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Pat Withner
College Relations

Dear Pat,

The objective of the Brooklyn College Women’s Organization is to bring the problems of women -- faculty, students, employees -- into the open and to do something about them. The lecture series is one approach; it is intended to prepare the ground for an interdisciplinary Women’s Studies program.

Our other goals are:

1. To investigate the need for day care and to expand the present facilities to meet this need.

2. To study employment patterns in the various departments and to rectify sexual imbalances in them.

3. To secure part-time employment for females and males with full rank, proportional pay, and tenure.

4. To change the by-laws of the BHE which inhibit women’s careers, such as maternity leave policy and nepotism rules.

5. To investigate counselling procedure for female students in order to determine whether tracking to takes place and to stop it if it does.

6. To handle reports of sexual discrimination against both students and faculty with a view to combatting prejudicial behavior.

We feel that the time has come for women to take determined action for their rights, especially since Brooklyn College is presently being investigated by the Federal government for non-compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibiting discrimination on any, including sexual, grounds.

Interested parties may write to the Brooklyn College Women’s Organization. We have a mailbox in Boylan. Dues are $2.00 per semester.

Sincerely yours,

Renate Bridenthal