

NJWGSC Fall Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2011
Kean University

Welcome! Thank you to our RVCC hosts!

Present: Lisa Mastrangelo (College of St. Elizabeth), Mary Morse (Rider), Meg Natter (Brookdale CC), Catherine Raissiguier (New Jersey City Univ.), Wendy Kolmar (Drew), Melda Yildiz (Kean)

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Mastrangelo

Finances: The budget report indicated good financial health for the consortium, with \$33,550 in the bank. Montclair's \$1000 membership contribution has been received since the last meeting.

Non-Profit Status Update:

Attorney Ellen Gillespie was away for 6 weeks over the summer, but things are moving forward now for the Consortium's 501(c)(3) application. Paperwork is completed except for the "dissolution amendment," which addresses what will happen to the Consortium's funds if the organization dissolves. A vote was taken and all were in favor of the amendment to the bylaws (the actual wording was included with the last meeting announcement) that indicates funds will go to a non-profit organization to be determined if the organization ever dissolves. All were in favor (6 people).

Old Business:

- Summer Internship Update and Status—Wendy will speak to Deb about updating the application for 2012. It will be distributed to all members via our ListServe, it will be posted on our website, and publicized heavily at the Spring Undergraduate Colloquium (and also during the Call for Submissions for the Colloquium).

New Business:

NJWGSC Spring Colloquium

- **Rider:** This announcement was sent to the Consortium via email, but it was reported again that Rider University has offered to host the 2012 Colloquium on Friday, April 13th. THANK YOU, RIDER!! Some time was spent during the meeting to provide an overview of past colloquiums and review logistics with Mary Morse, the new Director of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at Rider who will be the Consortium's point-person. Please let Mary, Meg or Melda know if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker; everyone agreed that a feminist scholar who could "teach" something to the students in an engaging manner would be wonderful. We are flexible regarding the topic. Keep in mind that all student submissions from the institutions to the NJWGSC will be presented at the Spring Colloquium. The paper-reading committee will determine the various panels and the award winners.

- **Call for Submissions:** After some discussion, the group decided the first place awards will be \$250, honorable mention \$100, and \$50 will be provided for all student presenters. As in the past, the students will submit their papers to their institution's Women's & Gender Studies program and each institution may submit up to three papers to the NJWGSC paper-reading committee. The deadline for paper submissions to the NJWGSC will be **February 10th**, so all members are encouraged to start identifying student papers soon. Meg will send the Call for Submission form to Mary so that it may be revised with Rider info and then distributed via the ListServe and posted on the website.
- **Lunch Idea**—I'm sorry I don't remember who came up with this great idea (Catherine?), but we will label some of the lunch table during the Colloquium with a particular topic so there may be some focused, yet casual, discussions beneficial to the students. Mary's staff will consider some topics, but ideas from our membership are certainly welcome. Mary's email is mmorse@rider.edu.

Google Calendar/Email/Website Review

Melda led the group through a tutorial on how to post items to the Google calendar under our account. All members are welcome to do this!

Our email address: njwgsc@gmail.com

Username: njwgsc

Password: womenstudies2011

Melda is our webmistress for now—if you have something to go on the website, please email her at mnyildiz@gmail.com, and please let us know if you would like to be the new webmistress.

Open Discussion:

There was a brief discussion regarding the NJWGS mission. While the NJWGSC may have begun through the NJ Project, it does not have a staff or office, so it should be considered a helpful Women's & Gender Studies network (through our speakers' network, calendar, ListServe) with a focus on student scholarship. Annual scholarships are also available for faculty who would like to attend the National Association for Women's Studies conference. This will be better publicized in 2012.

Meetings in 2012: Feb. 10 at Drew University, and June 1st at William Patterson. Thanks to all of the meeting hosts!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Natter
Co-Chair