

FIU | **Center for Women's
and Gender Studies**
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Affiliated Faculty Meeting

October 10, 2013

330pm-5pm

DM 457B, MMC – AC 1-317, BBC

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Dr. Darici announce new affiliated faculty to the Center for Women's and Gender Studies. Maria Fernandez, COE Teaching and Learning, Purnima Madhivanan, Epidemiology, Eric Carpenter, College of Law and Maria Donoso, Earth and Environment, GLOWS.

2. Director's announcements

- a. The name of the center was approved. The new name is: Center for Women's and Gender Studies.
- b. There will be a conference at UCF. Dr. Darici is the keynote speaker.
- c. Making Waves, Women's and Gender Studies Journal is being revived. Cristina Garcia (WG student) is the editor. A flier was distributed. Dr. Darici asked faculty to encourage their students to submit papers, stories, poetry and art by deadline of October 18, 2013.
- d. We have an idea of having a MA degree in Women's and Gender Studies (professional) to prepare women for the workforce. Dr. Patil mentioned that AADS and Asian Studies offer MA/PhD with other departments in CAS like GSS, PIR, etc. Philosophy and Liberal Studies have a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) with a track in Women and Gender studies. This could be a program to join. There are many graduate courses from different disciplines like College of Law, Epidemiology, that are relevant to women and gender studies. The Ford Foundation has supported such programs in the past.
- e. There is a new initiative: Women's and Gender Studies Institute for Violence Against Women. This will be a global effort. The goal is to raise \$5 million. Dr. Darici asked the faculty for ideas to raise money. Dr. Shrage suggested doing something with Malala Yousafzai from Pakistan.
- f. Summer teaching – we have two lines, one is available for summer 2014.10/16/2013 5:35 PM

3. Affiliate Faculty assignment for committees

- a. Curriculum Committee – Ferial Boutaghou, Chair and Asia Eaton
- b. Nomination Committee – Laurie Shrage, Chair and Sarah Mahler
- c. Personnel Committee
- d. Board of Advisors – Ellen Cohn

4. Events

- a. **Faculty research Series** – Flyers were distributed
- b. **Fall 2013-Spring 2014** – A list of events was distributed

c. Students Events

WSGSA – Dr. Patil, Faculty Advisor. The students have not been very active this semester yet, but we are organizing a conference for spring 2014. If you have graduate students that might be interested in submitting a paper please have them contact us. The information will be on the website soon and we will send information about it on the digest.

WSSA – Dr. Boutaghrou, Faculty Advisor. The students started auditioning for the Vagina Monologues on October 1st. They are also having Movie Night. The first movie was on September 24, *Iron Jawed Angels*, then on October 23, *A Dry White Season*.

5. Program Review

The center is preparing for a program review. An external consultant has been identified and invited. Her name is Stephanie A. Shields, Professor of Psychology & Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University. She will visit us February 17-19, 2014.

6. Student handbook, Brochure and Annual Report

The annual report, brochure and student handbook have been done, we were just waiting for the name change to be approved to go to print.

7. Results from Strategic Planning meeting – prioritizing, finalizing

Women's Studies discussed four goals at the Strategic Planning meeting last January 2012. Goals 1 and 2 were discussed at the last WS Affiliated Faculty meeting.

Goal 1: Increase Enrollment, Recruitment and Retention

- Dr. Darici met with Anne McCudden from the Women's Park
- She attended the Girl Power event and gave a speech there.
- There will be a meeting soon with different community organizations like Girl Power, Our Girl Enrichment Program, Urban Promise, Overtown Youth, Honey Shine, and YWCA-Miami and Dr. Dionne Stephens for future collaborations.
- The Girl Power needs mentors. WG Studies will do a Star Party for them.

Goal 2: Develop Program Identity: Curricula and course development Strategies

- New name
- Possible MA in Women's and Gender Studies

Goal 3: Faculty Development and increasing Women's Studies Identity and Visibility

- Dr. Darici requested a digital instructor, via email to Jennifer Gebelein. It depends on the number of majors. Perhaps this will take place after the program review.
- Faculty Research Series. Organized by Laurie Shrage, Vrushali Patil and Dionne Stephens. This series will give the opportunity to faculty to present their work in progress or conference presentation and have feedback from their peers. These talks are not open to the public. Open to faculty, graduate and advance undergraduate

students only. Contact Laurie, Vrushali or Dionne if you are interested in doing a presentation in this series. Dr. Boutaghou suggested someone from another university. Dr. Debarhary? From UC Berkeley will be here December 4 and 5. She will do a talk in Dr. Boutaghou's class and she could do a seminar as part of the Faculty Research Series. These lectures could take place at BBC, MMC or Wolfsonian, Miami Beach. Dr. Alkadry just published a book, he will be a good person to invite to do a presentation.

Goal 4: Increase Community Engagement, Internships and International Programs

- Dr. Darici made contact with the University of Turkey, the president came and visited the program. There are plans for consortium.

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8. Suggestions for adjunct instructors

Dr. Darici asked for suggestions for adjunct faculty that could teach WST 3015 Intro to Global Gender and Women's Studies and WST 3641 LGBT and Beyond courses. These courses both satisfy the UCC and Global requirements.

9. International Violence Against Women Institute – Fundraising project. Goal: \$5 Million

See Directors announcements, item e.

10. High school recruitment, Orientation

- A brochure is being made to distribute to high schools to promote our center and to be used at orientation sessions.

11. Approved electives course list

Dr. Darici asked that faculty forward courses that are relevant to Women's and Gender Studies to Dr. Boutaghou, Chair of Curriculum Committee with a copy of the syllabus to be approved. The course must cover at least 40% women and gender content and a memo of understanding could be drafted if need be.

Dr. Boutaghou informed that she was at the CAS curriculum committee last Friday and there was a course titled Family, Love proposed by the History Department. She commented that perhaps departments should have the courtesy of informing when they are proposing a course that is relevant to a center such as ours

Other business:

-Suzanne Koptur commented that the center could benefit with more space for faculty offices.

-Linnea Pearson commented that she wishes to donate money to create a Sojourner Truth Trust Fund to benefit the Center for Women's and Gender Studies.

-Yesim Darici met with Cori Flam Meltzer Principal Legal Mediator, CFM Mediation, to talk about negotiations