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## Student Women's Association Meeting Minutes

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# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The tenth regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:02pm on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 in the Totman room by President Sam Saucier.

## **Check-in**

Name, pronouns, how was your break

## **Business**

Student Organization Fair

9:30am-1pm Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>

All of rooms in union have been booked out to mock org fair in the fall

We have a table booked next to the SASH table

Candy, banner, tablecloth will be set in the SWAffice for whoever sets up

Women's Resource Center

Lori and Sam are meeting with Dean Dana again on Wednesday

Part of a campaign we have mapped out for the upcoming months

Change.org petition is currently circulating, so please sign it, leave a comment, and share

On the SWA page and on many of our personal Facebook profiles

Making a flyer to circulate in the community

Vagina Monologues

Show dates are February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Space has not been book but we are in the process of obtaining funding

Tabling the whole week before and the Thursday/Friday before to sell vulva pops and

clay vulva earrings (Delaney will book tables, and post a sign up sheet on Facebook)

1 in 3 (Taylor)

Wants to do a fundraiser for Planned Parenthood

Collab with SASH during sex week to work against abortion stigma

Upcoming events and projects this semester:

-Maine Peace Action Committee: Douglas Allen Student Activist Panel Feb 9th @ 12:30 in the Bangor Room (part of Socialist/Marxist Lecture Series)

SWA, SASH, and Amnesty International will all have representatives

If anyone is interested in having another group they belong to do a presentation, let Olivia know

-Clothing SWAp

Finally plan on having it after spring break

Hopefully in conjunction with an environmental justice group on campus

Leftover clothes will be donated

-Student Activist Fair

Plan to hold it this semester

Student Activist Board has had their first official event- Peace, Love, and Pizza

Join members of all the organizations that belong to Student Activist Board to spread information and continue working together

-Beautiful Week

The week of Earth Day

Multiple days of tabling and body positive activities

Conclude week with Slut Walk

-Undie Run

Run in clothes you're going to donate

Possible that we might start on Maine Day

Consider combining this with the clothing SWAp

-Sex Week

Put on by SASH & we will collab with them

-Organizer training at future meetings

Help more of us get involved in the WRC campaign

Sam has proper training from Advocates for Youth

Help us think about power dynamics and how to build a campaign

-Fun bonding time! For fun. (It will be fun)

Possibly weekend of February 4th

-T-Shirts!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have funding for it now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have a logo!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

-Hope Festival

Sometime in April

We plan on having a table with an activity

## **Announcements**

-Congrats to our new officers! Sam as co-chair and Taylor as 1in3 coordinator

-Sam office hours 11-12 Tuesday/Thursday Lori office hours 11-12 Monday/Wednesday

-We have a functioning button maker

## **Check-out**

Post meeting plans

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm by Lori Loftin. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on January 30, 2017 in the Totman room.

Minutes submitted by: Delaney Woodford

# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The eleventh regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:01pm on Monday, January 23rd, 2016 in the Totman room by President Sam Saucier.

## **Check-in**

Name, pronouns, TV show you're watching right now

## **Business**

### Basic Organizer Training

Shomya- organizer at Advocates for Youth visiting from DC to give it

Potentially on February 13th, is everyone free in the afternoon-evening? Roughly 4-8pm

Location TBD, likely in the union- Delaney will book

Try to take this time off, this is a very important opportunity!

Coming to specifically work on WRC with us

### T-Shirts

Olivia Nicol made a t-shirt design for us!

We will put a sign up on Facebook to collect sizes and see how many to order

Coming out of our budget so no one has to buy their own

### Vagina Monologues:

Officially in the Cyrus Pavilion at 7PM on February 9th and 10th

We will need a couple of non-cast members to volunteer selling Vulva Pops (Delaney will make sign up on Facebook)

1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5 Vulva pops

\$3 Student tickets, \$5 non-student tickets

Tabling: ALL next week (Delaney book tables, make sign up), we'll be selling vulva pops and vulva earrings made by Sierra Hillebrand (portion of money will go back to her)

## WRC

Keep circulating the petition, we've just surpassed 500 signatures!

Lori and Sam met with Dean Dana and he stated we would have a space by the end of the semester

Putting a lot of pressure on an end of the semester deadline

Next step: meeting with the woman in charge of delegating spaces, meeting with Provost Hecker, then possibly President Hunter

Shomya is setting up a consult with Teen Vogue or Cosmo to do an article on the WRC

Other student organizations interested in supporting us- we are circulating a document for them to sign to show their support

-If anyone knows of any organizations who would be interested, please refer them to Sam or Lori

## Constitution

Lori and Sam updated our constitution this weekend

Nothing major was changed, just cabinet and senate representative duties delegated to co-chairs

## Dump Drumpf booklets

Link to purchase posted on Facebook

Condom Week tabling

Mabel Wadsworth handing out condoms and contraceptive information

If you can help table, Jessie posted sign up on Facebook

### **Announcements**

Friendship and bonding and love this Saturday night 8:30 at Sam's house!

New computer and keys to SWAffice

Opera Workshop in April, Lydia is in it and we should all go see her

Upcoming March for Scientists on Washington and sister marches across the country

Sex Week February 20-24<sup>th</sup>

Being Me website is up- Kit is going to bring more stickers in [beingmemovement.com](http://beingmemovement.com)

Planned Parenthood March in Portland Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday at noon Black Lives Matter flag raising on the mall

### **Check-out**

Tonight's plans

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm by Sam Saucier. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on February 6, 2017 in the Totman room.

Minutes submitted by: Delaney Woodford



# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The twelfth regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:01pm on Monday, January 23rd, 2016 in the Totman room by President Lori Loftin.

## **Check-in**

Name, pronouns, favorite floor of fogler

## **Business**

Vagina Monologues:

Actual Vagina Monologues Thurs, Fri 7pm Cyrus Pavilion \$3 for students \$5 for nonstudents

Vagina Monologues tabling this week- DO IT this is our primary advertisement for the show (sign up on Facebook)

Tabling/doors/tix/vulva pops at actual event (sign up on Facebook)

Vulva pops are in the SWA office

Invite your friends to the Facebook event

Proceeds to Mabel Wadsworth, Spruce Run, and Rape Response Services

Student Activist Panel:

Thursday 2/9 12:30-1:45 Bangor Room

Sam and Lori will be there to talk about SWA

Lots of other UMaine student orgs will be there to talk about their activist work as well

Basic Organizer Training:

Shomya- organizer at Advocates for Youth visiting from DC to give it

Coming to specifically work on WRC with us

February 13<sup>th</sup> 4-8:30pm in the union

RSVP on Facebook

Try to take this time off, this is a very important opportunity!

#### WRC Update:

Lori and Sam met with the woman in charge of delegating spaces

Confident that we will have a space by the end of the semester

Looking at the old CASE office (in union across from Rainbow Resource Center)

Funding is going to be the biggest upcoming challenge

Upcoming meeting with Provost to clarify what WRC will be for and that services are not already being covered

Sam has done a phone interview and is moving forward with a consult with Teen Vogue or Cosmo to do an article on the WRC

Unsure of who will staff the WRC as funding is pushed through, possibly SWA volunteers!

#### Black Student Union:

Friday Feb 24th: Black History Month Potluck time TBD

Asking that SWA makes food for it

Delaney will post a signup on Facebook

#### T-shirts:

Olivia Nicol made a t-shirt design for us!

We will put a sign up on Facebook to collect sizes and see how many to order

Coming out of our budget so no one has to buy their own

### **Announcements**

Planned Parenthood March 12pm Saturday 2/11 in Portland, please carpool!

Sex Week February 20-24<sup>th</sup>, check it out

All Maine Women application has been released for rising seniors

Feminist Film Series: V-Day showing February 8<sup>th</sup>

UMaine March for Science meeting at 8 in Neville 104

It is rude to pee in other people's trashcans- don't forget!

Robyn held a beaar

### **Check-out**

Tonight's plans

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by Student Women's Association. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on February 20, 2017 in the Totman room.

Minutes submitted by: Delaney Woodford

# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The thirteenth regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:04pm on Monday, February 27th, 2016 in the Totman room by President Lori Loftin.

## **Check-in**

Name, pronouns, what would you choose for your final meal?

## **Business**

Vagina Monologues (Recap)

We made ~\$730! Super well even having cancelled a show

Each organization we are donating to is getting about \$250

Organizer Training/WRC Updates

-We have packets to outline our plan of attack for the WRC

- If you were unable to attend, Lori and Same are happy to meet with anyone

-Lori and Same met with the provost, director of Women's Studies, Rising Tide director, CLAS dean division of lifelong learning and more!

-Lots of movement among programs/departments on campus

-We have been promised space in the union, but asked to have us hold off until they figure everything out

-Believe that long term it is better for us to be associated with Rising Tide and WGS but this will not solve our problem or prioritize our needs

-Dean Dana said if we have not heard from group/ the provost by end of spring break we can go ahead with the space in the union

-Provost was on original planning committee for WRC back in 1989, so he is working in the best interest of our group

-Petition stuff - need 400 signatures before 3/31 so we can deliver it

-Erin, Olivia: have been distributing QR codes and making announcements in classes

-3-minute speech: we want to work on developing an “elevator pitch”/important information points

-Coalition document: will be delivered along with petition

Social Justice/Diversity: Week of March 27<sup>th</sup>

-SWA will be participating & collecting signatures

-Hopefully do an activist fair

T-shirts

## **Announcements**

Self-love language tomorrow 2/28 11-12:30 in the Walker Room

Our Rights at Risk: Panel put on by Mabel Wadsworth Wednesday 3/1 12-1 at Bangor Public Library

Beautiful Week: week of April 17<sup>th</sup>

UMaine March for Science April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Free Pancake Day at IHOP is Tuesday March 7th

## **Check-out**

Spring break plans

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm by President Sam Saucier. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on March 7, 2017 in the Totman room.

# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The fourteenth regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:04pm on Monday, March 20th, 2017 in the Totman room by President Sam Saucier.

## **Check-in**

Name, pronouns, how was break?

## **Business**

Hostile Student Government Takeover

MC is running unopposed for student gov president

She's coming in next week to talk about her goals (for example: free tampons in the union!)

Beautiful Week: Week of April 17<sup>th</sup>

Begins with a sex carnival and ends with a slut walk

Need to plan events for the week

Beautiful week needs a makeover (lol)

- Continue tabling every day

- Body Positivi-tea

- Keep in mind how beauty ideals effect WOC more than white women

- Showing of videos

- Multicultural fashion show

- Natural beauty products table is usually popular: do a room/event instead?

Meeting 4/10 will be for poster making- please come!!

## Shirts

See Delaney to sign up if you have not done so yet

Finalizing design and ordering on Friday

## Update on WRC campaign

Sam and Lori had a meeting with VCAA today,

Provost Hecker and Dean Dana were there as well

WRC was on the agenda due to enough people mentioning it on survey

WRC is on official meeting record

No student input was invited on the subject

Expecting to hear from provost office this week, should have more information about space by the middle of next week

Working on contacting press

Sarah is submitting an article to the MaineCampus, coming out next Monday

Delivering the petition by the end of the month: we need 1000 signatures!

Get signatures this week by going into clubs, get members to sign and leads to sign coalition document

Lori Visited UPenn this week and talked to their director for their WRC

Center was the result of a sit-in protesting sexual assault

Has a ton of resources!

Recommended reaching out to UMaine alumni that might be allies to potentially provide funds

Will likely begin a papering campaign the week after the petition is delivered



Potential new positions/committee on SWA

Alumni and historian chair so our presence on campus is well documented

Pregnancy and parenting sub-committee

Would work with Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Network to support students who are/become pregnant

1 in 3

Abortion and diversity speak out all day tomorrow

Taylor will post link

1 in 3 week of action is the same week as beautiful week, will combine tables

### **Announcements**

Equal pay day bake sale Tuesday April 4th - meeting night before (Mon 4/3) can be a baking night at Sam's house

Feminist Film Series (every other Wednesday at 6pm) and Feminist Extravaganza (3/29 at 6pm) in Fernald put on by WGS

### **Check-out**

Plans for tonight

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm by Sam Saucier. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on March 26, 2017 in the Totman room.

# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The fifteenth regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:00pm on Monday, March 27th, 2017 in the Totman room by President Sam Saucier.

## **Guest Speakers**

MC: running for Student Government President

Supports SWA and the WRC

DM her on Facebook with any questions or concerns

Sadie Novak: running for Vice President as a write-in

She WILL NOT appear as an option but you CAN write her in

Like and share Sadie's Facebook page

Ask your friends to vote for her

\*\*\*Voting is on FirstClass this Thursday 3/30, don't forget! (Early voting is tomorrow in the Wade Center 3/28)\*\*\*

Forms to join Senate distributed (Tuesdays at 6pm), 50 signatures for anyone who wants to join  
SWA is holding onto them, see Lori or Same in SWAffice if you want one

## **Check in**

Name, pronouns, favorite pizza topping EAT PIZZA

## **Business**

## WRC Updates

This is a petition celebration meeting! We hit 1000 signatures.

Sarah's article in MaineCampus

It's being passed around for everyone to read and it's also available online

We are still waiting to hear from the administration about space

Lots of rumors are flying around, nothing official

Have heard nothing back from the Provost, just the assistant Provost letting us know he is out of town

Emailed asking that we are included in conversations about the space

Budget is still not in the conversation

Delivering the petition and coalition document

We need to make a plan: deliver to Provost, Dean Dana

Delivered this week, Sam and Lori will keep us posted about exact date and time

## WRC History

Special Collections: Sam and Lori visited and requested WRC documents to give us info about budgeting and history- everyone is welcome to check them out when they come in on Thursday

Online: BDN article that had specific information about budget

Using it to give us a strong baseline

Upcoming steps:

### 1. Papering campaign

First week of April

Print hundreds of flyers and put them all

## 2. Administrative overload

Phone calls and emails on a systematic schedule

### Historian/alumni chair

Do not have a clear description of what this position will look like

Having documentation of this process will be useful if a need to revive WRC ever comes up again

Anyone interested is welcome to collaborate on this process

### Update on the subcommittee on pregnancy and parenting

Possible campus Doula Project

We've reached out to multiple people about working together

We have a meeting at Mabels on Wednesday

Reached out to CANS

Interested in making sure all genders are included

Anyone who wants to get involved can do so!

Orono Adult Ed: Doula class May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm \$20

### Beautiful Week

We need to start advertising (FB event and flyer)

SASH is doing a sex carnival that Friday

### Tampon and pad drive

We have been approached by multiple groups about collaboration

Thoughts on

Sexual Assault Awareness month (April)

Clothesline Project: shirts where people write their sexual assault experiences on shirts and hanging them up in a public place

Collab with Arianna & Office of Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention

### **Announcements**

-We ordered t-shirts! They should be here 4/10

-Amnesty International: reading of International Declaration of Rights evening of April 14<sup>th</sup>- if anyone is interested in reading on behalf of SWA let Lori know

-Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>: Maine Peace Action Committee building a wall of hate and tearing it down! Let Olivia Ruhlin know if you're interested in adding to it

-UMaine Marxist Theory and Action Committee: May 1<sup>st</sup> Labor and Socialism event

-WGS showing of I Am Malala 6pm Wed 3/29 in Fernald

### **Check-out**

Plans for tonight

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm by Lori Loftin. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on April 3, 2017 in the Totman room.

# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The seventeenth regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:03pm on Monday, April 17th, 2017 in the Totman room by President Sam Saucier.

## **Check in**

What did you do for Easter if you celebrate?

## **Business**

Rape Response Services

Social media campaign, paper flyers for us to fill out

Take a picture and share with the hashtags

Pregnancy/Choice Advocacy Training TOMORROW Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

With Abbie Strout from Mabel Wadsworth Center

Beautiful week is this week!!

Tabling Monday-Thursday April 17- April 21 10am-3pm (Please sign up!)

Monday: What does beautiful mean to you? Shirt projection

Tuesday: Natural beauty products and sustainable beauty info

Wednesday: WRC, Body positive-tea 1pm in the Totman Room

Thursday: 1 in 3

Friday: No tabling, Slut walk at noon on the mall

Next week: making cosmetics at meeting

Clothesline Project

T-shirt making this Wednesday

Contact Arianna Sessoms if you would like to participate anonymously

Group photo and making of natural beauty products

### **Announcements**

-Follow the SWA Instagram @umaineswa

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm (ish) by Sam Saucier. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on April 24th, 2017 in the Totman room.

# Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Opening**

The eighteenth regular meeting of the Student Women's Association of the 2016-2017 academic year was called to order at 7:07pm on Monday, April 24th, 2017 in the Totman room by President Sam Saucier.

## **Check in**

A funny story from high school

## **Business**

Beautiful Week: recap

Tabling events were very successful

Great turnout for Slut Walk in spite of the nasty weather!!

WRC update

Lori and Sam met with Sharon Barker, the former WRC director

- Sought advice on how to move forward without funding

- Have SWA in control of the center for now and maintain ties between SWA and the WRC

- Not being controlled by the university as a student group is an advantage for us

- Keep making our presence known in the physical space so they do not take it back

- If anyone wants to do a capstone or independent study on the WRC there is a lot of research available to you

Lori and Sam met with Kenda Scheele, who designated when exactly we get the space

- Not promised by the end of the semester, but definitely over the summer



-Anyone that is around this summer is welcome and encouraged to help with setup

Logistics next semester and over the summer

-Entirely up to SWA to staff it

-Mainly volunteer run, but it is a lot of hours to cover

-Pool community resources to send people in the right direction

-Standing volunteer schedule

-Everyone planning to volunteer should be SafeZone trained

-Developing a specific training for the space so we can demonstrate our qualifications as volunteers

-Reception event to thank everyone involved when it finally opens

There are no more plans to meet with administrators except to keep us in the loop

Group name change

Would be productive to have it done by the end of the semester

Put feminism in the title?

Make sure the name is more inclusive to gender minorities

Elections next week

Please come prepared to speak briefly if you'd like to run for anything, as all positions are available:

2 co-chairs

Secretary

Treasurer

PR chair

1 in 3 chair

Historian

Descriptions will be posted on Facebook and definitely feel free to speak with anyone who holds the positions you are interested in

### **Announcements**

-Follow the SWA Instagram @umaineswa

- Clotheslines Project display will be up Thursday 4/27 either on the mall or in the Bangor room

- Lipstick Project: April 25<sup>th</sup> public address by Leigh Boyle at 7pm in DPC 100 and luncheon at 12:30 in the Bangor room

-April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in Little 116 WGS Capstone presentations- come support your SWA homies!!

-Science March turnout at ~350

### **Check Out**

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm by Sam Saucier. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on May 1, 2017 in the Totman room.

## Student Women's Association

### Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### **Opening**

The first regular meeting of the Student's Women's Association of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by co-chair Lori Loftin. 35 people attended the meeting.

#### **Check In**

Name, Pronouns, Major, what you did over the summer

#### **Business**

- History of SWA: been around on campus since 1970's, participate in Beautiful Week, Slut Walk,
- Women's Resource Center updates: WRC was defunded in 2015, through student activism it was reinstated, new location is room 227 in the Student Union, it's super cute and well decorated, staffed mostly by volunteers (mostly Sam) but we're working towards getting a staff employee.
- New Women, Gender, and Sexuality president has possibly offered a higher ed intern, Lori will be working via WGS, Ashlee will be working via CHF,
- WRC Open House this Thursday (August 31) from 6 – 8 p.m. PLEASE COME! There will be food, friends, fun stuff!
- Also on Thursday (August 31) Mabel Wadsworth will be hosting an taco and beer event at Margarita's from 6 – 8 p.m. (so you should go to the open house and mingle and then go to Margs and eat good food and drink and donate to a good cause!).
- SASH has meetings immediately following SWA on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the WRC

#### **Announcements**

- Changing our name ASAP from Student Women's Association to Feminist Collective
- No meeting next week because of Labor Day!
- Organization Fair is this Wednesday from 10 – 2, SWA and SASH will be there!

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Rush event for SWA on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

- Training for the WRC will be the following weekend (9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>), if you want to volunteer in the WRC this is a mandatory training to help prepare you for volunteering. If that time doesn't work we will try and work with you to make sure you can volunteer.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> in the North Pod is Take Back the Night, SWA has done this event for decades, it's a very intense event where people share their experiences with sexual assault and violence,
- October 19<sup>th</sup> (date may change) Mabels is throwing a body positivity pool party in Brewer somewhere.
- Out of Silence and 1 in 3 Week will be happening and coordinated by Taylor but are not scheduled yet.

### **Feminist Issues**

- Maine People's Alliance needs help canvassing in Bangor, if you are interested contact Kirsten, there will be pizza!
- Please join the Black Student Union! Meetings are not scheduled but like them on Facebook! Ask Kirsten if you are interested!
- There were signs put up on Move In Weekend that were incredibly derogatory and offensive that said things like daughter drop off, honk if she's 18, mother and daughter drop off. We are taking steps to try and find those responsible and hold them accountable for their gross and disgusting actions.
- ALSO there is emergency contraception available in the WRC FOR FREE for anyone who needs it. Tell your friends!

### **Check Out**

One feeling word, what you're up to after this

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the Walker Room.

Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Opening**

The second regular meeting of the Student's Women's Association of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by co-chair Lori Loftin. 33 people attended the meeting.

**Check In**

Name, pronouns, favorite flower

**Business**

- Jacob Wood from student government is coming to talk to us!
- Rush event went well! Pizza, chatting, new faces, all good stuff. Any suggestions as to how to improve?
- We have started the process for our club's name change, from Student Women's Association to the Feminist Collective in order to be more inclusive of people who are trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming.
- WRC is hosting its first educational event called Sex in College! Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the WRC, Sam Saucier is leading it; it is targeted towards new students who have questions about sex that weren't answered adequately in high school.
- Taylor Cray is leading the 1 in 3 campaign, stay tuned!
- Take Back the Night is coming! Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. (time may change) in the North Pod! An opportunity for those who have been affected by sexual violence to talk about it openly and safely. It's an emotional event, be ready. Emily Cain and Dean Dana might be there, stay tuned. It will be a non-mandatory reporting event. Mobile Mind Spa will be at the WRC the following day for a possible decompression zone.
- Advocates for Youth will be holding a conference next week; Lori will be attending and gone in DC from Thursday – Monday. Meghan will also be gone at a Mable's event, so Sam will be running meeting.

- WGS Advisory Board needs a WGS student to be on the board! Anyone interested should contact Lori!
- Jacob Wood everyone! He is from student government and SHAC, student government has a 1.5 million dollar budget so clubs need to submit funding requests!!!!

### **Feminist Issues**

- Title IX Debate! Betsy Devos is the worst. Adya knows what's up and will keep us posted. Kirsten suggested a pledge for Dean Dana to sign to ensure that UMaine will remain safe. Robyn suggests that we declare ourselves a sanctuary school. Kirsten suggests petitions targeting department heads. Sam suggests doing a petition so soon after our WRC petition might make it less effective? Kirsten suggests a protest and people seem really stoked. Olivia suggests chaining ourselves to the Title IX office? Lori suggests approaching Dean Dana as politely as possible, and then maybe a protest. Sam suggests an educational awareness campaign about Title IX so that people know what's up and why taking it away is dangerous and how it will affect them. Kirsten wants you to know that she loves guerilla activism and Olivia wants you to know that she loves organized activism! Let's make a plan!
  - Plan: go to Dean Dana with our requirements, if he is passive or unresponsive then we progress to organized educational activism. Kirsten will head a campaign; she will create a Facebook group and if you're interested contact Kirsten Daley on Facebook. Kirsten is ON IT!
- Olivia Pennington takes the floor and updates everyone on the panel discussing the offensive banners. Olivia had an email discussion with Dean Dana, very interesting story, ask her about it.

### **Check Out**

Name, Pronouns, our plans after meeting

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the Walker Room.

Student Women's Association

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Opening**

The fourth regular meeting of the Student's Women's Association of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by the lovely Lori Loftin. 26 people attended the meeting as well a beautiful tiny cat named Set.

**Check In**

Name, pronouns, favorite fall activity

**Business**

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY TAYLOR (aka Abortion Doctor)!!! She's 19 today!
- Our name change has been approved! It is going through Senate and maybe Cabinet and it will be official either Wednesday or Thursday of this week.
- Meghan's friend Siobhan is planning an event on International Day of the Girl through CARE, stay tuned!
- Apple picking! Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 (there is a BSU event that day beforehand that you should go to too) at Treworgy Orchards in Levant, we are all carpooling and then there will be an apple pie baking party at Meghan's house
- Out of Silence and 1 in 3 Week is happening! November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. in Minsky Recital Hall in the CCA, rehearsals are starting soon, contact Taylor if you are interested, and stay tuned!
- Crisis Pregnancy Centers are an issue we are working on, Adya is going to Cutler to see what they are offering, and Taylor is on top of it too.
- Frances reminds us that Maine Family Planning is a great resources in addition to Mabels
- Kirsten suggested a yearly/biannual Zine or web sine to compile all the resources available to femmes on campus, Adya suggested a flyer to put in bathroom stalls on campus
- We should work on resources to make sure Freshman have access to prescriptions, lots of freshman are clueless when it comes to getting their prescriptions on campus

- Kirsten suggested an gender/sexuality orientation for freshman to help introduce them to university life and prep them
- We might be getting an official UMaine website for the WRC, stay tuned!
- What kind of resources are available for people after they have been sexually assaulted? Talk to Adya if you want to know more!
- The WRC will be buying AZO for UTIs and yeast infections! Yay!
- Instead of a food or clothing drive, we should do a period drive for homeless women.
- Take Back the Night (Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>) Speakers confirmed:
  - Mabel Wadsworth
  - The Counseling Center, Renaissance
  - All Maine Women
  - Rainbow Resource Center
  - Women's Resource Center
  - Rape Response Center
  - Partners for Peace
  - If Dean Dana is there, we will let him speak, but we are not going to ask him ahead of time
- Adya will be speaking at the March Against Domestic Violence, if you have ideas about what she should say contact Adya, it will be on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 12 p.m.
- Title IX issue, Betsey Devos is the very worst, Dean Dana said “we won't roll back anything here,” but how should we proceed? We are considering asking for a formal statement.
- Maine Women's Economic Summit on 10/11 @ Augusta Civic Center all day
  - Susan will pay registration fee fro WGS Majors and minors
  - If you want to go commit now and organize it
  - Keynote speaker is Alicia Garza, a cofounder of the Black Lives Matter movement (Wooooo!!)
- Sex Week is in 3 weeks! 10/16 – 10/20. Week of sexual themed events, coordinated with Coming Out week!



- Other Events coming up:
  - DACA Panel on 10/02 in the Bangor Room @ 12:30-1:30 p.m., co-sponsored by WGS and Poly Sci
  - Clothes Swap happening 10/11 @ 2 p.m. in the Coe room
  - This Saturday there is a NEDA Walk in Portland
  - Out of Darkness Walk on Sunday in Bangor, contact Sarah O'Malley from Active Minds if you want to be on our team

### **Feminist Issues**

- Mayflower Society is planning on protest on campus to protest Columbus Day being turned into Indigenous People's Day, we should be there to counter protest

### **Check Out**

Name, pronouns, your plans after meeting

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at exactly 7:00 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, in the Walker Room.

Feminist Collective  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**Opening**

The fifth regular meeting of the newly named Feminist Collective of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by the lovely Meghan Frisard. 27 people attended the meeting as well a beautiful tiny cat named Set.

**Check-In**

Name, Pronouns, What is one thing you do to self-care?

**Business**

- Siobhan from SPIA came to talk about CARE (care packages) being sent to Jordan and Syria, they are an international nonprofit focused on empowerment of women and girls. Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is International Day of the Girl so stay tuned for an event to take place.
- IT'S OFFICIAL Y'ALL! We are now the Feminist Collective!
- Out of Silence is happening on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Minsky Hall. There is a Mable's event the night before (11/9) and we will be performing there as well. Out of Silence will be formatted via read aloud scripts, so you don't have to memorize lines. If you are interested message Taylor Cray on Facebook.
- Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> we will be going apple picking! 4:30 p.m. at Treworgy Orchards. We will be carpooling and possibly baking apple goods afterwards!
- Clothes Swap is on October 11<sup>th</sup> in the Coe Room from 2-4:30, if you go home for Fall Break you could bring clothes from home to swap at the event.
- Sex Week and Coming Out Week are in 2 weeks! Fem-C and LGBTQ services are collaborating and there are tons of fun events planned! Stop by the WRC to see the full schedule and contact Sam Saucier for more information! Gay Club night is also happening at the end of the week!
- Take Back the Night is happening in 2 weeks! Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>!
- Mabels is doing a fundraiser to combat 40 days for life protestors, Meghan posted about it in the page so look that up if you are interested.

## **Feminist Issues**

- There was a 55-year-old man in a men's restroom last night that approached a male UMaine student and had unlawful sexual contact. We all received multiple text message alerts today about it.
  - How do we offer resources immediately/what can those resources be?
  - Meg called UMPD and asked questions and they said, "they are still searching for him, they don't have any idea who he is or anything about him."
  - The text alerts were insufficient in providing a sense of safety or resources
  - UMPD was in the library, but their presence caused more panic
- Las Vegas // Puerto Rico
  - Organize a decompression space

## **Check-Out**

Feeling words

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at exactly 7:00 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the Walker Room.

Feminist Collective  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Opening**

The sixth regular meeting of the Feminist Collective of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by the lovely Lori Loftin.

**Check-In**

Name, Pronouns, favorite kind of pizza

**Business**

- Apple picking was super fun! Lots of beautiful Insta pics came of it and it was a great time. Pick up some apples if you want!
- TOMORROW is Take Back the Night! 6-8 p.m. in the North Pod. It's a non-mandatory reporting event where people can share their stories about sexual assault, harassment, and/or violence. It's a very emotional event, you don't have to attend and if you do you don't have to share your story, but you are welcome to if you want. We are encouraging people to wear purple or teal.
- Wednesday is the decompression space in the WRC from 11-1 with the Mobile Mind Spa, feel free to stop by then or any other time as well.
- Health Equity Alliance is doing free HIV screening from 9-1 in the WRC on Thursday!
- Also on Thursday is the Kink Shame Kink Same Event for Sex Week @ 4 p.m. in the WRC.
- PRIDE CLUB NIGHT @ Yamas in Old Town at 10 p.m. on Friday. PSA: pregame and drink responsibly, we are representing Fem-C so please be conscious.
- Week of Action is next week! If you are willing to table MWF 10-3 at all contact Taylor Cray or sign up on the DoodlePoll (on Fem-C Facebook page) and help out! The focus this year is Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Taylor is planning on making a pamphlet to inform people who are tabling.
- Out of Silence is happening Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m! Please come and support this event!

- SWOP Behind Bars is a potential collaboration that might be happening with Bree; it involves connecting people with pen-pals with incarcerated sex workers.

### **Feminist Issues**

- Today there was a preacher on campus who was spewing very hateful speech targeting the LGBTQ flag raising ceremony. A lot of members showed up to counter protest and show support for the marginalized groups he was targeting.
- The #MeToo campaign has been spreading like wildfire on social media, how do people feel about that? Most everyone now knows people who shared these posts.

### **Check-Out**

What are you eating for dinner/What have you eaten for dinner/That's it.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at exactly 6:56 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room.

Feminist Collective  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

**Opening**

The seventh regular meeting of the Feminist Collective of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by the lovely Lori Loftin.

**Check-In**

Name, Pronouns, what are you going to be for Halloween?

**Business**

- Optional crafting activity to compose compassion notes to send to Mabel's clients and staff!
- If you are interested in participating in Out of Silence PLEASE REACH OUT! Taylor Cray is organizing this and would love any help!
- SWOP Behind Bars is being organized by Bree, if you are interested in being set up with an incarcerated pen pal please reach out and contact Bree!
- Sex Carnival is happening! 6-8 next Friday! If you want to be involved contact Sam Saucier!
- Take Back the Night Feedback! Dean Dana is a weird dude and his speech made many people do a double take and feel weird about his presence.
- Marxist Socialist Group wants to have an event! If people feel positive about it then we'll move forward with it and you can stay tuned!

**Feminist Issues**

- Bar Stool Instagram video... honestly why?

**Check-Out**

We just continued crafting and discussing feminist issues until we dispersed.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned relatively early at 6:22 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room.

Feminist Collective  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Opening**

The eighth regular meeting of the Feminist Collective of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:06 p.m. on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by the wonderful Lori Loftin.

**Check-In**

Name, Pronouns, what is your Hogwarts House?

**Business**

- Socialist Club Event on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>! We're still not sure what its gonna be like, so stay tuned! Most likely a discussion of some sorts.
- Feminist Career Night on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>! It will be in place of meeting! Come learn about how to incorporate feminism into a career! We hope to bring in a speaker from a local organization (shout-out to Mabel's) and we are responsible for bringing food.
- Out of Silence! Taylor Cray is organizing this, and you should know that Thursday night there will be an event on activism by Mabel's that rehearsal will take place at. Actual Out of Silence is happening this Friday at 6:00 p.m. in Minsky Hall. Please come and share the Facebook event!
- Vagina Monologue Auditions! Your co-directors for the VM are Cassie and Lila! Come to auditions on November 28<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup> in the WRC.
- Elections are coming up sometime soon! Lori's position of co-chair will be up for grabs (☺☺☺).
- CONGRATULATIONS to Olivia Pennington for Red Hands Project today! It was raining, but it was incredible!
- ELECTION DAY TOMORROW!!!! Please vote! Polls are open from 7-8 at the Field House.

**Feminist Issues**

- We read our Horoscopes and complimented each other, and it was dope.

**Check-Out**

What are you gonna go do now?

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned relatively early at 6:30 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room.



Feminist Collective  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Opening**

The ninth regular meeting of the Feminist Collective of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order at 6:09 p.m. on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room by the wonderful Lori Loftin.

**Check-In**

Name, Pronouns, what was your first online login?

**Business**

- CONGRATULATIONS TO TAYLOR! Out of Silence was a huge success!
- Tomorrow is the Feminism and Socialism discussion at Stodder Hall @ 6 p.m. Please go and share your thoughts on being a rad feminist activist!
- In place of meeting on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> will be a Feminist Career Night! Come learn about how to incorporate feminism into a career! We hope to bring in a speaker from a local organization (shout-out to Mabel's) and we are responsible for bringing food.
- Lila and Cassie have updates on Vagina Monologues! Auditions will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Sarah is the president of Active Minds (shameless shout-out: meetings on Thursday at 6 in Senior Skulls Room) and they are putting together a mental health quilt to spread positivity about suicide prevention! Thank you to all who contributed squares and if you want to help out more stop by meetings or catch us in the Union tabling this week!
- Bree is leading the SWOP Behind Bars program, if you are interested in being paired with an incarcerated pen pal reach out to Bree!
- Elections will be held soon to replace Lori (☺), so stay tuned!

**Feminist Issues**

- Lots of discussion ensued about Neopets, 45's ridiculous twitter history, and the awesomeness of women and girls.

**Check-Out**

Name, Pronouns, Feeling Words

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by Lori. The next general meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Walker Room.

Feminist Collective  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Opening

The first regular meeting of the Feminist Collective of the 2018 Spring Semester was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Coe Room by the lovely co-chairs Meghan Frisard and Taylor Cray. Thirty beautiful people attended the meeting.

Check-In

Name, Pronouns, what is your favorite smell?

Business

- MC is here! She is the President of student government at UMaine and is here supporting Fem-C and also encouraging members to get more involved with student government in the hopes of making a difference by getting engaged as a Senator. Senate meets Tuesdays in the Bangor Room at 6 p.m. and has a myriad of roles on campus that really impact students, especially marginalized communities.
- Sarah O'Malley is also here! She is the President of Active Minds, a student group on campus that works to de-stigmatize mental health on college campuses. They are putting on the second annual Mental Health Monologues (a story sharing event for people willing to share their stories about experiences with mental health) and if anyone is interested in getting involved (sharing their own story, performing someone else's story, writing a story to be performed, or helping with tech) contact Sarah O'Malley on Facebook or at [sarahomalley@msn.com](mailto:sarahomalley@msn.com).
- Cassie and Lila need help with the Vagina Monologues! Tabling to promote the event is starting as soon as possible, please sign up if you can! There will be a Doodlepoll on the group page and the supplies will be in the WRC. Please help if you can!
- Wednesday night Fem-C is having a Feminist Craft Night with WGS at 5 p.m. in the Coe Room (same room as meeting). Come make duct tape condom cases and rant about feminist issues!
- VAGINA MONOLOGUES are February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>! Tickets are only being sold at the doors, opens at 6:30. Get there early!

- Women's History Month! Fem-C is coordinating w/ WGS and WRC to plan a lot of things. Updates to follow and contact Meghan and Taylor if you have any ideas.
  - Frances provided an idea for a speak-out or tea party where we highlight women of color who are not typically or historically recognized for their contributions.
- Tunnel of Oppression is also happening! If anyone is willing to share stories about sexual assault or violence and is willing to share their story let Crissi Dalfonzo know. There will be professionals present and trigger warnings and a hopeful ending? Stay tuned, the date is March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Feminist Issues

- The Senate rejected a vote tonight on a 20-week abortion ban. ☺
- Trump was directly asked if he believed in feminism to which he responded no, he was for "all people"... ☹
- UMaine is currently dealing with an issue of discouraging and or punishing faculty members/student employees/anyone associated with the University from getting involved with politics and activism. For more information Google the Bangor Daily News article about it and ask questions and stay engaged.
- Stay tuned for a post on the Facebook page from Kirsten about a possible sit-in to protest the changes that they're making to the free speech policies on campus and issues facing Native women on local reservations. Talk to Kirsten more if you want to learn more.
- Also a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Kirsten on her incredible speech at the Augusta Women's March!

### Check-Out

Name, Pronouns, what are your plans after meeting?

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. by Meghan and Taylor. The next general meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.