

2006 Minutes

Women's Caucus Business Meeting

2006 National Communication Association Convention
San Antonio

Approval of 2005 Minutes

- Sonja Foss moved.
- Mary Rose Williams seconded.
- Approved.

Welcome & Opening Comments:

Cami Sanderson, Chair

Legislative Assembly Report

- Dues are increased for next year and the assembly is considering moving
- the lifetime membership from \$3500 to \$4500. Before the price increases (July 1, 2007) there will be a sale.
- Gay/Lesbian/Transgender/Queer Division created.
- Communication as a Social Construction created and will self-terminate after 5 years.
- Discussion of sliding scale that was rejected (62 to 30). Will re-examine the issue from a different vantage.
- Created a protocol for evaluating communication programs.

Submissions to Caucus for 2006:

Kim Golombisky, Vice Chair

- 23 panel submissions and 1 was not appropriate and forwarded onto a different group. We had 100% acceptance

Francine-Merritt Reception:

Pam Tracy, Immediate Past President

- Francine Merritt Reception cancelled due to injury of recipient, Kathryn Olson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- We need to use this money by July 1 due to fiscal year restrictions. We're considering using \$900 for student scholarships and are taking suggestions.
- Scholarship essay award or grant for feminist scholarship for students.
- Considered the question of how much money we spend on wine & cheese for the F-M reception (\$1300) –

would we like to have some sort of ongoing scholarship/grant for the reception.

- Caucus pays \$900 and the Division contributes \$400 historically and the Division would like to move their money into a book award.
- We need to solicit more nominations. Over the years the number of nominations has decreased and we'd like to really encourage people to consider nominating people.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Enck-Wanzer

2nd Vice Chair, Suzanne Enck-Wanzer

- The money from ribbons last year traveled with the Treasurer. What should be done with the money this year? Money deposited after NCA needs to be used by July 1 so as not to lose it when the new fiscal year starts.
- Proposal to use the money for healthier food rather than wine
- Commitment to having some sort of symbolic food.
- Suggested that we purchase ribbons that are lapel pins. This will likely be what we have for NCA 2007.

Student Representatives

No Report

Historian:

Diana Ivy

Diana has the archives, but is not in attendance at NCA 2006.

Election of 2nd Vice Chair – Programmer of 2009 Chicago

2 nominations were put forward:

Barbara Parisi, Long Island University and Helen Tate, Columbia College

Helen Tate was elected 3rd Vice Chair

Election of Student Representatives

Amanda Brozana

Doctoral Student, University of Alabama

LaKresha Graham

Doctoral Student, Arizona State University

Rachel Anderson Droogsma

(Ph.D., Howard University, 2006)

Assistant Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Cerise L. Glenn
Doctoral Student, Howard University

Katherine “Kathy” J. Denker
Doctoral Student, University of Missouri Columbia

Bhavana Upadhyaya
Doctoral Student, University of New Mexico

Old Business

Inter-caucus alliance (aka Affirmative Action Committee):
Roseann Mandziuk

- Gender Identity added to the non-discrimination clause
- Charged with procedures for the travel awards for students of color

New Business

Nominations for Francine Merritt would be accepted from the floor.

Voices Newsletter

- We’re in need of a reliable women’s caucus listserv.
- Copies of the website page. Kristy & Kim have done a great job with the newsletter and bookmarks were distributed to encourage people to submit to the newsletter.

Program ideas for 2007

- Theme: “Communicating our worldview: Faith, Intellect, Ethics”
- 22 panel sessions available for next year. We need to continue to offer to co-sponsor panels with other caucuses.
- Oral history panel re: the women’s caucus. – this is one that we could highlight in the newsletter.
- Can we play with our programming – e.g., having a double-session where we can have break-out sessions, etc. Next year, a round-table session where participants will actually sit around round tables → this might be good for a double session. Also, perhaps encouraging mentoring of students, works-in-progress. Alternative formats.
- Whither Affirmative Action.

- Chicago – ways to connect with women’s groups in the community or have some sort of outreach with the local community – e.g., Hull House event.

Reminder of how Women’s Caucus is different from Feminist & Women Studies Division

- WC is the original group of women who forced women’s issues into the scope of the NCA. Status of women and women’s issues in the academy is the mission of the WC. Caucus mission is politics of women.
- FWSD was broken out of the WC to accommodate scholarship (gender, feminist studies, etc). WC does not accept competitive papers, but we do accept panels that advance women’s place in the field and society at large. Codifying of rules has often been resisted in the caucus; we tend to rely on tradition and innovation.

Miscellaneous

3rd Annual Womentoring sessions (back-to-back) will be on 11/18/2006, planned by graduate students, about how to mentor women in the academy.

Belle Edson and Karma Chavez’s special issue of *Women’s Studies in Communication* on power feminism was announced.

Desire to take an initiative in new technology to telecast sessions to those who are unable to attend the conference due to the special needs of women. Database of some of the “best” papers, etc. I-pod sessions in particular. Amanda Brozana would like to work on podcasts of sessions for next year’s newsletter. Initiative will be taken up by grad student reps.

Gavel turned over to Kim Golombisky and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Enck-Wanzer