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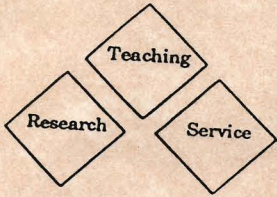
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Tri-Council for Gender Programs

HISTORY

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The seeds for forming the Tri-Council for Gender Programs were sown in the spring of 1994 when Amal Kavar (Associate Professor of Political Science), Pam Riley (Professor of Sociology and Acting Chair of Women's Studies), and Carol Windham (Associate Professor of Nutrition and Food Science and Director of the Women and Gender Research Institute) met at the home of Janet Osborne (Director of the Women's Center and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology) to discuss the status of gender-related programs at Utah State University. It became clear that what was needed was a coalition of resources.

A later meeting followed with Sue Guenter-Schlesinger (Director of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity) and Joyce Kinkead (Professor and Associate Dean of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences). The concept of creating an affiliation of the Women and Gender Research Institute, the Women's Studies program and the Women's Center was embraced. The group felt this alliance would promote the research, teaching, and service mission of Utah State University. The directors agreed that each organization would continue to focus on its specific mission, but greater coordination and cosponsorship of events and activities were to be the outcome of the partnership.

The Tri-Council for Gender Programs was officially founded in the winter of 1995 with the publication of the Tri-Council Newsletter. The purpose of this alliance is to foster greater contact and support among those interested in gender research, teaching, and service as well as for increased awareness of gender-related programs and issues.