

Statement from the Center for Women's Studies' Coord.

I'm really glad to see how dynamo to the Academic Board many peop are interested in helping me with the CWS - glad you're all here. esp. those who haven't been involved before and those taking time out of busy schedules to do this. It's great to have over half of the members of the Board of the Academic Comp. wanting to work on the Center.

The tasks confronting the Center are so numerous that it's actually good that there are enough peop. here to form a number of small, hard working Sub Committees. And by the way those who aren't ready for some hard work on the Center, prob should be here.

Now let me clarify what my relationship is to this Ad Hoc Comm. Our whole prog was conceived in detail and developed over a period of many months & finally funded after many many hassles on the basis of a proposal which specifies a seven component Center for W.S. of which <sup>one</sup> is the Acad. Comp. Following a recommendation of the WSC

I was hired by the College (specifically by the ~~West~~ Foundation) to be the Coordinator of the Center. and to develop the components. It is natural for a comp. that has already been developed, WSP, to consider itself to be the most imp part of the whole thing & thus forget the needs of Community and tasks related to Recruitment, off-campus Tutorial, Research, Publications, Counseling, etc. — all the non-middle class needs that the acad. comp by itself cannot satisfy. It is my job, the job for which I was hired, to see to it that those needs are met & as soon as possible, & to procure whatever financing is necessary to do so without compromises any of our philosophical principles. There are many precedents which make this pass.

Now, the question of responsibility. Clearly, one is resp in many ways to the people one works with - in any capacity. This is the kind of informal resp. that makes healthy, congenial & effective work <sup>to be</sup> pass., & that in turn is pass. only within a healthy, congenial

and effective working teams. This is the kind of a team I would like to work with, and in which ea person feels resp. to the rest. As to formal, or official, respons., however, the picture is quite diff. There is neither legal nor moral basis upon which a grp. of persons can declare someone resp. to them. In other words, what I am saying is that in my capacity as Coordinator of the Center for Women's Studies I'm neither legally, officially, or morally resp. to the Bd of the academic component or to any committee it might set up - just because they would like me to be. and Any vote to that effect has no validity whatever.

On the other hand, as other comp come into being a Bd of the Center will be formed that will naturally become the body ~~to~~ from which I will very willingly receive policy guidelines and to which I will be resp. to for carrying out those guidelines. (Hopefully no

confusion will arise here between  
policy decisions and administrative  
prerogative) The more help I  
get with developing these other  
components & projects, the sooner  
this Brd will come into being  
~~The question of responsibility~~

Sincerely,

Carol Rowell,

leave space

~~Development~~ <sup>for signature</sup> Coordinator

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