March 12, 1971

Mrs. Renate Bridenthal
Miss Lilia Melani
Mrs. Allis Wolfe
Delegates of the Brooklyn College
Women's Organization

Dear Ladies:

President Kneller asks me to let you know that his reaction to your letter dated May (sic) 2, 1971, under the letterhead of the Department of History, are as follows:

To your concern with the Day Care Collective, the president responds that everybody who has paid any attention to the subject knows that he has supported the day care center concept from the beginning. As for current and continuing problems in relation to a day care center, the enclosed statement may be of interest to you, though by the time you receive it the efforts of the dean of students, who is handling this matter, may have overtaken the document.

Regarding your concern about maternity leaves, you have available to you the University Senate and the Legislative Conference as established routes for presenting to the Board of Higher Education any changes you would like to see effected in the bylaws of the Board.

On your third point, a proposal that there be established an interdisciplinary program in women's studies, the statutory route is through the college curriculum committee, which will entertain proposals from any member of the instructional staff, and which in all curricular matters must be consulted, or (if long-term policy is involved, which does not appear to be the case here) you should address your proposals to the committee on the master plan.
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President Kneller suggests that your membership should function through the thoroughly adequate processes available to all members of the teaching staff.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Chirico
Executive Assistant
to the President

cc: Dean Peck
    Dean Albaum
    Dean Gold