

**NJWGSC Spring Meeting
February 4, 2011 at Monmouth University
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Fawzia Afzal-Khan (Montclair), Lisa Mastrangelo (CSE), Meg Natter (Brookdale), Annie Nicolosi (The College of NJ), Donnalyn Scilliari (William Paterson), Janice Stapley (Monmouth), Ronald Tyson (Raritan Valley CC),,

A big thank-you to Janice for hosting today's meeting and providing blueberry scones!

The meeting convened at 10:20AM.

Treasurer's Report (Lisa):

The budget report indicated good financial health for the consortium, with \$39,523 in the bank. Deposits since September include six institutional memberships totaling \$5000. Lisa also received two additional memberships totaling \$1500, but they have not been deposited yet. The two expenses since the last meeting were the quarterly \$105 fee for TAG online (which hosts our website: www.njwgsc.org) and payment to Drew University for hosting the 2009 colloquium.

Old Business:

Spring Conference

Deadline for Papers is Feb. 11th—Meg has received three so far (one from Monmouth, two from Stockton). After some discussion, it was decided to extend the deadline one week since so many schools have had closures due to inclement weather. Meg will send out a notice and inform the essay-reading committee.

Registration—Only one registration so far (Monmouth), and MU sponsored lunch at \$500, Jennifer Baumgardner will cost \$3500 for keynote (down from her usual \$5000). The deadline for registrations is still March 21st...forms should be submitted to Meg Natter.

Dance Performance?--Meg reported that Georgian Court would like to submit a dance performance by a student showing her interpretation of domestic violence and its effect on women. After a brief discussion, the members said she should submit a DVD and a written brief/summary of her performance. She can perform her dance at the closing reception so all attendees will be able to appreciate her performance.

Fall 2010 Semester Deadline—students who wrote papers in the fall semester and graduated in December may still submit their papers to the colloquium.

Other items:

- Lisa needs to know the names of presenters as soon as possible so \$50 checks may be issued to each one to cover their expenses for the day of the colloquium.
- Meg will see if the Brookdale Bookstore could have Jennifer Baumgardner's book "Manifesta" available in case participants would like to buy it and have it signed.

Summer Internship

Lisa distributed the first draft of the guidelines for the Undergraduate Summer Internship Awards discussed at the last meeting and compiled by Deb Liebowitz. After thorough consideration, the following changes were discussed and approved:

- The winning students must volunteer 120 hours over 8 weeks.
- The students do not have to present detailed budgets of how the \$1000 awards are spent
- In the first paragraph, the parentheses referring to preference being given to juniors/seniors will be removed and “community colleges” will be listed after university
- When the internship is completed, a 5-7 page report will be due on Sept. 1, and the winners will be invited to following year’s colloquium.

There was a discussion regarding how the program could be expanded to other types of internships (year-round, fall, etc.), study abroad programs, various semesters. Another idea was to limit the internships to two in the summer, but maybe make it three over the year in the future. The topic will be pursued more at the consortium’s summer retreat.

New Business

- May/June Retreat: Raritan Valley Community College. Tentative 6/3 (but it would be difficult to have students at that).
- Agenda items for retreat in addition to internship expansion:
 - ✓ How to increase participation at NJWGSC meetings/membership
 - ✓ Re-evaluate the mission of NJWGSC—focus on undergraduates, but expand to faculty networking/academic needs. Fall 2011 Faculty/Visiting Scholar program mentioned by Wendy/Drew at fall 2010 meeting.
 - ✓ How to serve as a resource for faculty regarding guest speakers/scholars. Consider supporting international scholars/writers/activist at our institutions with events sponsored by the consortium. Perhaps every March for Women’s History Month every other year.

Announcements:

March 1st: William Paterson event 12:30pm “Fighting for Women’s Rights! Aren’t They Human Rights”—A panel of different religious leaders will address violations of women’s human rights focusing on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking and LGBT issues. Contact Fawzia for more info at khanf@mail.montclair.edu

March 1st: Gloria Steinem will speak at Brookdale Community College to kick-off Women’s History Month. 7PM. \$5 per person—tickets available by calling 732-224-2500.

Fawzia Afzal-Khan thanks everyone for their support with her controversy with Syracuse University publishing. Her book *Lahore with Love* is now available (not through Syracuse) and Fawzia is available for speaking engagements.

A two-day symposium “EnGendering Justice: Women’s Cross Cultural Prison Narratives” will be presented at Montclair State University on March 23-24. More info will be distributed via ListServe by Fawzia.

MAWSA Conference—April 8-9 at TCNJ!

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Natter
Co-Chair