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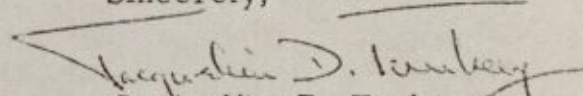
This is to notify you that I have decided to resign as faculty advisor to Women's Studies. Several reasons motivate my decision.

Foremost is my pressing need to attend to my own work. I will be extremely busy during the coming academic year and will have no time to devote to other than my professional commitments.

Of equal importance is my loss of faith in the program. The women who have worked for it have ignored all the political implications of playing establishment games. Better to have no program at all than one which has cooptation built into it. The nature of the program, touted by the Women's Study Committee as unique and attractive, is, it seems to me, repressive and vulnerable to drastic conservative modifications by the various departments that participate in it--especially during this coming year of academic McCarthyism. The structure of the program, patterned after that of Chicano Studies, is elitist, authoritarian, inimical to the interests of women. Further, it is altogether gross that women forming a program to educate themselves out of oppression and away from male chauvinism should feel the continual need to seek masculine advice.

Finally, I have no evidence whatsoever that you and several of the women comprising the Women's Studies Committee can be open and forthright in your dealings with me or other women who might want to associate themselves with the program. And if there cannot be trust among the women involved, any activity they undertake is doomed to fail.

Sincerely,

  
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