The Committee is currently made up of seven members. I am happy to announce that the first three members have joined our committee recently, in Spring 2015. The interest in our work is re-growing, yet we need to take additional steps. We called for our first meeting after the Spring Break but all members had teaching responsibilities and could not accommodate a date that fit our varying schedules. A few of the members showed interest on email exchanges. Meanwhile, responding to my call for a meeting Shannon Miller wrote from California, and informed me that she is no longer at our university. We need to replace her and appoint a new member. Our committee meets twice a year. There are no sub-committees at this stage.

For Fall 2015 I have a couple of ideas that I would like to discuss with Tricia Jones and Deborah Howe. Primarily our most important task is to increase our membership ranks. Meanwhile we have to address significant issues to improve status of women in the university such as discrepancies in salary between male and female faculty, as well as women’s ability (or accessibility) to be promoted as fast as men do. I am hoping to be able to provide more information on our plans for 2016, and thank you for your support in helping me revitalize this important committee.

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