NWSA Responds To Faculty Cuts At University Of Maine Farmington

Dear NWSA Members,

We write to alert you to yet another unfortunate development - the University of Maine-Farmington has moved to end its Women’s and Gender Studies minor, after ending the major in 2009. In addition, it has moved to cut faculty lines including those of folks who have been participating in LGBTQ and feminism activism on campus. The College community is responding to these moves and it is part of a broader set of issues that has led to the vote of no confidence in their system’s chancellor.

More information on their fight is available here.

We also encourage you to follow and support their work through their IG account.

We want to remind you that you are not alone in these struggles and that we intend to use our collective power to push back against such attacks on our work and our livelihood. If you are experiencing any of this push back at your university or college, please reach out to us at nwsa@nwsa.org.

Finally, these are the types of issues that we will be discussing when we meet at our national Conference in Minneapolis, MN in November. We are organizing an “unconference” space where we can organize, discuss, debate, consider, bitch, complain, scream, and ultimately lay out plans to use our collective power to disrupt what is happening on campuses across the country. We hope that you will join us.

We are stronger together,
The National Women’s Studies Association
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