

Date: April 14, 2017
To: ASC Executive Board
From: Amanda Burgess-Proctor, Chair
Division on Women on Crime
RE: 2017 Mid-Year Report to the ASC Executive Board

The following report details the work accomplished by and for the membership of the Division on Women and Crime (DWC) from November 2016 to April 2017. An updated version of this report will be provided to the Board at the 2017 Annual Meeting detailing work finalized between April and November 2017.

I. Officers and Elections

Officers for the current term and their status include:

Chair: Amanda Burgess-Proctor (2015-2017)
Vice-Chair: Carrie Buist (2016-2018)
Secretary/Treasurer: Andrea Leverentz (2016-2018)
Executive Counselor (Senior): Molly Dragiewicz (2016-2018)
Executive Counselor (Senior): Denise Boots (2015-2017)
Executive Counselor (Junior): Deena Isom (2016-2018)
Executive Counselor (Junior): Sara Brightman (2015-2017)
Executive Counselor (Graduate Student): Leslie-Dawn Quick (2015-2017)
Past Chair: Kim Cook

II. Executive Council Update

As of March 22, 2017 the DWC has 324 members. This year the EC has continued the practice, begun last year, of hosting quarterly conference calls. In addition, the new organizational structure approved last year has worked out well, and EC members continue to oversee and serve as points of contact for specific DWC committees.

In December, *Feminist Criminology* editor Rosemary Barberet and DWC Chair Amanda Burgess-Proctor were joined by four DWC members for a research presentation at the UN Women headquarters in New York City. A summary of the presentation and photos of the trip are available in the [most recent issue](#) of the DWC newsletter.

In January, DWC members voted to make one-time donations of \$500 from DWC funds to four justice-serving organizations doing work on behalf of issues that DWC members value and that seemed especially important as we enter the new U.S. presidential administration. The organizations that received donations are:

- [Battered Women's Justice Project](#)
- [NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#)
- [National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women & Girls](#)
- [Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network](#)

To accompany the donations, the Chair emailed each organization introducing the DWC, explaining why we selected their group to receive support, and thanking them for their efforts to make the world a safer and more just place.

III. Activities of the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution & Bylaws

No report at this time.

Diversity & Inclusion

Committee Focus

- The committee would like to place race/ethnicity as a focal area to ensure that issues of diversity do not move too far away from racial/ethnic diversity. This includes a discussion of LGBTQIA issues (where women of color in this category will be placed at the center of analysis, for example).

ACTION/RESPONSE NEEDED from DWC: Should the committee specify its mission? or is it already specified in DWC documents? Can Amanda share any notes that may exist in this area.

Financial Support

- Conference support for underrepresented graduate and undergraduate students would increase this population's attendance at conference and membership (and participation) in the DWC
- Financial support for students and faculty from lower-income countries to attend conference Example: See <http://www.lawandsociety.org/MexicoCity2017/2017-early.html>

ACTION/RESPONSE NEEDED from DWC: What is the process through which the committee can request DWC to act on this? Should we make a budget request? Should this committee come up with a draft email that can be sent to all DWC or ASC members?

Structured Networking Activities

- Reviving Peer Mentoring program
 - Networking at the DWC social can be awkward for those new to the DWC
 - Having the Diversity & Inclusion committee heavily involved in the peer mentoring program to ensure efforts are made to connect women of color in this program.
 - Pair up senior scholars with junior scholars (and advanced doctoral students with newer doctoral students) to assist in networking events
 - Pairing based on topical areas (e.g. publishing in specific journals, research using specific methodologies, promotion/tenure, etc.)

ACTION/RESPONSE NEEDED from DWC: Is peer mentoring happening elsewhere within ASC divisions? What is the structure? Within DWC would it include all of DWC or be specific to diversity and inclusion goals? Can the committee create a document outlining a **structured** Peer Mentoring Program? This document

will include goals of the mentoring, expectations, duration etc. it will also include draft email to be sent to DWC members. This committee may also need to coordinate ongoing mentoring by staying in touch with both mentor and mentee to ensure success of program.

ASC Sessions

- Hosting panels at ASC that pertain to issues pertinent to those who study women of color (e.g. #SayHerName)
- Additional partnerships with DPCC (e.g. co-sponsored events)
 - Should also consider the DCCSJ
 - Social Justice Connections Network

ACTION/RESPONSE NEEDED from DWC: Is there a budget set aside for such events? Can the committee request funds for such an effort?

Publishing

- Focus on our members' abilities to publish in top-tier journals, secure grants, have successful tenure and promotion cases in different types of institutions.
- Special issues of journals focussing on intersectional interests.

ACTION/RESPONSE NEEDED from DWC: Can the committee put forth a proposal for such special issues? Starting with our own FemCrim? How would the committee go about such a proposal?

Teaching

- Repository of syllabi focusing on gender, ethnicity, and race.

ACTION/RESPONSE NEEDED from DWC: Previously there used to be a repository of syllabi on the DWC website. We couldn't locate it lately. Could we send a call for syllabi on the DWC list? Collect and organize it and have DWC take care of posting it on our website?

External Nominations

In February 2016, DWC merged the Committee on Committees and Positions, External Nominations Committee, and External Awards Committees into the External Nominations Committee. This committee is tasked with: (1) recruiting volunteers for ASC committees, recruiting DWC members to run for ASC offices, and nominations for ASC awards.

A list of DWC volunteers for the ASC Committees for 2017-2018 was submitted to Karen Heimer on March 7, 2017 (see attachment at end of report).

Graduate Scholarships (Feminist Criminology & Siegel)

This year there were 15 submissions for *the Feminist Criminology* award and 11 submissions for the Larry J. Siegel award. Materials for the completed applications were shared with jury for review in March 2016. The jury is comprised of the following DWC Members: Rosemary

Barberet, Amanda Burgess-Proctor, Margaret Shaw, Jesenia Pizaro, Toya Like, and Lisa Pasko. The winners will be announced by May 2017.

Internal Awards

No report at this time.

Internal Nominations

Sarah Koon-Mangin volunteered to serve as Internal Nominations chair. She facilitated the 2016 DWC elections and will do so again in 2017.

Newsletter

The DWC newsletter continues to be published under editor Jordana Navarro. The newsletter archive can be found at this link: <http://ascdwc.com/newsletter/>

Outreach

The outreach committee started a conversation about ordering swag for the ASC meeting. After several suggestions, we decided to go with notepads and pens with “nevertheless, she persisted” and “be inconvenient.” Both with also have “DWC” on them. We are in the process of ordering the swag now. For future plans, closer to the annual meeting date, we plan to solicit books for the new member raffle, get volunteers for the outreach table, and set the table up at the meeting.

Programming

No report at this time.

Social Media

No report at this time.

Special Events

The Special Events Committee is planning an off-site social for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Student Affairs

This committee has recently evolved from the Student Affairs Committee to the Student Affairs and Mentoring Committee. Previously, the Student Affairs committee identified the following action items:

1. Organize a roundtable devoted to new undergraduate/graduate research at annual ASC meeting
2. Organize a writing group for graduate students
3. Dissemination of a short survey

The current committee will familiarize themselves with the survey results, reach out to the roundtable members to see how their experience was, and revisit and continue the conversation regarding organizing a student writing group.

In addition, the committee will:

1. Discuss and revise a collective committee vision and mission

2. Discuss the creation of a mentoring program or experience that can a) match mentees and mentors, b) provide an exemplary mentoring experience and, c) engage both mentee and mentor. This discussion will include the identification of programmatic goals, assessment of the experience, and goals for continuous improvement.
3. Identify potential mentors (practitioners and academics)

Student Paper Awards

No report at this time.

Teaching & Pedagogy

No report at this time.

2017 DWC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chair:

External Nominations Committee
Graduate Scholarships Committee
Internal Nominations Committee
Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Vice Chair:

Outreach Committee

Senior ECs:

Constitution & Bylaws Committee
Internal Awards Committee
Student Paper Award Committee
Teaching & Pedagogy Committee

Junior ECs:

Newsletter Committee
Programming Committee
Social Media Committee
Special Events Committee

Grad Student EC:

Student Affairs Committee

2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

DWC Committee Membership is available at [this link](#).

2017 DWC VOLUNTEERS FOR ASC COMMITTEES

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4. Mentor Award	Barbara Koons-Witt	bakoons@mailbox.sc.edu
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14. Finance Committee		
15. Long Range Planning Committee		

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