

Women's Studies Committee Meeting
September 5, 2007
Heth Conference Room D

Present: M. Atwell, M. Baker, R. Barris, C. Benjes-Small, T. Burriss, L. Carter Smith, D. Currier, R. Dickinson, L. Elis, K. Ferguson, M. Ferrari, N. Hendrix, L. Hochstein, H. Lips, D. McLaughlin, J. Niehaus, S. Nimkar, M. Ren, S. Semler, D. Thorpe, E. Webster-Garrett

1. Moira called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2. Moira introduced (and thanked) Dr. Judy Niehaus – Interim Dean/College of Humanities & Behavioral Sciences.
3. New WMST Posters resemble VT colors, requests were made to change them
4. Women's Studies Club activities:
Iraq Moratorium, Friday Sept. 21, 4-6pm at the Bonnie (iraqmoratorium.org)
WALK FOR BREAST CANCER Saturday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bissett Park
Viewing/Discussion of *Dreamworlds 3*, Tues, Oct. 16, 5:30, Heth Lounge B
5. Committee publication news:
Webster-Garrett: *The Literary Career of Novelist Mary Shelley After 1822*
Mary Atwell: *Wretched Sisters*
Hilary Lips: *Sex & Gender, 6th ed.*
Theresa Burriss: *Pluck*
6. Moira announced that she will be on leave Spring '08, Erin will serve as interim Director and Michele Ren is the new Educational and Administrative Specialist
7. Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Lee Smith detailed the events, requested any items that committee members would like to add to the calendar and said flyers would be out soon.
8. Library acquisitions: Candice distributed a list of WMST purchases for the year, Moira asked Michele to link the list to the program web page.
9. Program Review: Moira needs evidence of "value added" dimensions of the program. She requested letters of support from faculty and asked that committee members send students claiming to be minors to her, in case they had declared the minor in the registrar's office (or haven't declared at all).
10. Discussion on how to increase our minors. Suggestions included Moira, Michele, WMST Club members visiting U100 classes and contacting advisors.

11. There are 2 sections of wmst 101 being taught this semester, there will be 2 in the Spring of 2008 (one will be a Connections Course), one in summer 2008, and Judy has approved 3 sections of WMST 101 for Fall 2008.

12. Women's Studies Faculty Lecture Series:

Wednesday, Sept 19, Noon, Heth Lounge A, Mary Atwell. "Equal Justice under Law'? The Roberts Court and Human Rights Issues."

Monday October 15, Noon, Heth Lounge A, Roann Barris. "The New Soviet Woman: A Collective Portrait"

November: women and technology? Discussion followed concerning who might speak, plans were not finalized.

Spring '08: Moira asked about a panel or workshop on pedagogy, Erin suggested a common reading beforehand, Mary A. agreed to coordinate.

13. Women's History Month. Thus far: Sandor Katz, author of *The Revolution Will Not be Microwaved* is coming, the her-story project will continue. Requests were made to ask Opal Moore about a performance of *The Delfina Project*.

14. Moira asked for other business/announcements:

- a) Danielle's going to NWSA in Cincinnati (June) has volunteered to take students
- b) Darrell announced the dates for the Tunnell of Oppression (9/24-28 from 11-5); to take your class through, contact Kara Ferguson. He then informed the committee of two new student groups: Women of Purpose & Power and Men of Standards and of "A Taste for Diversity" 9/28 – campus men will cook and serve while women handle the marketing end.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Ren