

**NJWGSC, Business Meeting and Half-day Roundtable**  
**Friday, October 26, 2007**  
**Hosted by TCNJ**  
**Minutes**

Attendance: Sally McWilliams, MSU; Arlene Holpp Scala, WPU; Mary Hawkesworth, RU/New Brunswick; Alicia Groatman, Rowan; Janice Stapley, Monmouth; Debbie Compte, TCNJ; Lisa Burke, TCNJ; Susan Albertine, Dean, TCNJ; Ellen Mutari, Stockton; Lisa Mastrangelo, C of St. Elizabeth; Mary Lynn Hopps, TCNJ; Sara Martino, Stockton; Deb Frank, guest from Education Dept, TCNJ.

**Business Meeting**

**I. Introductions and Greetings**

Debbie Compte, on behalf of TCNJ's WGS Dept., welcomed all of us. Dean Albertine extended her enthusiastic good wishes for the work the Consortium is doing.

**II. Budget and Conference Updates**

A. The Consortium has about \$10,000 available (holding back some funding for the upcoming conference and the student awards). We'll have more once the new fundraising letters hit the appropriate administrators' desks.

B. The spring undergraduate colloquium is scheduled for April 4, 2008, at Drew University. Wendy and Deb L. are working diligently on the logistics. The Call for Papers has gone out to the list once. We discussed having different categories for awards for 2008. People were in agreement that we should offer an award for "promising scholarship" as well as "outstanding scholarship" to encourage students who might be in the early stages of their WGS careers as undergraduates.

**ACTION:** Lisa will take the idea about award categories to the conference awards committee. And Sally will find out from Deb L. which electronic format (word or pdf) she prefers for the student submissions.

**III. Speakers' Bureau**

Maria from Bergen is working on a new subpage for the Consortium webpage. More on this later in the semester.

**IV. NWSA & MAWSA updates**

A. The NWSA annual convention is scheduled for June 19-22, 2008 in Cincinnati. Proposals are due by Nov. 1, 2007. Arlene reminded us that the 2009 conference will be held in November so as to aid candidates in the job search. Sally met with Alison Kimmich, Executive Director of NWSA, who is now telecommuting from Montclair to DC. Alison would like to meet our group and hear from our membership how we might work with the national organization.

**ACTION:** Sally will invite Alison to our Feb. meeting.

**B. MAWSA**

The Mid-Atlantic Women's Studies Association meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2008, in Abington PA. Papers/proposals are due by November 12, 2007.

The 2009 MAWSA will be hosted by Rutgers/New Brunswick.

## **V. Funding for travel to NWSA**

We discussed using some of our Consortium money to assist members who can't easily afford to attend the NWSA conference. Here is what the members in attendance suggest as a policy for this academic year; the policy will be revisited next year to see if we need to make any alterations or modifications.

### Proposed Policy:

The NJWGSC will offer a maximum of four (4) \$500 travel grants per year to individuals who are either presenting at the NWSA annual conference or are attending the PAD pre-conference. One submission per NJWGSC affiliated program will be reviewed. Selection will be based on demonstrated need. Programs that receive money for 2008 will become eligible to apply again in three years. Please submit the following materials to travel grant subcommittee:

If you're going as a presenter, please submit an abstract of the accepted paper along with a statement indicating how and to whom you've requested funding, and a signed form from your dean indicating there are no funds available to you for this conference. If you're attending the PAD pre-conference, please include a statement of your goals in attending this conference and a letter from your chair/dean indicating lack of travel funds. **Please submit these documents by March 15, 2008.**

**ACTION:** We will circulate the policy to the membership for approval. We will call for volunteers to be on the Travel Grant Subcommittee at our February meeting.

## **VI. Master Calendar of Events**

Please send any of your events to Sally ([mcwilliamss@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:mcwilliamss@mail.montclair.edu)) and she will have her student assistant Lauren prepare them for a master calendar for the NJWGSC webpage.

## **VII. Important Meeting Dates—SAVE THE DATES**

The next Business meeting will be Feb. 29, 2008, at the College of St. Elizabeth. Time and exact location to follow.

The summer retreat will be June 26, 2008, at Stockton College. Time and exact location to be announced later.

## **VIII. Announcements**

“Freedom on Our Terms” November 10-11, 2007 at Hunter College. Pre-registration available online at [www.abzuginstitute.org](http://www.abzuginstitute.org). For more information please contact Mary Lynn Hopps, [MLHopps@TCNJ.edu](mailto:MLHopps@TCNJ.edu)

“Our Daughters, Our Sons, Ourselves: Creating a Healthy Image,” November 16, 2007 at Monmouth University. To register please contact Janice Stapley, [jstapley@monmouth.edu](mailto:jstapley@monmouth.edu).

“Community of Women” – sculptures available to WGS programs. Please contact Mary Hawkesworth for more info: [MHawkes@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:MHawkes@rci.rutgers.edu).

Great video on the objectification of the female body on YouTube, via the NOW webpage. Contact Arlene for more specifics: [scalaa@wpunj.edu](mailto:scalaa@wpunj.edu)

Meeting adjourned.