

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 NJWGSC MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Cecilia Colbeth (TCNJ), Wendy Kolmar (Drew), Erica Ryan (Rider), Monica Taylor (Montclair), Rosemarie Bello-Truland (Georgian & Brookdale), Betsy Erbaugh (Stockton), Karen Teller (Rowan), Christina Eubank (Bergen Community College), Ileana Nachescu (Rutgers), Cynthia Ninivaggi (Georgian Court University)

Treasurer's Report – Erica Ryan provided an update on the financial status of the Consortiums account. No membership fees have been received since the summer.

Membership Letter – Cecilia will work on updating the draft letter that was reviewed by those in attendance. Edits should include paragraphs on the opportunities the Consortium provides to member institutions and their students as well as a paragraph that stresses the importance of the discipline. Cecilia will then email Membership letter to everyone on the updated email list.

There was a conversation about NJ WGS programs that are under threat of being closed, combined with other disciplines, or underfunded. Ileana informed the group that Rutgers' The Center for Women's Global Leadership was abruptly shut down with no warning. Charlotte Bunch (Rutgers) is trying to find out more information. New Jersey City University is waiting on a December 14th announcement about what departments/programs will be closed due to its dire financial situation. Should NJCU's WGS Department be one of the programs being cut, the Consortium should have a statement of Solidarity ready to send out. Betsy (Stockton) and Wendy (Drew) let the group know that the amount of course release for being the coordinator/Chair of WGS programs of their respective institutions are either under threat of being cut or have already been cut

Discussion about the State of NJ possibly changing education/certification requirements for Elementary/Early Childhood Education (removing content major requirements), and how this might affect WGS Programs.

Internships – All present agreed to keep the amounts for internships at \$500 – 1000 per student for the remainder of the 2022- 2023 Academic Year . During the Spring or summer meetings, we can decide on changing the amounts (dependent on the financial situation of the Consortium).

Annual Colloquium – The 2023 Colloquium will be held at Georgian Court University on Friday, March 31, 2023. All present voted on having it in person with no Online option. Cynthia will coordinate.

Papers need to be submitted by February 6th, 2023 (soft deadline), knowing that we will continue to get papers until the 13th of February (hard deadline). Reading Group will consist of Ileana, Christina, and Monica. Papers need to be grouped by March 6th so that a Program can be created by March 21st. Cecilia will collect the papers and prepare them for the Reading Group.

NJWGSC Social Media – The Consortium does have an Instagram account and a Facebook page. There was a conversation about how we can best use these platforms to promote the Consortium.

Co-Chair position – No takers.

Next NJWGSC meeting will be February 25th, 2023 online - hosted by TCNJ.

Agenda - Membership update, Colloquium, Co-Chair position, Internship Grant amounts