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DATE: September 24, 1992
TO: Sue Mahan, Kim Cook, Debbie Stanley
FROM: Mona Danner
RE: Student Affairs Committee
ASC Division on Women and Crime

This is just a quick note to bring everyone up to date on our committee's activities. Enclosed is a copy of the material I sent to Sarah Hall at the ASC office; it's self-explanatory. Thanks for everyone's suggestions on the changes in the letter to the students.

Sue took the lead (THANKS SUE!) in arranging a Coffee Break on "Mentors and Mentoring" to be held in the Student Hospitality Suite on Friday, 9-10 a.m. I know Sue will appreciate our presence at that meeting.

Speaking of meetings, we need to get together to assess this year and think about activities for next year. Everyone has expressed a desire to stay on the committee another year. Maybe we'll get new members to sign up during the Division business meeting (Thursday 8-11:30 a.m.). How does Saturday morning sound? We could meet for breakfast. In addition to talking about next year's work (think about this and come with ideas), we must put together the committee's standing rules and timetable. Everyone agreed that we should do this in person and after seeing what other committees have done. I believe that we can put together a draft of these during our meeting, so think about what should be included.

Everyone is staying at the Fairmont. Our schedules for being in New Orleans vary a bit: Debbie will be there Thursday night-Sunday morning, Sue Tues night or Wed Morn thru Sat or Sun, Mona Tuesday night-Sun afternoon, and Kim's not yet sure of her schedule. Pencil Sat morn into your N.O. calendar of activities. If that's impossible for anyone let me know so we can reschedule.

Kim Cook has a new home phone number: (603) 742-5431.

That's it. Thanks for everyone's participation. We are a great team!

cc: Lynne Goodstein
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September 24, 1992

Mona Danner
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Sarah Hall
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Dear Sarah,

You may remember that we spoke in April about a mailing to ASC student members about the Division on Women and Crime. Enclosed is a hard copy of the letter and a 5 1/4" diskette containing the letter in both WordPerfect 5.1 and DOS versions.

Please print the letter on Division letterhead, continuing it on the back side. The letter *and a Division brochure* should be mailed to all ASC students. We'd like them to receive it about a week prior to the ASC meetings but understand that your time will be getting very busy soon and that it might be easier for you to take care of it sooner rather than later. Do whatever is best for you, Sarah.

I've talked to Lynne Goodstein, the Division's Acting Chair about this and she will confirm that it's okay to spend the money.

Please call if you have any questions. My phone number is (301) 913-9560. Thanks for your help with this.

Sincerely,

Mona Danner

cc: Lynne Goodstein
Acting Chair
Division on Women and Crime

Greetings! students:

As members of the ASC's Division on Women and Crime, we invite you to join us in the first and largest Division in the ASC. The Division brings together ASC members interested in issues related to women as professionals, victims and/or offenders in the criminal justice system. We work together to facilitate and encourage research and teaching about women and crime. The Division is open to all ASC members. Dues are only \$5 per year.

You've probably heard of us. You may have seen our name in the Annual Program under the announcement of our Business Meeting's date and time, or have happened upon our Curriculum Guide, "Teaching About Women and Crime." We maintain visibility during the ASC Annual Meetings by sponsoring a Division Table located in the publisher's exhibition area, and attaching sashes to our nametags. Last year in San Francisco the Division sold T-shirts of women who've broken barriers (of one kind or another) in observance of ASC's 50th birthday. We also sponsored a luncheon to celebrate women in criminology and an impromptu discussion of sexual harassment in academia.

Exciting things are happening in the Division on Women and Crime through the work of people on various committees. These include policies relating to child care at the annual meetings, the criminalization of pregnancy, and sexual harassment. Division committees are also working to increase the involvement of traditionally-marginalized persons in the ASC, including non-university affiliated criminologists, persons of color, and students. At the upcoming ASC meetings in New Orleans, we are sponsoring a coffee break on "Mentors and Mentoring" in the Student Hospitality Suite, Friday, November 6, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

As a member of the Division you will join a supportive community of scholars who share your interests and goals. You will also receive a newsletter three times a year with information on Division activities and news of interest to criminologists working on issues relating to women and crime. At our Business Meeting held each year during the ASC Annual Meetings, you will have full privileges in the Division including voting and involvement in committee activities. This year our Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 8:00-11:30 a.m.

If your interests match ours, the Division on Women and Crime is the place to be and we encourage you to join. We look forward to seeing you at the Division Business Meeting during the ASC Annual Meetings in New Orleans, the mentoring coffee break, and our Division table.

Sincerely,

Lynne Goodstein
Acting Chair
Division on Women and Crime

Kimberly J. Cook
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Members of Student Affair Committee

September 24, 1992

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Lynne Goodstein
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Dear Lynne,

For your information, enclosed is the letter the Student Affairs Committee of the Division on Women and Crime prepared to be mailed to all ASC student members and the letter regarding this I sent to Sarah Hall.

Debbie Stanley, Sue Mahan, Kim Cook, and I want to continue serving another year on the student affairs committee. We are of course interested in new members so don't leave us off the committee sign-up sheet that will go around during the business meeting. I will be at the business meeting and will be prepared to give a report on our activities.

Thanks for taking care of the Division.

Best regards,



Mona Danner

P.S. If you have any questions or comments, my home phone number is (301) 913-9560.

January 31, 1993

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Lynne Goodstein
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Dear Lynne,

I am writing to bring you up-to-date on the activities of the ASC Division on Women and Crime's Student Affairs Committee. In addition, I'd like to make a few comments on the draft of the letter to be sent to all division members in September. First, student affairs...

I am currently working as committee chair although some other member may want to take up the title; I'll let you know if that occurs. I've written all members of the student affairs committee (names and addresses of the full committee are attached) regarding my discussions with the individuals as to our activities for this year. Although nothing is finalized, the following projects are in the works: (1) a panel session to be organized centering around the interests and needs of ASC student members, (2) some kind of project designed to reach out to students and link them with regular division members enabling the latter to act as resources to the former (similar to a mentoring project), (3) a panel session introducing the divisions to ASC students and regular members to be organized in conjunction with the ASC Student Affairs Committee.

Let me reiterate that all of the above is still in the talking stage. However, I've asked everyone to move forward quickly with these projects and to let me know their progress by March 15. I'll write you again at that time.

With regards to the letter to be sent to all division members in September regarding division changes, let me first say that I think it's a great thing to do. The letter will generate enthusiasm and probably pull in some members who've not been to the business meeting ever or for several years. I also heartily applaud the format and scheduling changes. The following comments largely surround issues of wording and clarity.

(1) Paragraph 2, 3rd sentence: "In addition, the representation ...probably in large part..." You may want to consider changing "probably" to "possibly" since we have often had difficulty attracting women of color to the business meeting; 1992's conflicting schedule didn't help matters at all but I wonder how much it truly hurt. My feeling is that I don't want us (white women) to ignore the possibility of latent racist feelings that may be communicated to women of color, nor do I want us to think

that a simple time change is all that is needed for us to become more inclusive.

(2) Paragraph 3, 1st sentence: "Women, minorities..." Although the phrase "women and minorities" is commonly accepted, all my reading and experiences in DC has made me very sensitive to the comments of women of color that this phrase leaves them out--are they women or minorities? I'm sure you're familiar with the issue as well and know that it is more than semantics. May I suggest using some combination of the following?: "All women, especially minority women, and other underrepresented..." or "All women, minority men, and other..."

(3) Paragraph 4 and the whole idea of all the sessions is absolutely terrific. It will surely revitalize the Division.

(3) The explanation (in Par. 4, last sent and all of Par. 5) of the purpose of each meeting is somewhat confusing. As written, it sounds like the thematic panel and the first meeting are not very different (setting agendas for later work), nor are the first and second meeting (reporting on committee work). As I re-read the letter and think about it all, perhaps the second meeting's reports will be about the thematic session? At any rate, it's not very clear and sounds like lots of reports which may continue to make some women feel excluded.

I trust you've taken my comments in the spirit of friendship with which they're written. I think you're doing an absolutely terrific job as division chair and am pleased that you agreed to accept the position.

Let me know if you have any questions about the student affairs committee, Lynne. Thanks again and take care of yourself.

Regards,



Mona Danner

Student Affairs Committee 1993
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March 2, 1993

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Dear Mona:

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Thanks so much for your letter of January 31. I have just finished my entry for the upcoming issue of DivisioNews and included a section on the work of your committee. Thanks for providing very needed leadership. I am especially excited about the mentoring idea. Let me know where it goes and how I and other executive committee members may be of help.

Thanks also for the suggestions to the letter to be sent out to division members. Your comments are thoughtful and I appreciated the way you make them. I will take them into account in a revision of the letter.

Otherwise, I hope all is going well for you. I am sure you will hear of division doings on and off in the coming months.

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Sincerely,

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Lynne Goodstein