

To: R. Boutelle  
From: The Women's Studies Committee  
Re: Requested information  
Date: February 25, 1976

The Women's Studies Committee met initially on an informal basis, as a result of interest among faculty women in increasing campus offerings in Women's Studies, as a continuation of the work done by the Systemwide Women's Studies Task Force, and as a part of the campus affirmative action obligations. (See University of Wisconsin System Policy on Equal Opportunity in Education, Part I: Policy Statement and Part II, Guidelines, especially item G "Women's Studies.")

The plan to initiate a Women's Studies minor at Stevens Point was noted in "the Annual Report on Women's Studies Program" submitted to the Regents on August 15, 1975 by Central Administration and in PPBAC document 6148, Elwin Sigmund's August 15 memo to Chancellor Dreyfus entitled "the Ten Year Academic Plan Review." The committee and its functions were "officially" recognized in November, 1975 (See attached memo from Vice-Chancellor Ellery).

Membership on the committee includes Hazel Koskenlinna and Helen Heaton, English faculty and members of the Systemwide Task Force on Women's Studies, Virginia Fish, Sociology, Helen Godfrey, Director of Co-curricular Services, Kay Kurz, Student representative and Donna Garr (ex-officio), Affirmative Action Office. The committee has not yet appointed a co-ordinator the the proposed minor, but anticipates that the person who teaches the core courses in the minor will act as co-ordinator with the committee acting as advisor, co-planner, general assistant, etc. Any member on the committee can speak for the proposal, since all members (except the student member who is new) were active in preparing it. The particular layout for the minor (the details) came from considerable research in the discipline, examining similar programs from other campuses, surveying the considerable publications on the subject, etc.