

Chicago Area Women's and Gender Studies and Centers

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2007 – 5:00-7:00 pm

We had a great meeting! Laurie Fuller (Northeastern), Ann Brigham (Roosevelt), Teresa Prados-Terreira (Columbia), Katie Weseman (Northwestern), Katrin Schultheiss, Sarah Shirk (UIC); Gabrielle [not sure of last name-sorry!] (Chicago State).

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 7, 1:00-3:00 pm, Roosevelt. Laurie Fuller will be chairing the meeting; and Ann Brigham will take notes. [for more on organizational structure, see end of these minutes]

Fall Internship, Job, and Volunteer Fair: Friday, October 26, 12:00-4:00 pm, will take place at Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan. This was where the first one took place. It's a great space. Ideas for making it an even more successful event:

1. Publicity:

- a. more outreach to area colleges and universities;
- b. publicity materials out by early in September; encourage faculty to build it into classes
- c. each member of CAWGS commit to bring 10 students
- d. connect again with Young Women's Leadership Charter School, and maybe other high schools to participate (though we'll need to have specific programming available). If we do this ahead of time, it would probably work!

2. Sessions/Workshop ideas:

- a. Resume and Interviewing (Teresa will ask if the guy who did it last year from Columbia would be willing to do it again);
- b. Applying to Grad School (Ann R volunteered to do this, and will recruit an alum to do it with her);
- c. Proposing and presenting at a Conference (Ann B);
- d. Student Organizing (we'll recruit students to participate and lead this, or ask local organizer);
- e. self defense (Laurie will check into).

3. Alumnae Panel

We'll solicit volunteers in the fall from the various schools with attention to diversity of identity as well as field of interest / focus.

CAWGS – Building Community

1. **Shared Calendar** – Laurie (NEIU) rocks! She has been working with a colleague to develop this shared calendar, and he has agreed to do this for free! Updates forthcoming.

2. **Website:** Katrin (UIC) suggested having a Website for CAWGSC, and Teresa (Columbia) will check to see if there's a student at Columbia who could build a website for us. It would feature all WMS/GWS/WGS programs and centers in the area. Katy (Northwestern) is going to look at other websites for similar collaborative programs and will bring ideas to the next meeting.
3. **Future of Women's / Gender Studies: Citywide WMS/GWS Faculty Discussion** – Drawing upon research scholarship in this area, we would bring together faculty from the various colleges and universities to have a conversation based on recent articles and/or books. Planned date: February 8, Friday, 12-4 pm, at Hull House (hopefully).

CAWGS Structure: Ann Russo stepped down as Chair. We talked about trying out a different structure – rotating chairs and minute takers – to share the burden. We'll try it out next year. Laurie Fuller (NEIU) will be chair of next meeting and Ann Brigham (Roosevelt) will take and distribute the minutes. At the next meeting, a meeting chair will be chosen for the following meeting. We'll see if it works, and if it doesn't, we can change.