

Genesis: Infusing the Gender Lens

- × 80's – Women activist (PILIPINA and GABRIELA)
- × 1985 – SSC experimented on 18 Psychology majors
- × 1986 Introduction to Women's Studies was mainstreamed
- × 1997 Commitment to Feminist Scholarship (Graduate Program)



Why Women's Studies?

- × Address gender discrimination or “restriction made on the basis of socially and culturally constructed gender roles and norms which prevents a person from enjoying full human rights.”
- × Promote gender awareness, gender sensitivity

The Need for Gender Awareness in the Academe

- ✗ The crucial role of education in shaping young women and men – Education of Women towards femininity or feminism
- ✗ Finally the urgent task of educating college graduates towards issues of sexism and inequality

SSC's Experience



It's Beginnings...

- × First Semester of 1985

- × Sr. Mary John invited 18 women activists from PILIPINA and GABRIELA and some faculty members to a weekend seminar to create a syllabus,

- × Each of the women were assigned to a topic and their paper was presented the following month

It's beginnings...

- × 2nd Semester of 1985

- × Pilot class of third year students majoring in Psychology was chosen
- × It was not only a content course but it contributed to a change of perspective in seeing a lot of things,
- × Students suggested it be offered as a compulsory course to ALL college students
 - × Students also saw the need to organize themselves as a young women, and this paved way for starting - S-KAIBA

The Women's Studies Program

- × An academic and outreach component, and had the following goals:
 - × To awaken a consciousness to and provide an understanding of the woman question through a strategy of formal (institutional) and alternative education
 - × To engage in research and study on gender issues, and projects that uphold the cause of women
 - × To conduct outreach programs that serve women outside the formal educational institution

Description of Course Offerings

- × Credit courses:
 - × Introduction to Women's Studies (3units)
 - × Attempts to give the students a fairly comprehensive view of women's issues. It invokes in the students an interest in gender issues in the context of socio-economic, political, cultural conditions in Philippine society
 - × Cognate Course (18 Units)
 - × This consists of four core subjects and two electives that are credited three units each

Birthings...

- ✗ Integration/mainstreaming of Women's Studies (Intro to Women's Studies) in the curriculum
- ✗ Mass Com – Gender Media and Development
- ✗ Teacher training
 - ✗ Gender Sensitivity training
 - ✗ Gender Studies for Men

On-going Training and Education

MA in Humanities

- ✗ Academic/Degree Program
- ✗ On-going training/education Feminism
- ✗ Prepare educators / gender trainers
- ✗ Scholarship to promote Gender Studies/Education

Cognate

- ✗ Professional program
- ✗ 18-unit course
- ✗ Certificate Program

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Advocacy

- ✗ One Billion Rising-
Global Campaign Anti-
VAWC
- ✗ one in three women
will be raped or beaten
in their lifetime, or
about one billion
- ✗ Eve Einsler



AP (Bullitt Marquez) - One Billion Rising - February 14



Creative Imagination



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- ✗ Imagine a gender fair society....how can you cultivate it? What kind of structures/support system should be considered



GENDER SENSITIVITY

SEEING – women and men, what they actually do, rather than relying on assumptions

HEARING – women and men, their needs, priorities and perspectives

COUNTING – the value of women's work

RESPECTING – full dignity of women and men

CARING – about women and men and what happen to them

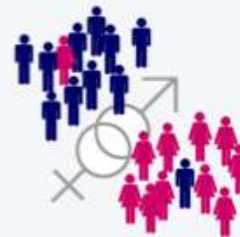


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GENDER SENSITIVITY

- Not a war of the sexes
- Not an anti-male stance
- Both women and men are victims, although women are affected more than men.
- In practically all cultures women have a lower status than men.



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GENDER SENSITIVITY

- renaming and reimagining wo/men relationships to bring about mutuality and partnership



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And then all that has divided us will merge
 And then compassion will be wedded to power
 And then softness will come to a world
 that is harsh and unkind
 And then both men and women will be gentle
 And then both men and women will be strong
 And then no person's will be subject to another's will
 And all will be rich and free and varied
 And then the greed of some will give way
 to the needs of many

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And then all will share equally in the Earth's
abundance
And all will care for the sick and the weak and the old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will cherish life's creatures
And then all will live in harmony with each other a
and the Earth
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

The Dinner Party
Judy Chicago

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Let us
contribute
to the BIRTHING
of healing and
growing communities!



Maraming Salamat
Daghang Salamat



Padayon!