

Women's and Gender Studies Council Meeting
April 19, 2010
Minutes

In attendance: Cory Blake, Tanya Clark, Alicia Groatman, Andrew Hottle, Melissa Klapper, Marge Morris, Ieva Zake
Excused: Janet Lindman, Deb Martin, Joel Rudin, Lee Talley, Carol Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 2:20.

The minutes from the March 23, 2010, meeting were approved.

Groatman reported on the March 25 Wendy Weinberg event, which was well-attended and well-received. Klapper reported on the April 14 Carol Sharp event, which was also well-attended and gave WGS an opportunity to introduce the program to College of Ed students who are not familiar with it.

Gail Collins will be on campus next Tuesday, April 27, as the Presidential Lecture Series speaker. Her public lecture will be at 11 am in the Student Center Ballroom. More than 200 students are committed to be there, and she should attract others as well for a respectable audience. A book signing and private luncheon will follow the lecture, and she will then give a master class for College of Communication students later in the afternoon.

There should be a budget remainder of approximately \$200 for this fiscal year. The Council voted to use the money to buy books for the library. Council members will each give Klapper the name of one WGS book in his/her field, and Klapper will coordinate the purchase and acquisition with the bookstore and library.

The provost did support Rowan's membership in the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Colloquium, though it is not yet clear at which membership rate.

Groatman reported on the NJWGSC undergraduate research colloquium, which she attended last Friday. Three Rowan students gave papers.

The election process, supervised by Clark, is underway. Within the next week or so, the entire WGS Advisory Board will elect a new coordinator and two new Council members, one from LAS and one from FPA. There are excellent candidates for all these positions. According to the by-laws, the election of the new coordinator must be confirmed by the Senate. Klapper will consult Eric Milou about the procedure.

Twelve students applied for graduation with a WGS concentration or program sequence, and ten were certified. The students have been coming in to pick up their WGS pins for their graduation gowns.

This is the last regular meeting of the year. Klapper thanked all the Council members for all

their hard work and will distribute the annual report when it is completed to all Advisory Board and Council members. This was a very successful year for WGS, with a record number of graduates and enrolled students and a noticeably higher campus profile. That would not have been possible without the effort and good cheer of everyone involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.