WRC Statement on
The Vagina Monologues

As many of you know, the WRC has been producing The Vagina Monologues for 10 years. We know this has been a transformational experience for many students and we have been honored to bear witness to those transformations. However, after much deliberation and conversation with PSU students, staff, faculty, The Women’s Resource Center has decided to stop producing The Vagina Monologues for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, we want to engage in programming that is fresh and relevant to the needs of current students. Additionally, students shared concerns with us about the monologues being gender essentialist as well as tokenizing and reductive to women of color and women living in the global south. As a space that values and fosters intersectional feminism, we take feedback about our programming seriously so we can create an inclusive environment for all students.

There are still many ways to connect with the WRC. Right now we are planning Take Back the Night (planning meetings are Wednesdays from 1-2pm and are open to all) as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April. The Leadership in Action Program offers volunteer opportunities and our many Action Teams plan several events and discussion series every quarter.

We know this will be disappointing news for some, but we are excited to create new workshops and events. As always, we appreciate your feedback and if you have ideas for trainings or workshops, please let us know by contacting karm@pdx.edu.