

**Women's Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010**

Members Present: Sharon Messer, Jonna Cook, Mistie Spicer, Christina Jones, Ashley Mc Cray, Connie Stoner, Ray Noble, Roberta Milliken, Sarah Richards, Angela Henderson and Monique Diedrich.

Roberta passed around a number of thank-you cards from the Southern Ohio Domestic Violence Shelter and the Counseling Center.

Leslie Williams Symposium 2010: Valenti Date and Topic:

Roberta asked the committee what day of the week they thought would be best to schedule the Jessica Valenti lecture. She said in planning meetings she learned that Thursdays are not good because for most students the weekend starts on Thursday. Connie Stoner suggested a Monday night. After some discussion it was decided that Tuesday, October 12th would be good if the Vern Riffe Center were available and if not plan for the following week on Tuesday, October 19th.

Roberta asked the committee which topic they would like for Valenti to speak on either "The Purity Myth," "Full Frontal Feminism," or "He's a Stud, She's a Slut." After some discussion as to which topic would draw the most attendance, the committee chose "He's a Stud, She's a Slut."

Next Year:

Roberta told the committee that she plans to take a leave of absence fall semester to finish work on a book that is due to the publisher on November 30th. She asked the committee for suggestions on faculty members who may be interested in filling in for her when she is gone. Roberta suggested Ann Linden. She believes Ann will put in a lot of face time at the center. She said she has not formally asked Ann but thinks she would be interested. Roberta said she could return in the spring. There was some discussion as to having someone fill in for Roberta for a year. With that factor up for discussion there was some concern as to what would happen with "The Vagina Monologues" if Ann agrees to fill in for Roberta and agrees to do it for a year. Christina suggested that Katy be asked if she could take over the "Monologues." Roberta said she would talk to Ann and would begin the formal process with Dave Todt if Ann agrees to fill in.

Calendar Committee:

Roberta reported that work on the next year's calendar begins at the end of spring semester. Since she will not be here in the fall she would like to begin work on the calendar much sooner and asked for volunteers for a sub-committee of the group to work on next year's calendar. Angela, Mistie, Katy and Sarah will serve.

Distinguished Service Award:

Roberta asked the committee how they felt about changing the name of the award to the Chapman Distinguished Service Award to honor the former university president. She said he was instrumental in getting the Women's Forum started and gave the Forum, \$10,000 to begin the Leslie Williams Symposium. She said she believes the name change will draw more attention to

the award. She said Dr. Chapman will be invited to the luncheon. Angela had concerns about changing the name. Mistie said she would check with Dr. Morris to ensure that there would not be a problem in changing the name of the award. A committee of Christina, Angela, Sharon, Roberta and Mistie was formed to work on the luncheon. Mistie said she would call a meeting for next week.

Go Red For Women Campaign:

Sharon and Jonna will work with Roberta on the campaign. Sarah said she may have a file on it since she headed up the effort last year. Roberta said she will need to order door prizes.

Civic Project:

Connie Stoner spoke to the committee to coordinate a program to offer students civic engagement opportunities in an effort to become better informed about local, state and federal government. She would like to have a spot in the Women's Center where she could leave issue orientated materials. She would also like to leave a sign-up sheet in the center to see if there is any interest in attending the League of Women Voters State House Day in April.

SOCHE Meeting:

Roberta attended a meeting at the University of Cincinnati on December. She passed out the Ohio Women's Centers Statement of Philosophy:

“Women's centers reflect the unique needs of their institutions and communities, yet share a commitment to historically underserved individuals and groups. Additionally, women centers play a leadership role in understanding the changing workplace and preparing members of the University community to engage successfully with an increasingly complex world. Women's centers are integral to transforming institutions into inclusive environments; through community-building, advocacy, education, support and research, they encourage the full participation and success of women.”

She said she didn't know if we could adopt this statement as our own. The next meeting will be at the University of Dayton in February at their women's center.

Roberta told the committee about International Women's Day on March 8th at the Governor's Office. She said it will be a day-long event. She said there will also be a conference at Dennison University in regards to Women in Higher Education. She said she would like to do more to involve SSU women in this conference.

Tapestries:

Sarah said the deadline has been extended until the end of January. She said she needs to send out a reminder to the UAA and the USA about submissions.

Vagina Monologues:

Roberta reported that The Vagina Monologues will be February 5 and 6th not the 4th and 5th. She said we need to select a Vagina Warrior who is a person who has overcome violence and works to end violence against women.

Other Items:

Mistie asked if the committee would still like to do the “Comfort Bundles” for the Counseling Center in connection with The Vagina Monologues and Roberta suggested that we do it as part of Women’s History month.

Roberta reminded everyone about Monique’s lecture on tanning beds. Mistie said she would check to make sure that the Derma Scan machine was there for the lecture.

Roberta said she has been talking to Linda Brown about activities for Eating Disorders Awareness Week which will be observed February 22-25. She said Linda is working on putting activities together.

The next meeting of the Women’s Center Advisory Committee will be February 10 at 3:30.