NJWGSC

Retreat

William Paterson University

June 11, 2014

10am-1:30pm

**Minutes**

Present: Esmilda Abreu, Cecilia Colbeth (Co-Chair), Helen Dedes, Lisa Mastrangelo, Meg Natter (Treasurer), Cynthia Ninivaggi, Arlene Holpp Scala (Co-Chair), Melda Yildiz

I.Minutes from the February 2014 meeting was approved.

II.Treasurer’s Report: Meg Natter

* $7500. was collected from institutional memberships in Spring 2014.
* Wells Fargo Balance as of 6/9/14 is $37,575.34

III.Colloquium Report: Cecilia Colbeth

* The 10th Annual Colloquium was a success!
* Hayley Gorenberg, Deputy Legal Director at Lambda Legal, was a gracious speaker at the TCNJ-hosted Colloquium
* Student Award winners:
  + Eve Sanoussi, First Prize $500. Drew University, “Prostitution and the Im(Possibility) of Resistance”
  + Lahari Vudayagiri, First Prize $500. TCNJ, “Invisible Woman in Indian Healthcare”
  + Mariel Caputo, Honorable Mention $250. “’I shall be an old maid . . . What was I created for?’: The Purpose Question in Charlotte Bronte’s *Shirley*”
  + Mckenzie Delaney, Honorable Mention $250. Montclair University, “The Creation Quandary”
  + Peri Hinsel, Honorable Mention $250. Rider University. “Still Alive Portal: Video Games and the Female Gamer”
  + Amy Lee Carrino Emerging Scholar $100. Brookdale Community College, “Body Sphere”
* Three student presenters didn’t attend. Efforts will be increased to make clear the requirement that students whose papers are selected for presentation must attend the colloquium, barring a last minute emergency/circumstance.
* 2013 Summer Internship awardees were invited to make a presentation of their internships. Two of the awardees presented: Valerie Amaral ($500. Award) from WPUNJ presented about her internship at Dottie’s House in Brick Township, NJ, a refuge for survivors of domestic violence; Alexis Longo ($1000. Award) from Montclair University presented about her internship at the Masakhane Center (promoting healthy sexuality for youth), Newark, NJ. Two awardees were unable to attend: Nicole Lipari ($1000. Award) from Rider University, who did her internship at The Lesbian Herstory Archives in Brooklyn, NY and Amanda Branick ($500 award) from Monmouth University who completed her internship at Making Our Daughters Safe Again (sexual abuse survivors), Eatontown, NJ.
* 2013 NWSA Travel Scholarship Awardee ($500.) Dr. Emily Bent from TCNJ was recognized in the program.

IV.Publication of student papers: Lisa Mastrangelo

* An unanimous decision was made to publish student Colloquia papers on our NJWGSC Website.
* Lisa will send a publication permission form to volunteers present at the Retreat for review.
* Lisa will locate a grad student to help with designing a template.
* Melda will participate in template editing and Lisa will do sentence editing.
* Arlene and Cecilia will write the introduction for this year’s papers.

V. Summer 2014 internship Awards: Arlene

* This year’s Summer Internship awardees are Megan Osika from TCNJ ($1000.) whose internship is with Lambda Legal in NYC and Simaza Ishak from William Paterson University ($1000.) whose internship Is with WAFA(Women Against Family Abuse) House in Clifton, NJ.
* There were only two applicants and both are very deserving of monetary awards. However, we want to see more applications in the future. Applications were distributed at the Colloquia and on-line via the consortium listserv.

V.NWSA Travel Grants application : Arlene Holpp Scala

* See attachment

VI. Web page: Cecilia

* Cecilia will add photos and updated information to the Wordpress Website housed at TCNJ.
* Arlene called Tag-on-Line to discontinue the Website housed there. Consortium members had been discussing the difficulty of uploading information and found Wordpress more

user- friendly.

VII.Election of officers

* Esmilda Abreu from Montclair University stepped forward to serve as Co-President 2014-2016 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016) and was unanimously elected! She will serve with Cecila Colbeth from TCNJ who is continuing the second year of her term.
* Meg Natter agreed to continue serving as our treasurer.
* Arlene Holpp Scala completed the second year of her term as president and was thanked for her work. Arlene has served as president for two non-consecutive terms.

VIII. Meeting and Colloquium schedule for 2014-2015

* Meeting and workshop on Friday, October 17, 2014 at TCNJ
* Meeting on Friday, February 6, 2015 at Brookdale Community College
* Colloquium on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Montclair University
* Retreat on Wednesday, May 20 TBA

IX. Lunch and informal discussion

X. Adjournment: 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Holpp Scala July 23, 2014