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Women's Studies Advisory Board notes

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MEMO

A committee (advisers from various disciplines) has been formed to review the current state of women's studies at the College and to make recommendations for the future.

TO: Women Studies Advisory Board Members

FROM: Pat Coontz, Women Studies Coordinator

DATE: April 5, 1977

SUBJECT: Women Studies

I. Old Business

a. A new Coordinator has been appointed. The committee would like to have an orientation meeting with the new Coordinator to discuss the role of the Coordinator.

b. The College has approved the establishment of a Women's Studies Program. The committee would like to hear about the plans for the new program.

II. New Business

A. Grants: discussed the possibility of federal and/or private funding for eliminating sexism in higher education. John Futter instructed us to come up with concrete and specific proposals for what we want to accomplish before he can help us discover a suitable grant. Ellen Dunbar and Jerry Donegan volunteered to draw up such proposals.

Suggestions:

1. Workshops designed to educate faculty and staff as to the damaging effects of sex-role stereotyping in textbooks, classroom behavior, advising, etc. Such stereotyping limits the aspirations of women and results in a denial of equal educational opportunity for them.

2. Strategies for introducing women studies material into the regular curriculum

3. Grant money to help staff a women's center--such a center being seen as an organizing and educational center that will expand career perceptions and life style options for community as well as college women.
I. A committee (Coontz, Morrill, Donegan, and Hicks) appointed to formulate long range goals for women's studies program and to tighten up the women studies minor. What should constitute the minor? Electives? Substitutions?

II. Discussion of mini-courses in women studies. Coontz and Donegan agreed to occasionally offer their courses in one credit sections for the benefit of staff people who hesitate to take four credits while working full-time.

III. Discussion of ways to involve the community in women studies. Maide Gibbs and Marilyn Elliot were appointed a committee of two to determine the needs of Cheney women and how the college can help to meet them.

IV. It was decided by the group that in order to achieve our goals, a Women's Center was a necessity. The women students already had an appointment with Drs. Marshall and Whitfield to discuss such a Center (as well as additional women faculty in the Social Sciences and other matters), and it was decided that a group of community women would do likewise. Representatives from staff and faculty also expressed a wish to talk to the administration about this matter.

V. Proposals for the location of a Women's Center included: the space under Tawanka; two offices in Monroe; the house now infrequently used by Home Economics; the Kofinema House, now up for sale--ideal with its kitchen and upstairs apartment.

It was decided to convene the W.S.A.B. again as early as possible Spring quarter.