

Women's Studies Committee Meeting
October 10, 2007
Heth Conference Room D

Present: J. Aspelmeier, M. Baker, R. Barris, D. Currier, R. Dickinson, K. Ferguson, S. Hastings, H. Lips, D. McLaughlin, S. Nimkar, M. Ren, S. Srinivas, E. Webster-Garrett

1. Moira called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2. Program Review: Moira needs evidence of "value added" dimensions of the program. She requested letters of support from faculty during 'breakout time' (breakout time did not happen, thus letters are still needed).
3. Moira explained area 5 assesment for WMST 101. We have to show (via a matrix, assignment sheets, and rubric) that students can do the following after passing the course:
 - Analyze similarities/differences between their own/other cultures that affect values, beliefs, behaviors.
 - Identify and discuss contemporary international issues from the perspectives of different cultures.
 - Explain the role of language in shaping culture.

We have revised the final exam to encompass these goals, are in the process of creating a rubric.

4. Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Moira asked committee to encourage students to attend. Hilary announced that Arnie Kahn has had to cancel.
5. Library Acquisitions: Women Make Movies is having a sale – if you buy 5 in one series, each film costs only \$99. Moira passed the *Globalization, Labor and Women's Lives* brochure around the room, asked people to put a check next to their top choices (up to 5). The "winners" were:
Amazon Sisters, Maid in America, New Directions: Women in Zimbabwe, The Peacekeepers & the Women, Transnational Tradeswomen
Michele will submit detailed information to Candace, in hops of receiving prior to history month.
6. Women's Studies Faculty Lecture Series:
Monday October 15, Noon, Heth Lounge A, Roann Barris. "The New Soviet Woman: A Collective Portrait"
Wednesday, November 28, 3:00pm, Heth Lounge C. Moira Baker, Kristan Morrison, Rebecca Sheckler, Jolanta Wawrzycka, Erin Webster Garrett. "Women, Technology, and the University Classroom"
Michele will find an image/have a flyer out shortly
7. Women's Studies Graduate Certificate: Michele will check catalog for courses to make the program free-standing; English is in a position to have one of their own. Sarah and Hilary will inquire about some courses. Subcommittee Volunteers: Moira, Renee, Michele, Erin.
8. Women's History Month:
 - Call for papers went out on 10/8. We have responses from Roann, Sumati, Deborah.
 - Sandor Katz is coming but not yet booked through Connections.
 - Multicultural and International Student Services is doing a photo contest
 - Renee said a local theater group would like to do *The Vagina Monologues*, but doesn't know their work.
 - Moira asked any student club advisors to ask their organizations to spend some money for that month.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Ren