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TO: WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM FACULTY

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I would like to ask you to take time from your busy schedule during this exam period and fill out this brief evaluation form which will be used to help me in assessing the program's strengths and weaknesses. I would very much appreciate it if you would return these to the Women's Studies Office before you leave for the summer. Thanks your very much for your cooperation on this project and for your support throughout the year. I hope you have a productive summer as well as a relaxing one. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

1. a. What do you consider to be the major goals/objective of the Women's Studies Program?

1. to recognize the diversity of women's roles in all aspects of life, and to honor the contribution of women from these different communities.
2. to address issues that women face, exploring the problems that women encounter and examining solutions, & to empower all who participate in the WS classes. This also means bringing men into the discussion so they can learn about their own roles as both part of the problem and the solution.

b. To what extent is the WSP meeting these goals?  
under the directorship of Alma Garcia the SDP has made great strides.

2. a. What are the program's major weaknesses?

1. There should be a separate independent WS office. Not having an office sends a very bad message to students and ALL the faculty about the status of the program.

Due to lack of real support by many faculty outside WSP, the program needs more administrative support, especially more TENURED women faculty as role models & to provide continuity in the program. This is a serious problem.

2. nervousness about sexuality in the U.S. has influenced SCU faculty as well as students, so we need to address sexuality and alternative sexuality better.

3. The program could benefit from a more international perspective-- people tend to talk about women's roles as tho the US represented ALL women.

b. List some suggestions which you believe would improve the overall program.

Bring in outside speakers, like Toni Morrison, or Soheir Morsey (UC Berkeley).

Bring in graduates of the WSP to talk about their experiences at SCU and Since. They are a valuable resource that we should call upon.

3. What programs or events sponsored by the WSP did you like most and the least. Please explain.

There have been so many it's difficult to choose just one. Certainly the student presentations at lunchtime are a wonderful idea.

The two students who spoke at the WS workshop were excellent! The faculty could learn SO much from hearing more of what these intelligent and poised and strong young women have to share. Awesome is what they were!

4. What kind of program(s) would you most like to see next year. Please be as specific as possible (name of speaker, topic for panel, etc).

Toni Morrison, Soheir Morisey, Joy Harjo.