

Minutes for CAWGS meeting, September 7, 10.30am Roosevelt University

Present: Ann Brigham, Laurie Fuller, Ann Russo, Judith Gardiner, Amy Partridge, Katy Weseman, Heidi Truax, Tara Gregg, Athanasia Papaioannou, Sarah Shirk

Submitted by Ann Brigham

#### I. Internship Fair update

Ann R. provided the organization list and invitation letter from last year; Heidi and Tara will update and send out. [Since the meeting, Heidi and Tara have emailed all organizations on list]

Katy will do a flier and email to all on Monday, September 10th [Katy has done this]

Ann R. will contact DePaul Career Center about organization registration and signage, which they have offered to handle again this year [Since meeting, Ann R. has done this, and put Natalie from DePaul's career center in touch with Roosevelt folks]

Heidi and Tara will make the event programs

Ann B. will contact Sean Sanders at the Young Women's Leadership Charter School to see if they are bringing a group to this year's fair and if they want their own resume workshop

Ann B. will also send the event information to Amy Levin at Northern Illinois University, since some students from Northern wanted to attend last year

Everyone present committed to bringing 10 students from their school to the fair

The schedule was determined as follows:

12p-1pm: alumnae panel: what to do with a degree in WGS

1pm-4pm: organization tables up and running

1:30pm-2.15pm: 4 breakout sessions: high school self-defense workshop; resume writing; student organizing; applying to graduate school

2.45pm-3.30pm: self-defense workshop; high school resume writing; applying to present your work at conferences

Alumnae panel: everyone will try to get an alumna to participate and report potential panelists' names and brief bio to Ann B. by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Laurie will let Ann B. know about any special space needs for self defense workshops

Ann B. will look into food and possible food donation by local business

Amy P. will contact Jones Prep and the Social Justice high school to see if they want to bring a class to the fair.

Laurie will ask Midwest Feminist Majority person to coordinate student organizing session [Laurie asked her and she is working on her schedule and will let us know but likes the idea]

#### II. CAWGS events calendar

Laurie passed out access information for the calendar

Katy reported on her research into other collaborative websites—and offered to create a template for postings to our next meeting

#### III. Other business

Judith asked if any other institution was interested in hosting the Model World Conference on Women's and Girls' Rights that took place at UIC in April 2007. Interested parties can

contact Katrin Schultheiss at [kschulth@uic.edu](mailto:kschulth@uic.edu) for a handbook about how to organize the event.

#### IV. Faculty Development Event February 8, 2008

Judy will check with Hull House to see if we can use the event for this space [Since meeting, Judy confirmed that Hull House is willing to let us use their downstairs space, with two long tables holding 24 people each, for free. They'd like to know the time.

For the next meeting, everyone should bring 1-2 articles that they think might be good candidates for reading for this event. They should also bring key questions that might focus the event's discussion. Judith started brainstorming, and a few questions were posed, including:

What's the intellectual grounding of WGS in a post-structuralist environment?

How does WGS stay in touch with an activist movement? Is there an activist movement to stay in touch with?

What are our frameworks for social change, and how do they/don't they align with people's current experiences?

What are the tensions between academic expectations and activism students/scholars are reading about?

#### V. Next meeting, tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Laurie will follow up with time and place for this meeting [Loyola has agreed to host the meeting and it will either be 1-3pm or 2-4pm, update to follow! Thanks Betsy Hemenway at Loyola!!!]

Amy P and Katy volunteered to co-chair the next meeting, and Sarah volunteered to take minutes

At this meeting, Laurie will revisit the topic of online teaching to see if CAWGS is interested in a discussion of this topic in the spring semester