

MEMO

Date: March 22, Monday 1974

To: Members of the Women's Studies Board, Faculty Advisory Comm., Dean Warren Carrier
students in the Women's Studies Classes

From: Joyce Nower

Re: Education Code 24306B Unprofessional Conduct Code

I would like to summarize and elaborate further several observations which I made last Thursday, March 11, in front of numerous students and the Academic Board of the Women's Studies Program.

I noted that I was aware that within Women's Studies classes last semester - and possibly this semester - individual faculty members had allowed and perhaps in some instances even encouraged remarks that slandered both individual members of my family, friends, and that cast doubt on my own integrity as a self-determined human being. According to the ethical code of our profession, faculty members are always responsible for what goes on in their own classrooms and should not allow vicious gossip to take the place of rational discourse.

In addition, it has been brought to my attention that some faculty members have spoken individually to some of my students who have worked with me and are working with me outside of class on various projects and made slanderous remarks about my associations and my integrity. This is blatant intimidation.

Please be aware that I am collecting names, dates, and places, and that if these types of classroom politicking and individual arm-twisting do not stop that I will take action under Education Code 24306B. Furthermore, I will make this information available to the various professional organizations, MLA and so on, as well as to individual colleges and universities. Political differences should be discussed in the classroom but the discussion need not degenerate into slander.

One further point: I demand that those faculty - and Board members - who keep stirring up coals for their own ends take an active role in revitalizing the discussion of political differences by placing it within a healthier framework - attitudes towards structure within the Women's Movement and various methods of organizing women.

If Conscience ~~down~~ and Common Sense do not respond to what has been said above, then please remember that the smiling student in the groovy circle who seems to be your friend today may be mine tomorrow.