

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

methodology." Would also be useful to disseminate the information or make it available for others. Subcommittee struck to look at this question.

Bridget, Cathy, Leslie.

5. Film series update: Good turnout for *Firewords*, poor turnout for the *Speaking Our Peace* films.

Change of Heart: Need a backup facilitator in case Ann Wheeler can't make it, and someone from the committee to introduce the evening. Marilyn will talk to Vangie about this.

Marilyn

Behind the Veil: Lynn will introduce the evening.

Lynn

Leslie will check to see that the two films are booked.

6. Marilyn and Cathy will meet to work on the budget.

Marilyn, Cathy

7. The International Students Centre, which the committee has been pursuing for the Research Centre, is being pursued by other groups as well. Suggestion that it may strengthen our position if we can be housed with the Women's Studies program. Marilyn and Rosemary will meet with Shirley to discuss.

Marilyn, Rosemary

Also, agreed to submit the committee's proposal for a research institute to Meekison as a working document. Marilyn and Rosemary will then arrange to meet with him.

Ditto

Leslie will send copies of the proposal to new members.

Rosemary will meet with Wayne Hansens to discuss the research centre's space needs.

7. The Coordinator of Women's Studies has not yet arrived and there may be some changes to the position.
8. Marilyn, Jean and Vangie are currently the Coordinating Committee's representatives to the Women's Studies Committee in Arts. That should be reviewed in the spring, after the committee has been operating for a year, to see if we wish to change the representation.

9. (i) Suggestion that it would be useful to know who sits on which of the following committees: Coordinating Committee on Women's Studies, Women's Studies Committee in Arts, Women's Program and Resource Centre Advisory Committee and the WISEST executive. Leslie will compile and distribute these.

Leslie

(ii) Status with the fundraising office: One-quarter of the money should be raised before formal fundraising starts. Also, the research must be underway.

10. Information:

(i) Cathy is the Alberta director of CCLOW which publishes *Women's Education des Femmes*.

Information pamphlets were distributed.

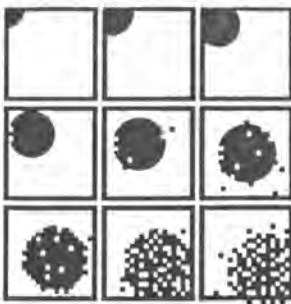
(ii) Marilyn gave a brief synopsis of the CRIAW conference in Winnipeg. Marilyn is now a member at large and Joan Ryan from Calgary is the Alberta representative.

(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.



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
FILM/WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Women's Studies Program and the Centre for the Arts at Simon Fraser University expect to make a tenure track joint appointment at the rank commensurate with qualifications for September 1988 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Candidates should have critical and theoretical interests in both Film and Women's Studies, preferably with a Ph.D. degree. Candidates will be expected to teach lower level courses as well as specialized upper level courses in film studies for the Centre for the Arts and in popular culture for Women's Studies. The ability to teach film production would be valuable but is not required.

Preference will be given to candidates eligible for employment in Canada, at the time of employment. Letters of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees should be received by May 30, 1988. They should be addressed to:

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*Please pass on to students you know
who may be interested. Shirley*

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25 English H.A. student.

Virginia West of the Japanese Connection

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March 21, 1988

Ms. Francoise P. Coupal
Awards Officer
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Dear Ms. Coupal:

With reference to your letter of March 4, inquiring about the Women's Studies Program at the University of Alberta:

We will begin teaching the core courses in Women's Studies (W ST 300 etc.) in the 1988-89 academic year. As a new program, we have not been involved with activities or special projects related to the Third World nor (regrettably) have we much expertise in the area of Women in Development. Indeed, our brochure describing the program, which I enclose, shows how deficient we are in these areas. We obviously hope to remedy this, but it will take faculty (and therefore financial resources) not presently available to us.

You might be interested in contacting two other women on campus: Professor Marilyn Assheton-Smith (Dept. of Educational Foundations) presently chairs a Research Institute for Feminist Studies; some researchers there may have ideas useful to you. Professor Dallas Cullen (Faculty of Business) I suspect you may already know of; she has had notable success teaching "Women in Management" seminars in mainland China and in Kenya. She, more than any of the rest of us, has immediate and practical experience of Third World contexts and could be of considerable help in training researchers in her field.

Sincerely,

Shirley Neuman
Professor of English
Chair, Women's Studies Program

cc: ✓ Prof. Marilyn Assheton-Smith
Prof. Dallas Cullen

enclosure
SN/jb