

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Roberta Salper  
Women's Studies Program

FROM: Warren Carrier, Dean  
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DATE: December 8, 1970

RE: Responsibilities of Faculty Advisory Committee for  
Women's Studies

I am responding to your letter of December 7th.

1. It has never been the case that responsibilities for all academic matters has rested with any other group of persons than the College of Arts and Letters, its committees, and officers.
2. In the initial stages of the new Program and before the activation of a faculty advisory committee, the Dean acted as the responsible officer for academic matters, receiving recommendations from part-time and visiting faculty and students.
3. With the activation of the Committee, in accordance with Senate regulations and in accordance with the practice in the College of Arts and Letters, that responsibility now rests with the Faculty Advisory Committee as well as the Dean.
4. As is the case with the Department of Religious Studies and the Department of Classical and Oriental Languages, the members of the Faculty Advisory Committee are not specialists in the field for which they are responsible. These committees are temporary and serve until such a time as a sufficient number of tenured faculty have been appointed. (Senate regulations call for a minimum of three.)
5. The area of Women's Studies, being new, is one in which there are few specialists and, indeed, the Program has been established precisely to aid in the development of such specialists. There is, clearly, no one presently on campus who can claim to be a specialist in Women's Studies in the same fashion as someone prepared through doctoral work in other fields.
6. The Women's Studies Program through its Faculty Advisory Committee has the same degree of "self-determination" as any department in the College.
7. It was also the case that various interested faculty and students initiated the proposal for a Women's Studies Program last year and made recommendations with regard to curriculum matters to the appropriate committees of the College and University. Recommendations

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with regard to personnel were made directly to the Dean.

8. The continued active participation of interested faculty and students presently on campus is important for the progress of the Program. They are free to organize themselves as they see fit to support and give direction to the Program.

9. The relationship between faculty-student groups interested in Women's Studies and the Faculty Advisory Committee is one which may be worked out between them, with the understanding that final responsibility at the "departmental" level resides with the Faculty Advisory Committee.

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cc. to Women's Studies Advisory Board