

Members in attendance: Sara Cooper, Diane Dickel, Genn Merrihew, Rori Rohlf

Minutes by Rori Rohlf (rrohlf@u.washington.edu)

- WiGS-sympathetic organizations

Genn made a list complete with mission statements and current contact information

We should choose which organizations we wish to contact and for what purpose (link to each other's web pages, co-advertise events, co-sponsor events, etc)

Genn will send the organization list to the WiGS email listserv to ask WiGS-folk their opinion

- Breast cancer fund-raising drive

Sara reports a total of \$875 collected (thus far). The drive was a success

Next year we may do something similar. Some possibilities for next year were

run/row for the cure

work directly with a local organization

involve Mary-Claire

- Mentoring

We missed the NIH-sponsored mentoring conference, but Rori will ask for a summary or minutes

It's unclear that an organized grad student mentoring program is necessary

This sort of guidance is only valuable when a student has an exceptional problem

WiGS members should talk with current first-years to see how they're doing particularly with regard to the changes in first-year advising

- Wylie Burke seminar

Seminar (possibly about genetics and public health) is 19 November, will include lunch, and will require an RSVP

Rori will get the seminar title and then email invite folk from GS and possibly other departments (public health genetics, medical genetics, biostat, etc)

Diane will get advise from Margo regarding food

- Christine Queitsch seminar

(Joanna,) do we have a date?

- Spring lunch seminar

It will be either a panel discussion on childcare in academic environments or a research talk by an adjunct faculty member

WiGS members will poll the department for interest in a childcare panel discussion and will ask around for potential speakers

- Lactation room

Follow-up is on hold until Vivian is available

- Happy hour check-in

Generally, women's attendance at happy hour has improved, however women faculty's attendance remains very low

In the past, happy hour was once a month with pizza and attendance was better in all groups

Genn will see if it is feasible for a rotating faculty member to sponsor food at happy hour once a month

- Survey

In the spring we will perform a survey in the department about WiGS performance and utility

- FOSEP

FOSEP (Forum on Science Ethics and Policy) may be interested in co-advertising and co-sponsoring events in the future

- Tutoring opportunity

Making connections is a high school outreach program aiming to help underrepresented and first generation women through the college admissions process. Tutors for making connections are needed Tues and Thurs afternoons at the UW Women's Center. Contact Rori for more details.