart.

-Some practical concerns like should we have letters of support, should we cite the number of women on campus, number of publications?

-Pg. 9, suggestion that a video recorder would also be a useful piece of equipment for the committee to have.

-Refer to other institutions in addition to OISE, even if we just list them.

-Include what we've already done in terms of Research Centre meetings and the presentations.

-Structurally, the summary and document are not parallel. Incorporate summary stuff into the document. The three foci are problematic, especially the distinction between numbers 1 and 2.

-Mention how other research institutes bring in funding.

-Pg. 3, end of 1st par.; "...but on the whole our contribution to the literature is not significant." Concerned about our presentation of self here. Should represent ourselves more positively.

-The section "Rationale for a Feminist Research Institute" really focusses on academics.

-Perhaps "Research Objectives of the Institute" should come earlier.

-Three terms that may not be clear to non-feminists: community women, action research, and ecology.

-Should emphasize that we want the research published.

-Problems with concept of "honourary membership" and with some of the people listed there.

-Make the director full-time now and perhaps half-time later.

Discussion around whether we have changed our goal of getting the proposal through and the centre established on paper as quickly as possible. Agreed that one more draft will be necessary, but that the proposal should then be ready to go. Rebecca and Marilyn will get together to write the next draft.

Rebecca, Marilyn

10. Announcements:

Brochure for the Conference on University Research is out and there are virtually no women presenting.

March 9: Isla Paterson, Industrial Development Specialist with CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), will be speaking on "Women and Development: A Canadian Perspective", at the Women's Program and Resource Centre, 11019 90 Ave., 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

March 17: The Alberta Advisory Committee on Women's Issues is meeting on campus. There is some organizing on campus to make a presentation to them. It is a public session and anyone can present a brief.

March 19th: Women and Development Workshop with Dr. Eloise Murray. Anne Lambert has details.

11. Next meeting:

**Wednesday, March 3
9:30 - 11:30**

***When will
Stepping
Stones be
Available?***

The first component of the **Stepping Stones** program will be implemented in a limited number of schools in January, 1988. The second and third components will be introduced in succeeding years. The **Stepping Stones** program will continue to be expanded until it is available in schools throughout Alberta.

***How Do
You Get
Involved?***

-  If you are an employer, you can be involved by identifying women within your organization who are willing to act as role models.
-  If you are a woman working in a non-traditional occupation, you can be involved by acting as a role model yourself.
-  If you are a school board official, a principal, a teacher or a school guidance counsellor, you can be involved by encouraging your colleagues and students to participate in the **Stepping Stones** program.
-  If you are a parent or a concerned citizen, you can be involved by learning more about the **Stepping Stones** program.



***How Do I
Find Out
More?***

To find out more about the **Stepping Stones** program, phone or write to:

Stepping Stones
Alberta Women's Secretariat
8th Floor, Kensington Place
10011 - 109 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3S8

(403) 422-4927



Alberta
WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT

Did You Know?

The role of women in society has changed dramatically in recent years. The facts behind this change may surprise you.

The Facts

- Many women can now expect to spend at least 25 years in the paid work force.
- The traditional single-income family is no longer in the majority. In Alberta, in 1982, only 13 percent of husband-wife families were supported by the earnings of the husband alone.
- In 1987, approximately 62 percent of all adult women in Alberta are in the labour force, the highest proportion of any province in Canada.
- The majority of women still work in clerical, sales and service jobs, which are generally lower paying with fewer opportunities for growth and development.

Many women enjoy the work that they do. Some women, however, choose their jobs without being aware of the many career options available to them.

What is Stepping Stones?

Stepping Stones is about options. The **Stepping Stones** program is intended to help girls and young women to become more aware of the many career and educational options available to them. It is a learning resource which also provides boys and young men with the opportunity to learn more about career choices and the changing role of women in society. **Stepping Stones** gives all students in the classroom the chance to meet with women from a wide variety of jobs and fields of study, particularly in areas where women are under-represented.

Stepping Stones operates in the classroom during regular school hours. Women who work and study in non-traditional fields such as construction, engineering, transportation, science and high-technology participate in the **Stepping Stones** program. These women act as role models by speaking to young women and men about their education and training, their jobs, and how they combine their work and/or studies with other personal commitments.

The **Stepping Stones** program is a resource to support the career components of the new junior and senior high health curricula and was developed by the Alberta Women's Secretariat in consultation with Alberta Education and Alberta Career Development and Employment.

How Does Stepping Stones Work?

The **Stepping Stones** program is designed for students in grades where course selection usually affects future educational and career choices. The program has three major components:

- Women representing a wide variety of occupations make classroom presentations to girls and boys in grades 8 and 9.
- Women attending post-secondary institutions in a broad range of programs and courses of study make classroom presentations to girls and boys in grades 8 and 9.
- Young women in grades 11 and 12 are matched with women from a wide variety of occupations for visits to the workplace.

The Role Model Registry

The Alberta Women's Secretariat is developing a registry of women who are interested in volunteering their time to act as role models for young students. The registry is available to all schools participating in the program.

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Agenda

Wednesday, January 13

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

1. Major discussion will be the Proposal for a Women's Research Centre. A copy of the proposal will go out to committee members via campus mail Monday morning, January 11.
2. Sharon Jamieson will talk for about half an hour on improving the flow of information on campus using computers.
3. Space: The committee has been given a house on 90th Ave. (at least until May) for the Research Centre.
4. Women in Philosophy conference.
5. Other business.

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Minutes of January 13, 1988

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, L. Austin, C. Bray, R. Coulter, B. Elliott, J. Lauber, R. Liburd, R. Mott, J. Vanderpost, L. Stewart

1. Approval of the minutes of December 15.
2. Sharon Jamieson will not be coming to today's meeting in order to allow more time for discussion of the research centre proposal. She will send us a letter outlining her ideas on computer networking and will come to a future meeting if we'd like.

Both Vangie and Sande feel that they would like to resign from the committee due to other commitments. Vangie is willing to look for a replacement for her from within the Faculty of Nursing. It was agreed to ask Vangie to do this. Marilyn will contact her.

Marilyn

3. Business arising from December minutes: Pat Rooke and Cathy Cavanaugh have agreed to present their research at the March meeting of the Research Centre.

Rebecca has some documentation from Health and Welfare re: what they will be doing on daycare. She suggests we write a letter to them if we want to proceed with the daycare issue.

Rebecca sent a letter of support to the Graduate Student's Association regarding their proposal for a graduate program in Women's Studies.

4. Space: The Research Centre has been given a house at 11043 90 Avenue. The house is to be shared with the professors emeritii. We should use the house as much as possible in order to demonstrate our need for such a space. It was decided to hold the next Research Centre meeting there on February 8. Also, Marilyn, Rebecca and Lisa A. will begin to use the office space to work on their own research. This raised the issue of how the committee will determine who will be able to use the space.

We need to get a phone, answering machine and some furniture. Jean suggested that the university has a pool of furniture that we could draw from.

The International Student's Centre went to Native Studies but it may be available again in May and we could indicate at that time that we are still interested in that space.

5. Change of Heart: Lisa will introduce the facilitator.
Lisa A.

6. The revised edition of the Research Bank Information Form was distributed. Agreed to start using it and see if further modifications are needed.

Lisa will distribute the forms to graduate students in English.

Lisa A.

Leslie will distribute the forms to AWA, WISEST and the Women's Studies Committee in Arts with a covering letter directed to "you and your grad students." The letter will indicate that the forms will serve as a data base of researchers doing work about women, and will also ask if the individual would consider housing their research in the Women's Research Centre.

Leslie

7. Proposal for a Women's Research Centre
Meekison had two comments in response to the proposal: 1) if we don't want space, he can approve it immediately; if we do want space, it needs to go through some channels, 2) he was concerned that if we get into big fundraising that it may conflict with Women's Studies fundraising.

Discussion of the proposal

- Could we elect half a board at a time to allow overlap.
- Wording, pg. 2, par. 2: replace "centres" with something like "groups of researchers."
- Confusion around the different types of membership; is a subset in the second group - needs to be clearer.

- Rebecca would like to see Athabasca represented as a joint partner in the venture. Argue that the two universities support this centre, that it is a cooperative effort.
- Need strong argument as to why we need a centre: "While there are pockets of research . . . need to be pulled together." Notion of isolated scholars, etc. 2nd par. on pg. 1 starts to do this.
- Pg. 1, par. 2: change "it is difficult to have enough women" to "we don't have enough women."
- Proposal seems to be an amalgam of things. Need to focus directly on what we want from the administration; e.g., 1st par. does not serve our purpose.
- Tie in with *The Second Decade and Beyond*, GSA proposal, etc. Pull interdisciplinary idea out of 1st par.
- Need a different proposal for Advanced Ed. Would want to extend the community involvement aspect, whereas might want to downplay this at the university level.
- State that the centre is supportive of Women's Studies and will benefit W.S.
- Make specific citations re: research to be undertaken, e.g. daycare project, funding to be obtained from

Marilyn will make revisions and send it out to the committee within a week. A covering letter will go with the proposal to Meekison stating that we would like this to be a joint proposal with Athabasca University. Committee members can call Marilyn with comments about the revised proposal.

Marilyn

9. Women in Philosophy Conference, Sept. 16 - 18, 1988: Marilyn has indicated to Debbie Shogan that the committee is prepared to give a little money and do a bit of work for the conference.
10. Rosemary agreed to take on signing authority for the committee in case of Marilyn's absence.

WOMEN'S RESEARCH CENTRE

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

WOMEN'S RESEARCH BANK INFORMATION FORM

The Women's Research Centre at the University of Alberta would like to compile brief summaries of the research interests, previous work and future directions of those interested in women's research. Your participation as a respondent will ensure that such a vital regional network of researchers is extended and maintained. These summaries will be available through the Women's Resource Centre, University of Alberta, 11019 - 90 Avenue.

NOTE: This form will be reproduced as is, so type or print legibly. Please use one form per project.

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: (e.g. work, community, group, university) _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

FORM OF PROJECT: (e.g. book, article, report, film, etc.) _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

KEYWORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOUR WORK: _____

DATE/EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION: _____

Please return to Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies, University of Alberta,
11019 - 90 Avenue, Edmonton, AB., T6E 2G1.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT

Revenue/Expenditures March 31 - November 30, 1987

BALANCE FORWARD		<u>Balance</u> 1,260.63
<u>Revenue</u>		
Overpayment, Leslie's salary	310.43	
Reimbursement, NWSA membership	50.70	
Interest	22.36	
Purchase of Franklin tapes	<u>13.00</u>	
	396.49	1,657.12
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Miscellaneous	15.64	1,641.48

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

TRUST ACCOUNT (64 01131)Revenue/Expenditures May 31 - November 30, 1987

BALANCE FORWARD		<u>Balance</u> 100.00
 <u>Revenue</u>		
Transfer from Operating Account	17,836.00	17,936.00
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Salary and Benefits	2,237.47	
Computing Services	76.36	
Visiting Speakers	75.00	
Postage	64.05	
Technical Services	<u>56.00</u>	
	2,508.88	15,427.12
 <u>Commitments</u>		
Salary and Benefits (December)	307.10	
Petty Cash	33.79	
Postage	29.16	
Technical Services	<u>18.00</u>	
	388.05	15,039.0
 <u>Budgetted Expenditures</u>		
Salary and Benefits	1,918.18	
Rent, Women's Program (8 mo. @ \$75)	600.00	
Photocopying, Women's Program (8 mo. @ \$20)	160.00	
Computer (4 mo. @ \$20)	<u>80.00</u>	
	2,758.18	12,280.89

Covering Note to Committee Members, January 11 1988.

Enclosed is my proposed restructuring of the research proposal for submission to the administration. It is much shorter, much less chatty, and I think much more to the point.

Other than that there is a substantive change proposed in the development of membership and the generation of a coordinating body from that membership. There is also a somewhat different description given to the research agenda, but I think it covers the kinds of thing we discussed. I did not get a conclusion written.

I think we should discuss this with the longer document in the background. It will clearly be necessary to add to this a bit of concrete material, which I think can be taken from the previous document (or other suggestions would be welcome). But in general, I am suggesting that we go to the administrative committees with a relatively short, five to ten page, document which looks a lot like this.


Marilyn

Women's Research Centre: an Institute for Feminist Research

Introduction

Although there is no single vision of Feminist Research in the literature, there are two elements to it which distinguish it from mainstream academic research. It is first of all research which is grounded in women's experience, research which derives its problematics from the lives of women rather than from a theoretical perspective, and secondly research which is oriented to improving the situation of women in our society. The first element implies that Feminist research is primarily interdisciplinary, although there is also a major direction in this research which critiques current models of knowledge within disciplines and attempts to identify alternative orientations. The second element implies that feminist research involves a partnership between women working inside and outside of the university to improve women's situation.

Although the University of Alberta has a number of academics who have contributed to such research, especially within discipline boundaries, we have not participated in a major way to the development of what is now a very large body of literature. This is at least partly because the departmentalization of a university tends to work against interdisciplinary research, and partly because it is difficult to have enough women within most departments to create a critical mass of feminist scholars.

The University also includes academic women who attempt to bridge a gap between their own research and the work of women working elsewhere in the community (either in women's groups or government circles), but to date this has only been done on an ad hoc basis; there has not been the development of a centre for such women to come to know each other and develop and share their work in an on-going fashion.

We are here proposing that the University establish a Women's Research Centre which will begin to address these problems. As a research centre its primary focus will be on the development of knowledge and on methodologies which are appropriate for interdisciplinary and applied research. As a structure within a departmentalized university its secondary focus will be on the development of research models which will make it possible for academics well trained within the many disciplines of the university, from science through arts to the professions, to communicate with each other and to recognize ways in which their research can become complementary and interdisciplinary. Finally, as a structure which will intentionally cross university/community boundaries its third focus will be

on research models which can bring together theoretical and applied knowledge, which will make it possible for women working within and outside the university to communicate with each other as they address related issues and problems.

The Structure of the Women's Research Centre

The Research Centre would require a structure which would enable it to include Feminist researchers working inside and outside of the university, and which would enable academics and students from the various sectors of the university to know that the centre was one place where they could locate their research. One of the University of Alberta centres of such research in the future will be the undergraduate women's studies programme in the Faculty of Arts; a second centre is the women currently working in WISEST (women from both on and off the campus); a third centre of women's work related to research is the Faculty of Extension Women's Programme and Resource Centre; and a fourth centre of such women the current co-ordinating committee on women's studies. Local structures outside the campus which are most actively engaged in research include the women's secretariat of the provincial government and women's action groups. In addition, the Women's Programme of Athabasca University (which collaborated within the University of Alberta in submission for a Women's Studie Chair), is a centre for feminist research at another local university. The structure should recognize all of these groups, but should also make it possible for women who are not active in any such organizations, whose only interest is in doing related research, to work actively within the centre.

The initial Centre membership therefore will consist of women who are active in the above organizations and other women with an interested in feminist research, whether in the academy or the community. This membership would, once a year, elect members to a board which would administer the institute.

A second type of membership would be the membership of those women who are currently active in feminist research and wish to locate their research in the institute. This would include only two categories, resident research scholars who are residents of the city or the province, and visiting research scholars who are visiting the area for a year or less. The first group would include academics, community researchers, researchers within government structures, students, and anyone considered active in feminist research who lived close enough to have regular contact with the centre. The second group would likely consist mostly of university visitors on sabbatical, but may well include women doing research in the community on some short-term basis.

These women would carry ordinary memberships, so they could participate in the annual meeting and election of the board, and research scholar memberships so they could participate in the daily research activity of the centre. Some of these members may be paid research assistants within the centre, either working for one project or for a number of projects.

The staffing of the centre would consist of a coordinator and secretarial/ clerical assistance. The co-ordinator's work would be to ensure that information flowed amongst members of the centre, that an annual meeting of members was called and a board elected, that a budget was in place and accounts were kept, and that research meetings and seminars were organized for the presentation of research and the development of further research. In the case of women working in the community, she would also facilitate the meeting of women and women's groups who had clear research problems with women who might be willing and able to do the required research.

Space requirements for such a centre would be offices for the coordinator and the secretarial assistance, offices for visiting researchers, and a reasonably large seminar and meeting room. These offices would need telephones, desks, chairs, and bookcases; the co-ordinator and secretaries office would require a filing cabinet, and the seminar room would require appropriate tables and chairs. The centre would also need one micro-computer for administrative work, one or more micro-computers with a mainframe connection for researchers, and a photocopying machine. Although some other resource material would be kept at the centre, in general centre members would use and support the resource centre of the Faculty of Extension Women's Programme and the Library system of the University of Alberta.

Research Agenda

The research agenda will build primarily out of the interests of researchers rather than being determined by the institute. We would, however, anticipate a research agenda which will include the following elements:

a) The development of research which is clearly directed towards problems and issues identified as important by women working in the community such as violence against women and sexual abuse, economic realities faced by women, child-care provisions etc.

b) The development of critical feminist research which is largely within the academy; this may be within any of the disciplines or professions from English and Comparative Literature through the social and natural sciences to Law, Education, Engineering, Nursing and so on.

c) The development of interdisciplinary research which builds partly on the critical work within the academy and partly on the issues research which is largely generated outside the academy.

d) The development of research which helps women contextualize their on-going work within a local, national, and international historical process, such as work on the Alberta "Famous Five", work on Women in the Farm movement, and so on.

e) Theoretical and Methodological work which enables all of the above to be set into an explanatory structure (or structures).

Funding and Budget

The Women's Research Centre should not be an expensive body. The space described above would be essential, but we would expect it to not involve direct costs to the centre. The major costs would be personnel and the capital purchases required to establish the centre. Capital costs, as one-time only costs, would be about \$30,000. Personnel costs on a full-time basis should be between \$50,000 and \$60,000 per annum, and the centre should start with those positions on a part-time rather than full-time basis. An additional \$10,000 to \$20,000 would be needed for running the centre, but any other funding would be on a project basis only.

The centre should, through time, develop endowment funds which would ensure its continued financial support at a level of between \$80,000 and \$100,00. However, in the short term, we would attempt to locate funding from other sources outside the university to begin to staff the facility.

Conclusion

**Coordinating Committee Agenda,
December 15, 1987.**

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of Nov 18, 1987.
3. Subcommittee on Dissemination of Research Information(Cathy, Bridgette, Leslie)
4. List of committee members of selected women's committees on campus.
5. Research Meeting of December 10
6. Report on meeting with Meekison; subcommittee?
7. Space
8. Report from Arts Committee on Women's Studies
-Fund Raising proposal
9. Graduate student's workshop on Research
10. Budget
11. Sharon Jamieson on computer networking
12. Other Business (Round)
13. Next meeting date and time; set for January to May term.

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Minutes of December 15, 1987

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, V. Bergum, C. Bray, R. Coulter, B. Elliott, R. Liburd, R. Mott, L. Stewart

1. The minutes of November 18, 1987 did not make mention of Janice's suggestion of some sort of research seminar or group for graduate students doing work in feminist/women's studies.
2. Approval of agenda: add #11, "Film Series" to agenda.
3. Report from subcommittee on Dissemination of Research Information:
 The "Research Bank Information Forms" which committee members received in the mail were handed out at the December 10th Research Centre meeting. It was felt that a research bank of local researchers might serve a need not met by the CRIAW or University research banks, and creating the form was an attempt to obtain such information. The forms will be filed in a binder which will be housed in the Women's Program Resource Centre.
 Suggestions for changes to the form: 1) indicate that the researcher can fill out several sheets if she has several projects on the go; 2) add a space for the researcher to fill in keywords which describe her work. This will allow for filing the information in a binder under broad subject headings, such as those used for ephemera in the Resource Centre; 3) is not a very useful system for people outside of Edmonton who cannot get to the Resource Centre. In the future we may want to consider putting the information on a computerized database. Leslie will incorporate these suggestions into a new form and distribute to the committee.
Leslie
4. The lists of committee members of the Women's Studies Committee in Arts, the Women's Program and Resource Centre and the WISEST executive were distributed.
5. Research Meeting of December 10th: Fewer people (about 10) attended this meeting than attended the last one, but it went well. The next meeting will be **Monday February 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** Bring \$3.00 for pizza instead of pot luck. Will ask Lisa Walter (Cathy will contact her) to present along with Vangie. **Cathy**

The following meeting of the Research Centre will be on **March 10th**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Rebecca will contact Pat Rooke and Cathy Cavanaugh to see if they would be willing to present their work, which is in the area of feminist biography.

Rebecca

It was agreed do some formal advertising for the Research Centre meetings. Therefore, notices will go to the following: 1)committee members 2)all those who have attended previous meetings 3)graduate student's bulletin 4)Common Woman Books for posting 5)ASWAC Newsletter 6)Folio 7)AWA Newsletter 8)Movement. Say on the notice that if people would like further information, or to be put on the mailing list, contact Leslie.

Leslie

6. Report on the meeting with Meekison: Marilyn and Rosemary met with Dr. Meekison and discussed the proposal for a Research Centre. Agreed to refine the proposal and make it less "chatty". Meekison would like to take it to the Academic Planning Committee in February and then to the University Priority Committee. (A copy of a brief report on that meeting is enclosed).

Marilyn will work on the proposal and get it out to the committee prior to the January meeting. That meeting will be devoted to discussing the proposal and making final changes.

Marilyn

The committee will have a budget of \$10,000 next year from Dr. Meekison. This led to a discussion of the Research Centre and funding for the Research Centre:

- Rebecca suggested that childcare might be an issue that we could get research money for - especially childcare in rural areas and mainstreaming in childcare. Would be good idea to phone Mary Lou in NAC's Ottawa office and talk to her about where funding might be available.
- Should make a point of announcing at the Research Centre meetings where research money might be available. Committee members might think about potential researchers. Should continue these discussions at the research meetings and write-up them up for distribution.
- The committee could assist in matching up people and grants. Also important to reach graduate students and help them to do their work.

7. Wayne Hansen is eager for us to decide what we want in terms of space. Native Studies has been given the International Student's Centre (next door to the Women's Program). Decided that, above all, we would like a house. Rosemary will contact Wayne with this request.

Rosemary

8. The Coordinator of the Women's Studies program is now Winifred Thom from Religious Studies, currently at the University of Calgary. She'll be here July 1.

There was a proposal at the Arts Committee meeting that there be a process for women-centered groups on campus to raise funds. Shirley was going to write CCWS, WISEST and WPRC to see if a fund-raising committee consisting of one person from each group should be formed. Decided that a subcommittee should meet to work out a proposal that all four committees can then look at. Will wait until we receive the letter from Shirley to proceed.

9. Janice suggested at the last meeting that the committee provide some forum for graduate students doing feminist work. Perhaps this discussion could be part of the Research Centre meetings, as graduate students should be included in such meetings.

Rebecca feels that there is a larger role for the committee to play in terms of graduate students; i.e. support, "mentoring".

Suggestion that a one-day workshop for graduate students might be useful as well.

Cathy mentioned that the Graduate Students Association had presented a proposal for a graduate program in Women's Studies. Leslie will make copies and send them out with the minutes. Marilyn will write a letter of support on behalf of the committee and will express the concern that interdisciplinary work be possible. Rebecca will also send a letter of support. Additional letters from individuals would also be appropriate.

Marilyn, Rebecca, Leslie

10. Marilyn has not prepared a budget yet but will. Will give a brief "budgetary comment" to Meekison regarding the spending of next year's funds.

Marilyn

- ii) Film Series: Anne Wheeler will be unable to attend the showing of Change of Heart. Vangie will look after getting a replacement.
11. Sharon Jamieson, who sits on the Women's Issues Committee of the Academic Staff Association, would like to come and talk to us about improving the flow of information on campus via computer. Sharon is also doing research on sessionals which might be well-housed in the Research Centre. Agreed to invite her to the January meeting to speak for about half an hour.
12. Other Business: Rebecca will be meeting with the Alberta Federation of Labour, Women's Committee in January or February. They are interested in developing some film/video materials.
13. Dates and times for upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, January 13

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Agenda: Sharon Jamieson, Research Centre Proposal

Wednesday, February 10

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 2

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 6

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meeting with Meekison, Wednesday Dec 9 at 9 a.m.
(Rosemary Liburd and Marilyn Assheton-Smith).

The main purpose was to discuss the Research Centre, and in general to touch bases with Dr. Meekison. We also wanted to ensure that he had the updated list of the membership.

1. He had the updated membership list and the last minutes; he was interested in the Research Centre meeting already held and we discussed that briefly.
2. He now seems to be recommending that the Research Centre proposal go through the decision-making bodies of the university, i.e. Academic Planning Committee and University Priorities Committee. He thinks a copy of the proposal should go to Bob James (V-P Research) as soon as possible, and we should discuss it with him before moving to committees. In principle, it is not essential to route our proposal through this committee structure as he can approve a Research Centre without so doing. However, he should only do so if there are neither space nor financial (line budget) implications for the university. He thinks it would be useful to have it approved by the committees mentioned, even if they would not be likely to fund it at present. Otherwise, we simply asked him to comment on the current proposal, recognizing that it is still more chatty than formal and it will have to be modified in that respect prior to going through the university structure. We agreed to try to get a proposal to him after Christmas; the Academic Planning Committee will not meet until February and it could be on the agenda at that time.
3. He agreed to consider continuing financial support to the committee, of about \$10,000 per year. I have prepared a letter requesting those funds and will send it today if the committee agrees with the content of it.
4. It was a pleasant meeting.

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Position paper:

Task Force on Graduate Program in Women's Studies

November 18, 1987

We need ... to know more about women and to pay greater attention to what is known. As the study of women becomes 'legitimate', there will be a greater emphasis on what has been done and greater access to what is now being done."

-Marylee Stephenson, Women in Canada

Women's roles in the family, in the economy, and in academia are undergoing profound changes - changes that affect all of us. Women now outnumber men in Alberta universities; three out of four Canadian women will be financially independent at some time in their lives, and only an average of 13 out of every 100 Alberta families constitute the "traditional" family in which the male is the sole breadwinner. (Edmonton Journal, "Women in the Labor Force", Oct. 19, 1986; citation from Statistics Canada) Education has played a major role in this remarkable change; Judge Rosalie Abella, in a 1984 Royal Commission report on equality in employment, identifies education, the "myth killer and skill giver", as a crucial agent in this change process. "Dramatic changes in the school system" are required to adequately fulfill both these functions, she advises.

We propose that the University of Alberta establish a graduate program in Women's Studies for the following reasons:

Firstly, there is a great need for a program focusing on women's studies and gender-based research issues. At present, interested members of the university feminist community are circulating a petition appealing that such a program be established. We believe that a great deal of support for this program already exists: attendance at various women's studies lectures and seminars has been consistently excellent, and interest in women's studies is at a very high level. Unfortunately, the University lacks graduate credit courses in women's studies that can be taken

towards a women's studies degree; it is difficult to focus on women's studies at the University because of this lack of a structured program. Those interested in women's studies must use a "hit-or-miss" system when enrolling in courses, with no guarantee that any single course will have a particular emphasis on women's issues.

Secondly, establishing a formal network of courses for potential students would formalize and speed up a very involved process. Presently, a student interested in pursuing a graduate degree in women's studies must first approach the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research for approval of his/her courses. This route is extremely circuitous; it is also, inevitably, inconsistent, as there are no formal course requirements and no one program coordinator for graduate women's studies. In practical terms, women's studies students might not have any courses in common. No theory or introductory courses in women's studies are offered at the graduate level.

Thirdly, it is not only a programmatic structure that is needed; students interested in women's studies are now "out in the cold", unable to exchange ideas, discussion, and concerns. These students lack the "critical mass" so necessary in a university community. We believe that founding a graduate program in women's studies would be a positive influence on these students: under the guidance of a department, students and faculty could freely and easily exchange ideas. It is difficult now for students (both those presently attending the University and potential students) to become acquainted with each other, to discuss their studies, to design programs, or to seek supervisory guidance.

Fourthly, a graduate program in women's studies at the University would be something of a trend-setter: only four other universities in Canada, and none on the Prairies, offer such programs. To establish a graduate program in women's studies would pull in a heterogeneous group of students, attracted by the reputation of the University of Alberta as an innovative and research-oriented institution. To now establish a women's studies graduate program makes good sense in view of the position taken in The Next Decade and Beyond, which emphasizes the importance of graduate studies at the University and recommends that FGSR enrollment be raised to 20% of all students.

We propose that this program should take an interdisciplinary approach, with a required course in theory or methodology. The strength in this approach lies in its diversity. In this framework, the nature of women's studies demands a structure that transcends departmental boundaries: women's issues and roles in history, literature, politics, sociology, business, law, medicine, theology, education, and the sciences could be successfully explored in this framework. This would allow the student to choose an emphasis which suited him/her, whether in literature, sociology, history, or the sciences, but retaining a common core of theory and methodology courses.

In other women's studies programs (for example, the undergraduate program at Simon Fraser University) professors have joint appointments with such departments as Psychology, art, History, Computer Science, and Philosophy. Existing faculty could make up the nucleus of the program; they could then be appointed to joint semester positions in women's studies. As at SFU, feminist scholars could be invited on a visiting or exchange basis to teach courses. Also, additional courses in departments outside women's studies could be considered for credit in the new program, provided those courses have a high women's studies content. There is also the possibility that those undergraduate women's studies courses scheduled to begin in 1988 could be upgraded for graduate studies. This would be a low-cost approach to the establishment of a new program - helpful in these budget-conscious times.

We feel that it is important that women's issues are researched in the depth and breadth they deserve. As an historical, political, and sociological phenomenon, contemporary changes in women's roles, and the issues arising from these changes, should be examined closely; they relate to nearly every facet of everyday life. To establish a graduate program in women's studies would signal the University's openness to innovation, but also indicate its willingness to listen to those in need of research facilities and guidance for graduate work in a topic that affects all of us.

Additional Notes:

Since our meeting with Dean Chia of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research on December 2, the following possibilities for reaching our goal have been established:

1. Those interested in women's studies have a dire and immediate need to meet, discuss research and exchange ideas. Therefore, we feel that the establishment of an Institute or Center for Women's Studies on campus is essential. This Center could be administered by a director appointed by its Board of Governors; University funding could be requested in order to obtain office space, publicity, etc.

2. Two options were put forth by Dean Chia, which he termed "short-term" and "long-term". The former is that an existing department be approached to act as sponsor for the women's studies graduate program; the department would put this proposal to a vote of its Department Council. This way present teaching staff and existing facilities could be used to set up the program. Dean Chia suggested the Sociology department, which is a large department, has a large graduate student population, and also has a fine reputation as a research department. However, it must be stressed that this is only the beginning - other departments could also be approached, among them English, Comparative Literature, Political Science, Psychology, History, or any of several others. This sponsoring department would then be able to award degrees in (for example) Sociology/Women's Studies. We can also see the Women's Studies Institute having a great deal of contact with this department, perhaps in an advisory role, and certainly in the role of publicity and directing interested students to this department. This approach is by far the simplest and least costly.

The latter approach, which is to go through the established mechanisms in General Faculties Council and then through the Academic Development Committee, requires approval time of three to ten years; it also raises problems of money (there is little or no chance of a new program or department being allocated money in the present bad times for academia), office space, equipment, and the possible hiring of new professors.

3. What then is the role of the Graduate Students' Association? Firstly, the task force requires help in establishing the level of support and interest in a graduate

program in women's studies among the graduate students already on campus. In June the GSA gave the task force a mandate to "review the need for establishing a graduate studies program in Women's Studies"; we believe that such a need exists and should be acted upon, but we need GSA support and endorsement in order to plan our actions.

We would also appreciate the ideas and support of other groups on campus who realize the need for a graduate program in women's studies. It is only through the cooperation and help of interested groups that we can achieve this goal.

**Co-ordinating Committee on Women's Studies
Agenda, Wednesday November 18, 1987.**

1. Agenda test
2. Minutes of the last meeting (October 7)
3. Additional members
 - Janice Williamson
 - Bridget Elliot
 - Lisa Austin
 - Any others? Need still to advise Meekison
4. Research Centre Meeting on Oct 22, report
 - Shall we schedule another before Christmas?
5. Film Series, to date
 - Firewords
 - Speaking our Peace

 - to come
 - Change of Heart (Ann Wheeler) January 21
 - Behind the Veil (Fran Hare) March 3
6. Brief budget discussion
7. Chez Nous (Rosemary)
8. Arts Committee on Women's Studies, our representation, other comments
9. Other Business
10. Date and time of next meeting?

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

Minutes of November 18, 1987

Present:

M. Assheton-Smith, L. Austin, C. Bray, S. Copeland, B. Elliott, A. Lambert, J. Lauber, R. Liburd, L. Penrod, J. Vanderpost, L. Walter, J. Williamson, L. Stewart.

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of October 7, 1987.
3. Welcome to new committee members. Agreed to invite Robin Mott to join the committee as well.

Rosemary

4. Evaluation of the Research Centre meeting: Generally felt that the evening was very worthwhile and that the energy was high. Was valuable because it raised questions that the research centre will continue to face; i.e. the boundaries of research and where feminist research sits in relation to them. Some points to consider:
 - shorten the time period
 - more clarity, if possible, around structure of the evening (for presenters' benefit)
 - how do we want to advertise the meetings?
 - possibly the need for some evaluation that participants can be involved in
 - will probably be a fluid group with different people attending different sessions

Next meeting of the research centre:

Thursday, December 10
5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Pot luck
Women's Program and Resource Centre

Cathy will contact Barbara Evans to see if she would be interested in presenting her work. If Barbara is not available, will ask Lisa Walter to talk about the family violence project. Marilyn will be the second presenter.

Cathy

Will have a "sign up" sheet at the meeting for future presenters. We will also circulate a sign-up sheet for women who attend to provide us with their names and addresses.

Leslie

Agreed to publicize the meeting in Movement (Cathy), the Women's Studies Newsletter (Leslie) and ask that it be announced at the next AWA meeting (Rosemary).

Cathy, Leslie, Rosemary

Also, committee members should contact the people they told about the first meeting, since we made a commitment to do that. Others are welcome as well.

Suggestion that it would be nice to have some sort of "proceedings" from the meetings. These might be short summaries of the researcher's work or address the question of "feminist

Information pamphlets were distributed.

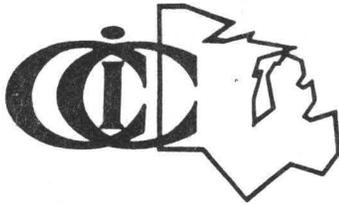
(ii) Marilyn gave a brief synopsis of the CRIAW conference in Winnipeg. Marilyn is now a member at large and Joan Ryan from Calgary is the Alberta representative.

(iii) Rosemary is sitting on the selection committee for the Dean of Student Services and they welcome applications.

11. Items for the agenda for next month's meeting:
- fundraising
 - Chez Nous
 - meeting time for Jan. - Apr. 1988. **Please bring your schedules to this meeting.**

Next meeting:

Tuesday, December 15
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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**Co-ordinating Committee on Women's Studies
Agenda, Wednesday November 18, 1987.**

1. Agenda test
2. Minutes of the last meeting (October 7)
3. Additional members
 - Janice Williamson
 - Bridget Elliot
 - Lisa Austin
 - Any others? Need still to advise Meekison
4. Research Centre Meeting on Oct 22, report
 - Shall we schedule another before Christmas?
5. Film Series, to date
 - Firewords
 - Speaking our Peace

 - to come
 - Change of Heart (Ann Wheeler) January 21
 - Behind the Veil (Fran Hare) March 3
6. Brief budget discussion
7. Chez Nous (Rosemary)
8. Arts Committee on Women's Studies, our representation, other comments
9. Other Business
10. Date and time of next meeting?

COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

Minutes of November 18, 1987

Present:

M. Assheton-Smith, L. Austin, C. Bray, S. Copeland, B. Elliott, A. Lambert, J. Lauber, R. Liburd, L. Penrod, J. Vanderpost, L. Walter, J. Williamson, L. Stewart.

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of October 7, 1987.
3. Welcome to new committee members. Agreed to invite Robin Mott to join the committee as well.

Rosemary

4. Evaluation of the Research Centre meeting: Generally felt that the evening was very worthwhile and that the energy was high. Was valuable because it raised questions that the research centre will continue to face; i.e. the boundaries of research and where feminist research sits in relation to them. Some points to consider:
 - shorten the time period
 - more clarity, if possible, around structure of the evening (for presenters' benefit)
 - how do we want to advertise the meetings?
 - possibly the need for some evaluation that participants can be involved in
 - will probably be a fluid group with different people attending different sessions

Next meeting of the research centre:

Thursday, December 10
5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Pot luck
Women's Program and Resource Centre

Cathy will contact Barbara Evans to see if she would be interested in presenting her work. If Barbara is not available, will ask Lisa Walter to talk about the family violence project. Marilyn will be the second presenter.

Cathy

Will have a "sign up" sheet at the meeting for future presenters. We will also circulate a sign-up sheet for women who attend to provide us with their names and addresses.

Leslie

Agreed to publicize the meeting in Movement (Cathy), the Women's Studies Newsletter (Leslie) and ask that it be announced at the next AWA meeting (Rosemary).

Cathy, Leslie, Rosemary

Also, committee members should contact the people they told about the first meeting, since we made a commitment to do that. Others are welcome as well.

Suggestion that it would be nice to have some sort of "proceedings" from the meetings. These might be short summaries of the researcher's work or address the question of "feminist

Information pamphlets were distributed.

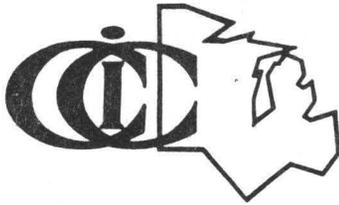
(ii) Marilyn gave a brief synopsis of the CRIAW conference in Winnipeg. Marilyn is now a member at large and Joan Ryan from Calgary is the Alberta representative.

(iii) Rosemary is sitting on the selection committee for the Dean of Student Services and they welcome applications.

11. Items for the agenda for next month's meeting:
- fundraising
 - Chez Nous
 - meeting time for Jan. - Apr. 1988. **Please bring your schedules to this meeting.**

Next meeting:

Tuesday, December 15
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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Marilyn

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Agenda for the Coordinating Committee Meeting of October 7, 1987.

This is defined as an "organizing" kind of meeting, implying that we will deal with essential detail work rather than the research centre. The following meeting, scheduled for Thursday Oct 22 and not one which we will necessarily all want to attend, will be research only.

1. Agenda test
2. Minutes of the last meeting and any unfinished work from them.
3. Appointing new members to the committee; names to be proposed and agreed upon, women to be approached, and Meekison to be advised (One more student, other academic members, community members to wait until research work is progressing).
4. Film Series... posters ready, any other details?
5. Name of Research Centre:
 - a) Women's Research Centre
 - b) Centre for Women's Research
 - c) Centre for Feminist Research
 - d) Institute...?(problem re: confusion with existing women's programmes on campus)
6. Debbie Shogun's request re: support for Women in Philosophy meeting at U of A. (Research Centre support? Committee support?).
7. Comments from Marilyn re: meeting in Hull (Communicating Feminist Research and Women's Studies in Canada).
8. Any information exchange from the Women's Studies Committee in Arts
9. Developing scheduled days (noon hour or other meeting times) for presenting research to interested women. Research could be early or finished stages, but focus always to be not only on "findings" but methodologies that are being used and feminist implications of research.
10. Beginning a bulletin of on-going feminist research in the community (on and off campus). (maybe every two months?)
11. Meeting date after Oct 22.

12. Meeting structure for Oct 22.

- Arrangements re organizing to date
- Time 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Place Women's Program and Resource Centre i.e "the house"
- A maximum of 15 people (to set a pattern which will be used later for research working groups)
- Set a tone of welcoming and participation, research in development
- Two "dyads" if possible to present their research plans to the whole group (with a community problem as the centre of that work)
- One or two "monads" to present their research plans to the whole group (could be seen as academic research)
- The whole group to discuss each plan after it is presented in relation to how clear the problem is, what are possible directions the research might go, what are feminist or women centred implications, and what are methodological issues... i.e. to brainstorm in relation to the research, not to judge it.
- Setting the next meeting date for this group?
- Noting provisions for "presentation of research" to larger sessions (perhaps decided in agenda item 8 and 9 above).

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The research centre should be seen primarily as a place for support related to research, that is:

- a place where feminist researchers can discuss their work and where they know they will get attentive helpful ears (no matter how ill formulated their plans are).
- a place where researchers can find others to brainstorm with when

they hit a seemingly impossible block in their research
-a place where others will have ideas about obtaining funds, although there may be no or few funds attached to the centre
-a place where research methodology is constantly being discussed, not in the sense of statistical or even scientific canons but in the sense of "how do we come to know the answer to these questions?" "what does our knowing have to do with action in relation to some questions?" "is the way that we have chosen to seek the answer the best way? or is it in any way harmful to women? or helpful to women?"
-a place where others will have ideas about gathering existing information on the question, whether from data-bases or library resources or other researchers.

Someday it will be a place with some administrative, technical, and maybe even research assistant type of support, but that we cannot do without money so it will have to wait.

(Rosemary and I worked through these ideas last Monday night; we think they will provide a means of getting the research centre going).

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Susan Bernick, Minneapolis,
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Commentator: Alison Wylie,
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Lunch
12:15-
1:30 p.m.
1:45-
3:15 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions II

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Debra Shogan, University of
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**The Philosophy Question in
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Commentator: Katherine Pepper-
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Laura Westra, Clemson University,
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- 3:30-
5:00 p.m.
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Business Meeting — U.C. 442
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**On Separation from and
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Banquet — U.C. 103

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- 10:00- Concurrent Sessions IV
11:30 a.m.
1. U.C. 441
Bonnelle Strickling, Vancouver
Community College, Vancouver,
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**Helping, Guiding, Supporting
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Issues for Feminist Therapists
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Commentator: Sheila Mullett,
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Barbara Houston, University of New
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**Womenly Virtues: Do We Want
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Commentator: Susan Sherwin,
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- 11:45- U.C. 441
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Susan Bernick, Minneapolis,
Minnesota
**Toward a Value-Laden Theory:
Feminism and Social Science**
Commentator: Alison Wylie,
University of Western Ontario,
London, Ontario

Lunch
12:15-
1:30 p.m.
1:45-
3:15 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions II

1. U.C. 441
Debra Shogan, University of
Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta
**The Philosophy Question in
Feminism**
Commentator: Katherine Pepper-
Smith, OISE, Toronto, Ontario
2. U.C. 442
Laura Westra, Clemson University,
South Carolina
**Comparable Worth and the
'Standard Setters': a Question of
Professional Ethics**
Commentator: Lois Pineau, York
University, Toronto, Ontario

- 3:30-
5:00 p.m.
6:00-
7:30 p.m.
Business Meeting — U.C. 442
Keynote Speaker:
Jean Grimshaw, Bristol Polytechnic,
Bristol, United Kingdom
**On Separation from and
Connection to Others: Women's
Mothering and the Idea of a
Female Ethic**
(sponsored by British Council)
7:30 p.m. Banquet — U.C. 103

Sunday, September 20

- 10:00- Concurrent Sessions IV
11:30 a.m.
1. U.C. 441
Bonnelle Strickling, Vancouver
Community College, Vancouver,
British Columbia
**Helping, Guiding, Supporting
and Accompanying: Some Moral
Issues for Feminist Therapists
and their Women Clients**
Commentator: Sheila Mullett,
Concordia University, Montreal,
Quebec

2. U.C. 442
Barbara Houston, University of New
Hampshire
**Womenly Virtues: Do We Want
Them?**
Commentator: Susan Sherwin,
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova
Scotia

- 11:45- U.C. 441
1:15 p.m. Panel Discussion:
Feminist Knowledge
Participants:
Susan Bordo, LeMoyne College,
Syracuse, N.Y.
Lorraine Code, York University,
Toronto, Ontario
Jean Grimshaw, Bristol Polytechnic,
Bristol, U.K.
1:30- U.C. 442
2:30 p.m. Lunch and Closing Remarks

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**Women's Research Centre,
Athabasca University/University of Alberta,
11043-90th Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta Canada T6G 2E1**

Date: May 31 1989

TO: Members of the Operations Committee of the Women's
Research Centre

FROM: Mary P.

RE: the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be on

MONDAY JUNE 12 1989 at 7:00 PM at the RESEARCH CENTRE

(Please note change in time. ie. 7:00 not 7:30 PM)

late note: Don't forget the Wine and Cheese and Dessert Party
for URSULA FRANKLIN, at Diana's, 10935 85 Avenue
on SATURDAY JUNE 10th at 7:30 PM

December 13, 1988 Women's Research Centre; meeting with Meekison

Text of note sent to Cathy Bray re: meeting Dec 12 with Meekison.

I met with Meekison yesterday to check on the procedure now for formalizing the Research Centre's relationship with the two Universities. Rebecca and I met with Ross Paul and Peter in about May as I recall and it was agreed that we would do something formal once the centre had been approved by all levels of the U of A.

Meekison suggested that I sit down with someone from Athabasca and draft what would be a letter of understanding between the two universities.

I am then to take that to Dave Norwood (who has been involved in a number of such agreements with other universities) to see if he can see any problems. It then could come from the U of A to Athabasca (i.e. to Ross) to be sure there were no problems, and would be changed or signed. His suggestion was that it be quite simple and short and include:

- a) U of A contribution (space, overhead)
- b) Athabasca's contribution (Rebecca and I had talked about computers and Ross had thought a little money; we could work on this a bit between the two of them)
- c) shares of operating budget (we talked about 20% Athabasca and 80% U of A in our original meeting; we might test other figures)
- d) reopening clause (how do we renegotiate the agreement if it does not seem to be working at any future date)
- e) amendment clause.. how do we amend it given some need for a change which might not be major
- f) governing structure... for example, if/when we appoint a director and assuming it is a university position, who appoints her, reviews her for promotion and tenure, etc. Also, what are our reporting lines within the universities.

We don't need to rush this, but it should be done in the next two months or so. I am communicating with you as "Athabasca" at the moment by the way, but I think it might be a good move on your part to include Barb in this and do it over lunch or in a hopefully short afternoon meeting. We could take it to the last meeting of the co-ordinating committee to see if they see any big problems (that would be perhaps better than the developing collective, although I am not averse to taking it there also).

This sounds like a big item, but I think the key is to keep it simple and treat it as meeting necessary administrative requirements but to write it in a way that won't tie the Centre's hands unduly. (i.e. the centre collective's hands). We'll write in a small operating budget under c) and see if that flies anywhere, and then hopefully not have to deal with the

administration a lot after that.

The next move, once all of this is done, will be to formally be placed under the Vice-President Research at this university. Meekison agreed with me that it would not be appropriate to do that until the negotiations with Athabasca which he has already begun are completed. (He and Ross Paul seem

to have a good communicative relationship; I gather they see each other at various formal meetings).

Finally, he advised me to write to McCoy, which I will do, (about money). That is fyi, it does not matter if you are U of A or Athabasca.

End text of note to Cathy.

I don't think I need to add much to this in relation to the conversation with Peter Meekison. He sees it as "drawing up a research centre agreement". David Norwood is the Associate vice-president under Warnock and I spoke with him on the phone this morning. He said wait until we had drafted something and then bring it to him. I said it would likely be after Christmas and he said no problem.

Meekison also said I should send a note to Elaine McCoy who is very interested in the centre. Horowitz was on a phone-o-thon with her last week and talked about the Centre and she was very keen. Meekison is to send me the note from Horowitz to him about it, but he thinks a brief letter asking if we could apply for a grant enclosing a copy of the document would be enough. It would not hurt after that to talk to "whoever we know in the secretariat" (I was thinking of Janina actually, but others might be useful too). He did not mention it, but I must send a copy of the letter to him. I have marked it on my calender for Thursday or Friday, and will get a copy of the proposal off MTS tonight (I need extras to distribute, and should have some for the library people I will meet with on Thursday of this week).

I will keep my note following the meeting with Meekison on file. It is scratchy, but has a lot of information on it.

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② Resignation clause

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If either party identifies problems in this agreement ~~then~~ the appropriate vice-president will notify the other v.p. in writing. Within 30 days there will be a date set for opening and renegotiating the agreement.

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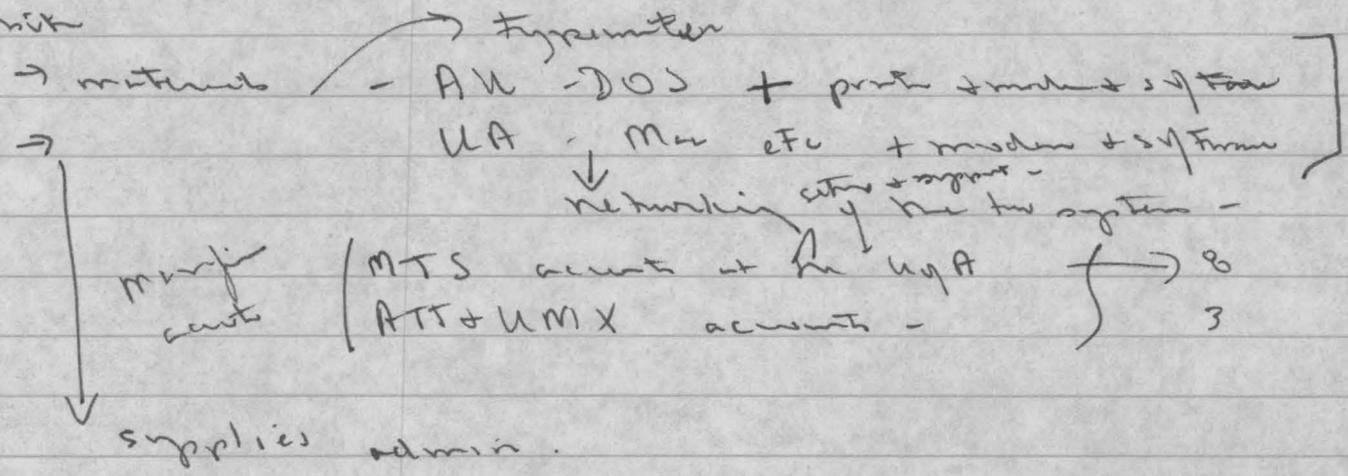
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Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Agenda

**Wednesday, September 16
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

1. Major discussion will be community participation in the Research Institute.
2. Other business (15 - 30 minutes):
 - i) Appointment of new committee members.

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Minutes of September 16, 1987

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, V. Bergum, C. Bray, S. Copeland, R. Coulter, R. Liburd,
H. Olson, L. Penrod, L. Walter, L. Stewart

1. Approval of minutes of August 26, 1987.
2. Welcome to Sande Copeland, a new committee member representing undergraduate students. Sande is currently working on her B.A. in Canadian Studies.
3. Main agenda item: community involvement in the Research Institute. Wide-ranging discussion, but some points discussed were as follows (also, please see Marilyn and Rosemary's notes in item 12 of the Agenda for the October 7 meeting):

- Have a meeting and invite interested women from the community. Women could talk about research they may be involved in.

- Could alternate meetings between 1) the next step for the institute and 2) women presenting their research. Also look at alternating the meetings between on- and off-campus locations and holding them in the evenings or on weekends.

- Perhaps could have a few "dyads" of women currently doing work to present their research as well as their methods of working together. These might then serve as models for the Research Institute. Some ideas about possible research projects that the Institute might want to be involved with:

- **Rebecca** will contact the Alberta Federation of Labour Women's Committee

- **Cathy** will check into a proposal re: disabled women with Maurita Salmon and will also contact Diana Chown re: a women's history project that she's working on.

Agreed to have the first of these types of meetings on:

Thursday, October 22
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
11019 - 90 Avenue
(Bring Your Own Food)

4. Film Series:
Vangie spoke to Anne Wheeler who suggested that we show Change of Heart instead of Loyalties because so many people have seen Loyalties. It was agreed to do this. Vangie will contact Anne to confirm.

Film Bookings:

Lisa - Firewords

Cathy - peace film

Vangie - Change of Heart

Marilyn - Behind the Veil: Nuns

Leslie will book the rooms (will try to get Ed. N. 2-115) and make posters.

Rosemary will phone Education A.V. to arrange for a technician.

5. The next regular meeting of the committee will be:

Wednesday, October 7
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Research Institute Process: A Community of Researchers

1. Recognizing that feminist researchers may appear in many occupations, including professors, clinical practitioners in various fields, social activists, independent thinkers whose primary work is homemaking, etc.
2. Setting a task that will bring together some of the women in that community so the institute can begin.
3. The first task could be selection of the first two or three research projects for the institute, and working out the institute structure that would make it possible to complete those projects.
4. Further tasks could involve further meetings.
5. We could accomplish this task in a full day of work, perhaps a Saturday. However, we might be wise to "book" two consecutive Saturdays to make it possible for additional work to be done, or to develop a stronger process.
6. We would need to decide who to invite to this session, where it would be held, what documents would be distributed in advance, what procedure would be used for getting possible projects to the group for discussion, how we would handle lunch and snacks, what would be done with the decisions or recommendations of the group.
7. I don't know if she is here or if she would do it, but rather than hiring a short term worker for the institute per se we might ask Sandy Susut if she would organize that meeting for some dollars.
8. Out of it should come not just the projects but the first structure of the institute, the beginning which would then evolve as we worked.
9. The lengthy document could be distributed, or the (not yet written documents) proposed earlier about the institute...they would all be seen as draft documents which this group could modify.
10. If we define this as a community of feminist researchers, we may reduce some of the categorizing problems that have plagued us. However, we still need to recognize some of the divergent interests that we may have as women, and develop an imagery for the institute which will make it possible for feminist researchers to recognize when their research is most appropriately carried out at such an institute. (In some ways the film research on the Edmonton Grads presents a partial model I think, as well as

the interdisciplinary and issue focused research we have described earlier). We also need to be able to realistically address the interests of divergent communities, such as the university, action oriented women, and perhaps women making their living by providing various types of services to women.

I want to keep this short, to provide only a possible discussion outline for us. So I better get away from the word processor!

Marilyn
Sept 16. /87

September 16, 1987. Report from Marilyn

1. Heather Jon Mulrone will be here Sept 21 to Oct 7 or 8. Shirley sees no problem in her meeting with this committee during that time, whether at a formal meeting or for lunch or coffee sometime.

2. Leslie has taken up 10 hours of duties with us, as administrative worker for the committee. The cost is a little higher than predicted, at just over \$11 an hour, and hopefully we will have less hassles with payroll over her cheque each month. She and I have met about her work.

3. Mary has not agreed to work on the research institute project. We should consider that position further. I have not yet laid out a detailed "job description."

4. There continues to be discussion about "Chez Nous". I met this week with Shirley Newman and Susan Jackel. I think we agreed that Canadian Studies and Women's Studies together would require considerably more space than that house provided. However, Women's Studies and the Research Institute might be a feasible combination, as has been noted earlier. Arts people are scrambling for space, and elbows are out all over the place.

5. Linda Fedigan has decided not to continue with this committee, and written me accordingly. Hope Olson will be here today, but would like to continue one more year; she thinks it would also be useful for Susan Pawlson to be considered for the committee.

6. I will be going to the conference on Communicating Feminist Research in Hull that I mentioned at the last meeting. It is Oct. 1. A one day meeting on Women's Studies will now precede that conference and I will also attend it. I am using my Faculty travel money, which will at least pay the air fare, and requesting some meal and accomodation costs from the organizers (if they get SSHRC money). I may still come back to the committee for \$100 or so but it should not be more than that. I will bring back information, and send them to both committees.

7. I think we should have a mailing list on campus of academics really interested or involved in women's studies in any way. (i.e. with a somewhat different purpose than the AWA mailing list). This is likely something Leslie could develop on the microcomputer if it is okay with Cathy.

6. I think that is all from the last meeting.

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Minutes of August 26, 1987

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, C. Bray, R. Coulter, R. Liburd, L. Penrod,
J. Vanderpost

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Round.
3. Approval of the minutes of the June 24, 1987 meeting.
4. Business arriving from the minutes of June 24 meeting:

i) Women's Studies courses guidelines.

Discussed briefly in the context of sharing our involvement and past work with the Arts committee. This item was taken off the agenda with a view toward a more complete discussion at a later point and the need to review the administrative guidelines.

ii) Agreement to invite Heather Jon Maroney to the September meeting.

iii) Marilyn made contact with Dr. Meekison since the last meeting. Members of the Coordinating Committee need to be appointed by him.

iv) Film series schedule is as follows:

Prairie Women - September 25

Firewords - October 21. Janice Williams, discussion leader.

A peace film is tentatively scheduled for November 12. Juliette Trudeau and Virginia Sauve were mentioned as possible discussion leaders.

Loyalties - January 21, 1988. Ann Wheeler has tentatively agreed to lead the discussion. Suggestion that Tanto Cardinal also be invited.

Behind the Veil - March 3, 1988. Fran Hare, discussion leader.

v) Budget.

Reviewed and discussed. Lynn asked for a contribution to the travel of two guest speakers who may be in Edmonton in the fall of 1988. Agreement to approve this request in principal with a contribution of \$100 each. To be reviewed again in light of the 1988-89 budget. This led to discussion concerning the need for guidelines in making decisions of this nature. Are we supporting feminist scholarship? Speakers who are self-identified feminists?

vi) Administrative Assistant.

It was agreed that Marilyn will contact Leslie Stewart to ascertain if she would be available for administrative work and Mary Potrebenko for work on the Research Institute.

vii) New members.

Before inviting new members, Marilyn will contact Hope Olson and Linda Fedigan, and Rosemary will call Lisa Walter to determine if they still want to be on the committee. Proposal to appoint Sandra Copeland was made and accepted. Discussion focussed on how we perceive community involvement on the committee and in the institute. Janina proposed that we send the institute proposal to community members for response and feedback. There was agreement on the committee's mandate for the establishment of guidelines regarding involvement of community members.

5. Other business: Approval for Marilyn to attend the meeting on Research Institutes in October.
6. The September meeting has been re-scheduled for:

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The primary agenda item will be community involvement regarding planning of the Research Institute.

7. A larger meeting to be scheduled for a Saturday will occur in late September or early October.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

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INFORMATION FORM

The Women's Research Centre at the University of Alberta would like to compile brief summaries of the research interests, previous work and future directions of those interested in women's research. Your participation as a respondent will ensure that such a vital regional network of researchers is extended and maintained. These summaries will be available through the Women's Resource Centre, University of Alberta, 11019 - 90 Avenue.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

KEYWORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOUR WORK: _____

DATE/EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION: _____

Minutes of the Co-ordinating Committee on Women's Studies
Meeting October 12, 1988

Present: Marilyn Assheton-Smith, Cathy Bray, Sharon Frantz-Lutzer, Aureene Costuros (new administrative clerk for the Women's Research Centre); Regrets: Jean Lauber, Jan Williamson, Bridgette Elliot, Lisa Austin, Margaret-Anne Armour.

1. Status of the Women's Research Centre Proposal. The General Faculties Council has approved the Women's Research Centre (WRC). The WRC has yet to be approved by the Board of Governors (November).

2. Funding. Marilyn will continue to solicit core funding from various places, as long as the funding is not conditional on our commitment to any particular agenda.

The University conference fund responded positively to our request for funds. They granted us \$640.00.

3. Future Direction of the WRC. It was agreed that the best process for determining the future direction of the WRC was to open the question up during the plenary of the forum. This question can also be addressed at meetings that will follow the forum, to which all participants of the forum and other interested persons will be invited to attend.

There was some discussion regarding the position of the Chair of WRC, centering around two points: a) WRC requires a Director for the house and a WRC Board requires a Chair, and b) ideally, these should be two different persons. However, Marilyn is functioning in these two capacities, which is acceptable for the time being. Further to the WRC Director position, Marilyn mentioned that funding for this position is meant to exist. At first, it could be a part-time position, and eventually turn into a full-time position. At that time, we would go to a full-fledged hiring process to select the Director.

4. Sharon presented a proposal regarding the assistance of WRC in making possible a graduate studies program in Women's Studies. See attached.

Cathy suggested that Sharon should, if she hadn't already done so, approach Shirley Neuman and Winnie Tomm with this proposal. Sharon could also speak to the students who had petitioned the Dean. Cathy suggested that it was premature for WRC to be involved in graduate degree programs, and that these issues can be raised again when WRC is more established.

5. Plenary scheduled for the Feminist Research Forum. Marilyn affirmed that it should be an information session, not a major working session. It should be at that point that an invitation is extended to all who may be interested to attend a meeting, to follow the forum by a number of weeks, which will occur at the WRC house. At that later meeting, work can begin on further development of the WRC. Suggestion that this meeting be Nov. 5, a Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Other possible dates were ruled out due to In•Sight on October 28, 29 and 30, and later in Nov. will conflict with the ASWAC Assembly and the Federal election. We will need a flyer to distribute following the Forum to invite and inform of this meeting.

Cathy remarked that a second meeting should follow after this first post-forum meeting, at which a research agenda can be set.

It was agreed that this is an acceptable process for the development of the WRC.

-This could take time and we discussed alternate ways to get our proposal going, in the meantime. We discussed possibly merging the Women's ~~Resource~~^{Research} Centre within a Women's Institute (Dean Chia's idea) and forming a Women's sub-committee, made up of interested academic staff, who would supervise 'special degree' interests. Although the graduate degree would be sponsored by any and potentially all faculties, the actual program, thesis-committee, supervision would come from the sub-committee. This has the advantage of retaining the multi-disciplinary approach and taking the load off any one particular department. This Institute could even set up a mandatory methodology course, and provide the networking, seminars, research focus needed for women in the program. The Women's Study Committee in Arts would act in a consulting capacity and eventually have to be involved with this; they could potentially work towards having a degree program out of Arts. At the moment, the members of this committee are prioritizing the undergraduate program.

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Agenda; Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies
Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Women's Research Centre House, 11041-90 Ave.

1. Welcome back
2. Agenda Test
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Progress of Research Proposal through university committees (good)
5. Opening Conference planned for Oct 21/22 (Friday evening and Saturday all day; see attached documentation of that committee)
6. Status of the Research Centre House (Chez Nous?)
7. Committee membership changes and further work
 - chairing of committee
 - other work
8. Committee Budget
9. Mail received through the summer
10. Other business
11. Next meeting

**Minutes of the Co-ordinating Committee on Women's
Studies, Meeting of September 6, 1988**

Present: Jean Lauber, Jan Williamson, Bridgette Elliott, Lisa Austin, Marilyn Assheton-Smith; Regrets Cathy Bray, Margaret-Anne Armour and Sharon Frantz-Lutzer

1. There were no changes proposed to the agenda. The minutes of the last meeting are not available as they did not get turned in by the recorder. Our recollection of that meeting was that the primary decisions were to designate a subcommittee to plan for the fall opening of the Research Centre, and to leave the progress of the Research Centre proposal through committees to Rosemary and Marilyn.

2. The Research Centre proposal is moving reasonably well through the committee stage, but still has one step to complete. Marilyn and Dr. Meekison met with Ross Paul (academic vice-president of Athabasca University) and Rebecca Coulter (in her capacity as coordinator of Women's Studies at Athabasca University) on June 15 to briefly discuss the relationship between the two universities. No major problems were seen, and Athabasca University had by this date approved their participation.

Marilyn and Rosemary met with the Academic Development Committee on June 22 and the Planning and Priorities Committee on July 14. There were a number of questions raised, primarily of a practical and structural nature, but in both cases approval was granted without requests for change. Marilyn then met with the GFC executive on August 8. The major concern raised in this context was that the proposal did not sound as if the Research Centre would be open to men. (My position has been that it will be open to researchers who are woman-centred or feminist in their overall orientation, and that does not ipso facto exclude men although we would not expect many men to participate; generally this response has been satisfactory). In this case it was requested that we make changes in wording so that the frequent occurrence of women as either a noun or adjective would be reduced. Ellen Solomon provided guidance and gender-free terms were adopted in a number of cases in the text. No other changes have been made or proposed, so these changes were considered editorial and the committee was not called together. It was noted in the GFC executive meeting that the Research Centre will come under the Vice-President Research for purposes of administration at the University of Alberta, not the Vice-President Academic. At Athabasca University it will remain under the aegis of the Vice-President Academic.

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Friday Oct 21

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Registration

Information on the Women's Research Centre

Education 2-115

7:30

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(Marilyn Assheton-Smith U of A and ? AU)

Introduction to Dorothy Smith

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Chair?

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Chair?

Fran Hare

Donna Coolue

10:15 Coffee and Juice, Front Foyer Education 2-115

10:30

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Chair, ?

Carol Wodek (Human Rights Commission)

Indicators of Women's Inequity and Obstacles to Change

? (Call Hope Olson, maybe Sharon Jamieson; Doris Badir has a conflict)

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Chair, Debra Shogun (U of A)

Winnie Thom (U of A)

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Session 6: Women and Political Involvement Room 2-?

Chair ? (Ask Frances Adam)

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1:00

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Rosemary Spricer

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Registration (please send to Women's Research Centre at the above address).

Name.....

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Need child care? Yes, Friday night..... Yes, Saturday..... No.....

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10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

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present. (Possible contacts, the equity officer with Dow Chemical,
Doris Badir, maybe Women's Secretariat)

e) Marilyn Assheton-Smith will contact Athabasca people to see if they would participate in/work on a session. It might be on distance education, or Indian women and education, or some other topic.

f) Andrea will plan a session on resourcing community research, perhaps with Common Women Books, ASWAC, etc.

g) A number of other sessions were mentioned. These included women and technology, especially if Regina Cochrane is back from China in time, Women in Business (with Gayle Greenwood of Greenwood books one possibility, or Dallas Cullen); something from Women in Nursing (perhaps Pat Valentine or Vangie Bergum could be approached), something in psychology, something on women in politics... and so on. However, we agreed to accept the above six sessions as our sessions for the present, but to keep our eyes and ears open if it would be apparent that other sessions could be added.

5. The plenary session will be primarily an information session on the research centre, with a plan for a follow-up meeting which would involve those who wished to be members of the centre. An organizer for that has not yet been identified, but it will need to be someone from the larger committee. There should be a draft brochure on the centre ready by that time, a draft which assumes changes may be made as a result of this meeting or later meetings.

6. Registration from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, and possibly Friday evening. No arrangements have been made for the work involved in this.

7. Food will include the wine and cheese Friday evening, muffins and coffee (etc) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., refreshment breaks at 10:15 and 2:15, and sandwich-type lunch laid on from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. No arrangements have been made for the work involved in this, but if funds can be generated we will try to cater it.

8. First publicity has already gone out in the Women's Programme Brochure. Second publicity should be done within a month and a third round of publicity the first week in October. This should include information to a mailing list, as well as possibly something more general. (We should also get it up on the Women's Studies Program Notice Board)

9. Marilyn will draft up a budget for the week-end; Cathy will apply to Community/University projects for funding, and Marilyn will apply to the conference fund. Hopefully, that will provide us with enough funds.

10. We agreed to talk to all people involved in the sessions, and get firm commitments from them before the next meeting. At the next meeting we should have the program firm, and a letter should go out from the committee as a whole outlining the expectations for the week-end.

11. We agreed (I think) that the general purpose of the week-end was to high-profile the Women's Research Centre, to encourage feminist researchers (whether academic or action researchers) to apply to become members, and to begin the transition from the Coordinating Committee to a body which would administer the Centre.

12. Marilyn also up-dated women present at this meeting on the current status of the proposal within the university (through ADC, PPC, GFC executive; still to go to GFC). We discussed a meeting date for the next meeting of the whole committee and proposed Tuesday September 6 at 9:30 a.m, before classes begin. The next meeting of this planning committee will need to be before that, on Thursday September 1st at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be in the Women's Research House. Marilyn will get notices out in relation to both meetings, and an agenda for the September 6 meeting.

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Minutes of March 2, 1988

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, L. Austin, C. Bray, B. Elliott, J. Lauber, L. Penrod, J. Williamson, L. Stewart

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of February meeting: Item 6: We had agreed to invite Debra and Lynda to our next meeting to talk about the Women in Philosophy Conference, rather than have Marilyn meet with them and report back. Cathy will invite them to the April meeting.

Cathy

3. Changes to proposal:

-Small changes to the appendix regarding how individual committee members' research is listed. People can submit the changes they'd like to see made here, as well as any editorial changes, to Marilyn within the week.

Everyone

-Document would be cleaner if we refer to the Women's Research Centre as WRC in the first paragraph and use the shortform throughout.

-Change "it would" to "it will."

-Pg. 9, Space and Facilities; make clear that we're referring to U. of A. campus.

Decided to ask members of the other two committees - Women's Studies in Arts and W.I.S.E.S.T. - and former members of this committee if they would like their research listed in the proposal.

Marilyn

Cathy will make a couple of calls to community women regarding listing their research as well.

Cathy

Marilyn will phone Dr. Meekison and ask what the best procedure is in terms of submitting a joint proposal with Athabasca U; a covering letter stating this may be sufficient. Marilyn will send the proposal in within a week.

Marilyn

4. Films: Lynn is unable to attend Behind the Veil so Marilyn will introduce Fran.

Marilyn

Research Centre Meeting: Next meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., 11043 - 90 Ave. Lisa A. and Cathy will plan this meeting. They will arrange for 2 or 3 graduate students to do mini-presentations. Time will also be allotted for discussion of the future of the Research Centre, given that the proposal is now ready to go ahead.

Lisa A., Cathy

5. Correspondence from the Arts Committee

i) The Arts committee is establishing a fundraising committee and has asked the four women's groups on campus if they would like to appoint a member. Janice agreed to represent the CCWS on the fundraising committee.

Janice

ii) Request to consider Margaret Ann Armour as a replacement for Vangie on the Arts Committee. Agreed to ask Margaret Ann to sit on the CCWS and represent us at the Arts Committee meetings. Marilyn will contact her.

Marilyn

6. Research Centre projects:

i) Marilyn was contacted by Peggy Bonner, a local lawyer, about the Research Centre collecting the documents of the Famous Five. She is interested in the constitutional documents and sees them being housed in the Centre for Constitutional Law. Agreed that we are not ready to take that project on, although we may want to come back to the idea of collecting the papers, etc., of the Famous Five. Jean suggested that Trudy (archivist on campus) might be interested in such a project, and she might also want to hear Cathy Cavanaugh speak on her research on Irene Parlby. Jean will contact her.

Jean

ii) Jenny Margetts approached Marilyn about doing some work on changes in the Indian Act and the implications for native women. They do not have a real clear idea of the work as of yet. Marilyn will meet with them to talk about it.

Marilyn

7. Other business:

i) AWA Newsletter coming out soon; submissions needed by Friday. Announcement of the Research Centre meeting should go in there.

ii) There are two women in the science field, one from Montreal and one from Hawaii, who are willing to come to Edmonton to speak while they are on "speaking tours." Jean did not have the specifics, but it was agreed that we want to continue to support speakers, especially in the science fields. We will make a final decision when we have more information.

iii) Margrit Eichler will be presenting at a conference here on April 29 on "The Future of Research in Canada," a research symposium in honour of Gordon Kaplan. Agreed to ask her to do a separate talk on "The Future of Women's Research" as a sort of challenge to what is being discussed at that conference. Marilyn will call Margrit.

Marilyn

iv) Dorothy Smith will be in Vancouver in May and would be happy to come to Edmonton as well. Since there won't be many students here at that time, maybe she could talk to the various Women's Studies committees. The Arts Committee may be interested in bringing Dorothy here, and we would support that. If it isn't raised at the Arts meeting, we will look into asking her to come.

Marilyn

8. Next meeting:

**Wednesday, April 6
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Agenda March 2 1988

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1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Proposal - additions?
(on MTS)
3. Film - Behind the Veil - tomorrow night @ 7³⁰
Research Meeting - Pat Roulce
- Cathy Cavanaugh March 10
@ 5³⁰ pm.
April Meeting
4. Correspondence from Arts Committee
→ committee on fund raising
→ replacement for Bergum
5. Research Centre Projects - proposals
Documents on "Famous Five"
Indian Women.... (collaborative research request)
6. Other business ? i) AWA newsletter
ii) Semi speaker proposal
iii) Margrit Eichler
7. Next meeting

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

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Minutes of April 6, 1988

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, C. Bray, R. Liburd, L. Penrod, J. Williamson, L. Stewart

1. Approval of agenda. Add: #3 (i) SSHRC funding, #4 (i) Planning for fall.
2. Approval of the minutes of March meeting.
3. Business arising:
 - (i) Women in Philosophy Conference: Lynda Lange talked about plans for the conference and the kinds of tasks that need to be looked after. Several committee members volunteered to do specific tasks. The committee agreed to pay for one of the lunches at a cost of \$316.20. Cathy will announce the conference at the next meeting of the Research Centre and see if anyone there is interested in helping.

Cathy

(Note: The enclosed "Budget for Two Invited Speakers" is for information only and was not a request for funding).

(ii) Proposal submission to Dr. Meekison: The proposal went to him around the 22 of March. Marilyn and Rosemary will continue with this task.

Marilyn, Rosemary

Leslie will distribute the final version of the proposal to committee members.

Leslie

(iii) Behind the Veil: Went well, although it was a little long and many people did not stay for the discussion. Very well attended.

Speaking of films, the Women's Program is planning a Women's Film and Video Festival for October '88. For more information, contact Cathy.

(iv) Research Centre Meeting: March 8: About 20 people attended. Went well, although the discussion was not as stimulating as in previous meetings. There was some discussion about handling the food differently, but nothing was finalized.

April 14 meeting: Lisa has done most of the work around this meeting. Three to five graduate students in English will present.

(v) Research project: Marilyn has met with Jenny Margetts who is developing a proposal for a project on family violence. They will continue to meet.

(vi) Janice is representing the CCWS on the Arts Committee fundraising subcommittee. Janice and Marilyn will get together to discuss.

Janice, Marilyn

(vii) Margaret Ann Armour: Marilyn has not been able to get a hold of her but will continue to try.

Marilyn

(viii) Margrit Eichler: Marilyn has talked to her. Margrit agreed to talk to us when she is here for "The Future of Research in Canada" conference (April 29). We had discussed her talking about what was happening at the conference and the future of feminist research as a sort of response to the conference. Marilyn will contact her again with this specific request and we will get some advertising out quickly.

Marilyn, Leslie

(ix) Dorothy Smith: Marilyn raised the possibility of bringing Dorothy Smith here to speak at the Arts committee meeting. They felt that they would rather see her come during the school term, and that it was too close upon the heels of Margrit's visit. We decided that this wasn't a good time, but that we would look at having her come sometime next year. Janice will ask Dorothy to keep us apprised of her travelling schedule.

Janice

4. New Business: SSHRC funding: An informal meeting of women researchers on campus was called last week in response to some money being made available for research by SSHRC. The group decided not to submit any proposal because of the restrictions and pressures coming from SSHRC. One thing that came out of the discussion was the possibility of looking at the topic of mainstreaming Women's Studies as a group. Also, women in humanities and arts felt that they could begin work on a project which would then be ready to go the next time funding becomes available.

Susan Jackel and Ann Hall will co-chair a follow-up meeting.

5. Summer plans: We will discuss this at the next meeting as well as the fall structure of the committee. Perhaps we could do agenda planning as a group at the end of meetings and get the agenda out with the minutes. Some discussion of agenda topics for the May meeting. Cathy will write these up.

Cathy

(ii) Leslie's contract is finished at the end of April and she will be leaving at that time.

6. Next meeting:

The next meeting is an important one to discuss the future of the committee and its structure; a more specific agenda will be mailed out to you shortly. Two possible dates are suggested below. Please contact Leslie and let her know which one you prefer (Ext. 3093; 11019 - 90 Ave.).

- 1) **Tuesday, May 10**
- 2) **Monday, May 2**

The meeting will run from 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

R.S.V.P.

Budget for Two Invited Speakers

WOMEN IN PARTICULAR:
EPISTEMOLOGY, ETHICS, AND POLITICS
September 16-17-18, 1988

(1) Iris Young. - the author of numerous articles in the area of socialist feminist theory - currently working on a book titled JUSTICE AND THE POLITICS OF DIFFERENCE - will give a talk on Friday evening based on her work on this book, which it is felt fits the conference theme extremely well - this talk should be advertised to the public -

Travel from Worcester, Mass. (Boston) - (\$1,116.00 econ.), or \$648.00 excursion.

Accommodation - Sept. 16th and 17th @ \$42.00 - \$84.00

Conference registration - \$30.00

Ground transport, misc. - \$50.00 ?

SUBTOTAL - \$810.00

Honorarium, meals, etc. ?

(2) Janice G. Raymond - author of A PASSION FOR FRIENDS: TOWARD A PHILOSOPHY OF FEMALE AFFECTION - Raymond is a philosopher/ethicist - this book has made a great impact, and in addition to women on campus, numerous women in the local feminist community are interested in hearing her - on Sunday morning of the conference there will be a plenary session of the "feminist ethics group" - we will invite Janice Raymond to address the conference at 4:00 on Saturday afternoon, and to participate in the session on feminist ethics on Sunday - the address on Saturday should be advertised to the public -

Travel from Amherst, Mass. - (\$1078.00 econ.), \$718.00 excursion

Accommodation, as above - \$84.00

Conference registration - \$30.00

Ground transport, misc. - \$50.00 ?

SUBTOTAL - \$882.00

Honorarium, meals, etc. ?

Agenda

1) Minutes

2) Business arising

Women in Philosophy Conference

Proposal submission to McKison

Last film: Behind the Veil

Research Centre Meeting - March 8
- April 14

Research Projects

Jenny Margetts

Fundraising committee

Margaret Ann Armour

Margaret Eicher

Dorothy Smith

3) New business

4) Summer Plans

5) Next meeting?

Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies

Minutes of February 10, 1988

Present: M. Assheton-Smith, L. Austin, C. Bray, R. Coulter, B. Elliott, A. Lambert, R. Liburd, R. Mott, J. Vanderpost, L. Stewart

- 1. Approval of agenda: add Space under #1.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of January 13.
- 3. Women's Research Centre Meetings: Marilyn and Cathy attended the last meeting at which Vangie presented her research. It went very well.

It was agreed to have an April meeting of the Research Centre. It was suggested that we look through the forms that we have received and ask someone from that group to present at the April meeting.

Leslie suggested that each of the Research Centre meetings need someone to act as coordinator. Marilyn agreed to coordinate the March meeting.

Marilyn

Leslie will call Patti Browne re: distributing the Research Bank forms at the next AWA meeting.

Leslie

- 4. Space: Marilyn will give keys to Lisa A. and Rebecca so that they can start using the Research Centre.

Marilyn

Leslie will keep track of who has keys to the house.

Leslie

Rebecca, Marilyn and Lisa will meet at the house to decide what should be done with the furniture.

Rebecca, Marilyn, Lisa

- 5. Memberships: Decided not to renew our membership in the National Women's Studies Association, to renew our Canadian Women's Studies membership, and to become participants (\$25/year) in Movement.

Leslie

- 6. Women in Philosophy Conference, Sept. 16 -18, 1988: Marilyn will meet with Lynda Lange and Debra Shogan to discuss more specifically the kinds of tasks they would like the committee to take on and then report back to the group.

Marilyn

- 7. There was some concern that we do not have community representation on the committee, since Lisa W. has not been to the last few meetings. Marilyn will phone Lisa to see if she is still interested in being on the committee.

Marilyn

March 9: Isla Paterson, Industrial Development Specialist with CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), will be speaking on "Women and Development: A Canadian Perspective", at the Women's Program and Resource Centre, 11019 90 Ave., 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

March 17: The Alberta Advisory Committee on Women's Issues is meeting on campus. There is some organizing on campus to make a presentation to them. It is a public session and anyone can present a brief.

March 19th: Women and Development Workshop with Dr. Eloise Murray. Anne Lambert has details.

11. Next meeting:

**Wednesday, March 3
9:30 - 11:30**