

WiGS organizational meeting
6 November 2008 from 11:00AM -12:00PM in Foege S-330
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

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

- I. WiGS survey results, part two
 - a. Meeting time conflict discussion
 - i. Discussed time issues for individuals with children and other commitments
 - ii. Decided to keep meeting time for now
 - b. Reminding everyone that all are welcome to join WiGS
 - i. Many survey responders were not aware of that all individuals are welcome to join
 - ii. Rori will add information to website to remind everyone about our open involvement
 - iii. Diane will include a blurb about everyone being welcome to attend WiGS when she sends out reminder emails about upcoming meetings
 - iv. Genn will send out email to department reminding them about the WiGS list and that all are welcome to be members
 - c. Career development
 - i. More focus on non-tenure track career development have been requested from the survey
 - ii. Genn will look into UW Career Center for info pertaining to biological career development for general staff
 1. May invite someone from UW Career Center to discuss relevant topics
 - iii. Possibly provide links on WiGS website of relevant info to career development
 - d. Family friendly events
 - i. More child friendly events have been requested from the survey
 - ii. Discussed possible events, Sunday brunches at child friendly homes, museums, etc.
 - iii. Elizabeth W. will find out more info about Children's Museum and other possibilities
 - e. Seminar scheduling
 - i. Several survey responders have mentioned being unable to attend later afternoon seminars due to child care conflicts
 - ii. Sara Cooper will email the WiGS list to ask if others have conflicts with the current GS seminar time
 - iii. May write letter to seminar coordinator and Paula Kassos requesting new time based on responses
- II. WiGS library
 - a. First book for library obtained
 - b. Write up blurbs about books collected for library
 - c. Create list of books for website
 - d. Potentially have a WiGS sponsored book club
 - e. Potentially invite authors to discuss books
- III. Policy Seminar
 - a. Ben Barres -date TBA

- b. Possibly have additional seminars with Neurology & Behavior departments to talk about his scientific research
- c. Possibly another seminar co-sponsored with Q Center to talk about his transition issues in academia

IV. COMBI seminar

- a. Rori plans to invite Sharon Browning
- b. Sharon Browning will be in town for the month of June from New Zealand, therefore the seminar will be in June 2009