

Meeting minutes-12/03/07

The Wylie Burke seminar went well, and there was a fantastic and diverse turnout. We've had a lot of positive feedback from people who attended. Next time we may give lunch seminars 1.5 hours instead of 1hr, since 1 hour felt a little rushed. Next time we have buffet style food, we'll put it on a table on the side. We will also add a note to the emails advertising events that the events are not limited to women only.

#### Seminar updates

The job talk seminar with Christine Queitsch is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> at noon in S-448 of Foege. We just need to decide on food to order and email notice of the event. We will probably require RSVPs for this event and limit the number of people who can attend because the room reserved is small.

Sandra Lee Seminar update- We are in the process of scheduling a room. The seminar will probably be May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The GS seminar with Elaine Ostrander is still set for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed the following event ideas for Spring Quarter:

- 1) Child-care information session w/ UW childcare official
- 2) A discussion with 2 GS faculty on how different kinds of work are valued in academia (research vs. serving on committees vs. writing vs. outreach, etc),
- 3) Adjunct faculty giving research talk
- 4) PACOW- Presidents advisor committee on women, advise the president of the university on women's issues/requests

We decided on #2 for spring quarter. Rori will begin to organize the event and figure out which speakers we would like to invite. We will probably invite an adjunct faculty member to give a research talk during summer quarter.

Cushions have been placed on the benches in at least one of the shower areas in Foege for use while pumping. We hope to have more information about this in the future.

Genn sent a list last month of organizations that are related to WiGS. This list is also being attached to this email. If you have a moment, please send her comments related to the following topics about this list:

- Which organizations WiGS would be interested in working with directly (to co-sponsor events, attend joint meetings, etc.)
- Which organizations that WiGS wants to make contact with to provide them with information about our organization in hope that they can provide us with any information that may be relevant to our organization
- Which organizations that WiGS would be interested in allowing access to sending information to our email list and/or linking to one another's web pages

WiGS is in the process of getting its own email address.

Minority recruitment of grad students was discussed at a faculty meeting this quarter, and we discussed possible ideas for increasing minority presence in Genome Sciences. One idea discussed was establishing contacts with local groups to encourage minorities to go into science. We hope to discuss this further and make a few recommendations to the department.

There are still some concerns about lack of female faculty representation at happy hour. Is there something about happy hour that we can change to encourage more representation?

Meetings for winter quarter are tentatively scheduled for Mondays at noon, but this may change. Social lunch times and locations may also change. We will email an announcement if any changes are made.