

WiGS organizational meeting  
6 August 2009 from 10:00-11:00 in Foege S-330  
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

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

- I. WiGS Summer BBQ
  - a. Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 PM at Ravenna Park
  - b. Genn will send out reminder email announcement on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Genn and Diane will organize food for BBQ
  - d. Event is occurring alongside UW Post-doc Association BBQ at same park and time
    - i. Sara Cooper will send an email to notify them
- II. Budget
  - a. To keep the budget organized for next year, everyone needs to do the following:
    - i. Give Rori a copy of every receipt
    - ii. Write on the petty cash reimbursement form a description of the event being reimbursed
  - b. Also we may have additional events that we want to host that are not explicitly in the budget, therefore we need to be conservative about spending where we can be
- III. WiGS/GS Seminar
  - a. Ruth Ley has accepted Diane's invitation to talk
    - i. Seminar will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30PM
  - b. Rori is still discussing scheduling with Sarah Tishkoff
    - i. Plan is to have her come late in the year
- IV. Fall Diversity Panel
  - a. Elisabeth is organizing lunch panel regarding the best strategies to attract women and minorities to UW and other schools
- V. Policy Seminar
  - a. Joan Bennett (Rutgers) had the most votes for the policy seminar survey
  - b. Rori will send out invitation to Joan
  - c. We hope to be able to have Joan give a policy talk and a science talk while she is here
- VI. Recruitment
  - a. Diane will send out email to 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students this week
- VII. GS Retreat
  - a. Rori will email Jay Shendure to remind him that we requested a speaking slot at the retreat this year
  - b. An additional WiGS meeting will be planned at the next meeting to organize slides for the retreat
  - c. All WiGS members at the retreat will help with presentation
- VIII.
- IX. Other Miscellaneous Events/Topics
  - a. Discussion about non-academic job careers
    - i. Journal editor talk
      1. Emily Turner from Shendure lab mentioned a Nature editor that may be interested in talking to us about her experiences as an editor

2. Elisabeth and Diane knew of an additional person who may be able to come is the first choice does not work
- ii. Alumni talks
  1. Ed Ramos has accepted Rori's invitation
  2. Event will occur around October 1<sup>st</sup>
  3. Diane mentioned inviting Shawn Iadonato from Kineta Inc. to come speak
- b. COMBI seminar
  1. Rori mentioned inviting Elizabeth Hauser from Duke to talk
  2. She will already be in Seattle for a talk with another group so we only need to worry about paying for lunch or dinner with her
- c. Ben Barres Video Session
- d. Survey
  - i. Discussed whether we thought it was needed or not
  - ii. Decided to wait until end of the year and reconsider it then
- e. Meeting time change
  - i. Diane will look at next year's class schedule and pick a time after classes to have our WiGS meetings
  - ii. May have a social organizational meeting for our first WiGS meeting after the retreat with coffee and cookies to introduce new members to WiGS