

Standing Committee of the Vice-President (Academic):

Women's Studies

- Purpose:
1. To gather information on the various initiatives re women's studies at the U of A
 2. To disseminate this information widely on campus and elsewhere as appropriate
 3. To co-ordinate the development of new and existing activities to avoid duplication and to work towards a balanced approach to the subject
 4. To advise on policy at the U of A with regard to the development of women's studies as an academic program
 5. To undertake liaison with other interested groups and individuals, where no other mechanism exists at the U of A.

Meetings:

At the call of the Chair

Membership:

- Appointments made by letter from the Vice President (Academic)
Ex officio - holder of the Chair in Women's Studies
(when appointed)
- 6 members of the academic staff each for a 3-year term (2 new appointments per year); selected in such a way that no more than 2 come from the same Faculty and no more than 1 from each Department
- Chairman to be selected for a one-year term from within this group, by the group.

Permanent guests/observers:

- Director of the Women's Program, Faculty of Extension
- Co-ordinator of Women's Programs, Athabasca University
- Director of Alberta Women's Secretariat

Adviser: Vice President (Academic) or designate

Reports: Annually to the Vice President (Academic)

AEZ:dc
22 August, 1984

VICE PRESIDENT'S (ACADEMIC)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES

Minutes of October 4, 1984

ACTION

1. It was agreed that our basic agenda for the next few meetings would be as follows:

- (a) What are the alternatives?
- (b) What issues stem from each alternative?
- (c) What do we want on our campus?
- (d) What needs to be done in the short term and in the long term?

For the next meeting, everyone should be prepared to discuss the alternatives as they see them.

All Members

2. It was further agreed that we should add to the Committee and the following were suggested:

- * Rosemary Liburd - Student Counselling
- Susan Jackel - Canadian Studies
- * Marilyn Assheton-Smith - Education Foundations
- Ros Sydnie - Sociology
- Norah Keating - Family Studies

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* Have been invited and have agreed thus far.

3. Some discussion took place concerning the possibility of student representation on the Committee and it was agreed that we should consult the Women's Centre on this matter.

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4. It was suggested that we coordinate the obvious administrative and secretarial assistance we will require with the two other University Committees concerned with similar issues: the Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology Task Force (WISEST) and the President's Interim Advisory Committee on Women's Issues.

ACTION

Concern was expressed that the \$1,000.00 budget suggested by Dr. Meekison was inadequate especially if it was to cover our administrative costs, sending one or more of our members to a conference, and the bringing in of visiting speakers/consultants.

The chair will contact the coordinator of both WISEST and the Interim Advisory Committee on Women's Issues as well as Dr. Meekison to discuss this problem.

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- 5. We have begun to compile a list of those individuals on campus we feel have some interest in women's studies and will eventually contact them on an individual basis to seek their opinions as to our basic agenda (see Item #1).

Further names will be added as our discussions proceed.

All Members

- 6. It was agreed that we will continue to meet at the Women's Program House (11019 - 90th Avenue). We will meet every two weeks for two hours at least until Christmas.

The next meeting will be determined once everyone's schedule is assessed.

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* REMINDER *

Lunch with Jill Vickers

11:30 a.m., Friday, October 12, 1984

Faculty Club

for those who can attend.

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February, 1985

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