

WiGS Organizational Meeting

2 October 2008 from 10:00-11:00 in Foege S-330

Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance: Celeste Berg, Sara Cooper, Diane Dickel, Gennifer Merrihew, Rori Rohlf, and Elisabeth Rosenthal

- I. GS Retreat Charades/Poster
 - a. Considered a success
 - b. Recommended as a possibility for next year's retreat
 - c. Poster will be posted on 3rd floor of Foege
- II. WiGS Survey Results
 - a. Reviewed statistics from some of the questions based on answers from GS department only
 - b. Discussed many different aspects of the responses
 - i. Childcare/family issues (more info below)
 - ii. Mentoring new students on how to organize seminars with speakers and learn the importance of networking
 - iii. Interest in WiGS events
 1. Elisabeth recommended providing additional information about speakers of events on website
 - c. WiGS members to review rest of questions for continued discussion at next WiGS meeting
- III. Winter Quarter Seminar - Leonie Moyle
 - a. January 21st - Sara Cooper organizing
 - b. Sara will email 2nd year students for opportunity to help coordinate seminar with speaker
- IV. Jay Shendure Chalk Talk Workshop
 - a. October 16th -Rori Rohlf organizing
- V. Childcare Discussion
 - a. Celeste Berg, Diane Dickel and Elisabeth Rosenthal organizing
 - b. TBD - either panel discussion or work session
 - c. Elisabeth will provide new links for the website dealing with childcare/family issues
 - d. Follow up with person who Stan Fields emailed regarding childcare questions?
 - e. Sara Cooper to look into information on departmental grants to subsidized childcare
 - f. Celeste Berg recommended having WiGS write a letter to UW Daily newspaper or UW president regarding our childcare issues to raise awareness
- VI. Policy Seminar Planning
 - a. Rori to send out email to request nominees for policy seminar and we will vote on speaker
- VII. Spring Policy and/or Research Discussion
 - a. Rori discussed inviting Malia Fullerton or someone from an outside department (medical history & genetics, etc.)
 - b. Another alternative was inviting Maitreya Dunham to present her research and talk about her experience of starting up a new lab
- VIII. Items on Agenda to be Discussed Next Meeting
 - a. Survey results - part 2
 - b. WiGS Library
 - c. WiGS Combi seminar - Sharon Browning?