

Women's Studies Committee Meeting  
10 September 2008 4:00pm  
McConnell Library, Radford Room

Present: A. Armstrong, M. Baker, d. bella, P. Brush, F. Burrows, B. Conniff, C. Corroto, D. Cunningham, K. Ferguson, M. Ferrari, H. Hollingsworth, K. Jordan, R. Melesse, L. Mitchell, S. Nimkar, M. Ren, R. Scheckler, S. Semler, C. Benjes Small, S. Srinivas

1. Welcome Back. Introductions.
2. WMST 101 Area 5 Assessment has been accepted with no revisions. WMST Program Review. University Program Review Committee has recommended that the University maintain our program. We will make a link from our WMST web page to the Program Review and Assessment documents.
3. Subcommittee to plan program revisions/improvements based on Program Review and create a WMST Strategic Plan: Moira, Mary F., Don, Michele
4. WMST Graduate Certificate Subcommittee (Moira, Michele, Erin, Renee) and work so far. Nobody else volunteered to continue the work. Michele will look at this year's catalog to see if any new courses have been added. Discussion of the certificate has been tabled.
5. Motion was made to consider renaming the program, Don will work on a survey to assess attitudes toward our current name and possible new names. Issue was tabled.
6. Michele provided calendars October Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a series on Appalachian Environments, Kara announced that the Tunnel of Oppression would also be in October (15-17).
7. Swateja distributed a flyer for September "RU On The Move" Fitness & Diversity Events.
8. Candice distributed materials for WMST Library purchases. We have \$1500 this year, submit requests to Michele.
9. "Voting Matters" Series in run-up to election? Suggestions were made, nothing was finalized.
10. Women's Studies Faculty Lecture Series:
  - a. Mary Atwell, Supreme Court and the Election, preferably a later afternoon presentation in October. Time and place TBA
  - b. Roann Barris, "Other Voices, Other Women: Tragic Heroines in Julie Dash's Daughters of the Dust" Wednesday, November 12, Noon. Place TBA. Michele will reserve a room and ask presenters about Technology needs.
11. Reexamination of all departments' course offerings to determine if any more courses can be used toward the WMST minor. Michele will go over the new catalog and Moira will meet with individual Chairs to drum up trade. Heather will contact the Chemistry department and New Student Programs about visiting U100 classes.
12. Reinitiate attempt to get the departments and Registrar to cross-list all courses that count toward the minor and list them on the pull-down menu as such at registration. So far, we have not been able to accomplish this. Perhaps getting support for cross-listing from all the Chairs whose departments offer courses we use toward the Minor would help.
13. Business from the floor: Don announced that he would be on NPR: *With Good Reason* at 8:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Ren