

WiGS organizational meeting
6 October 2009 from 1:30-2:30 in Foege S-040
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance: Anna Brosius, Keisha Carlson, Katrina Claw, Sara Cooper, Diane Dickel, Leslie Emery, Gennifer Merrihew, Rori Rohlfs, Elisabeth Rosenthal, Melody Rynerson, and Dionne Vafeados

- I. Ed Ramos Wrap-up
 - a. Event considered success
 - b. We will definitely invite more nonacademic, alumni speakers
- II. COMBI with Beth Hauser
 - a. Wednesday, November 4th at 1:30 PM in Foege Auditorium
 - b. Lunch or dinner dependent on budget
- III. GS Seminars
 - a. Ruth Ley - Wednesday, May 26th from 3:30-4:30PM in Foege Auditorium
 - b. Sarah Tishkoff will be in November 2010
- IV. Fall Diversity Panel
 - a. Monday, November 30th from 12-2 PM in either Foege S-230 or Auditorium
 - b. Elisabeth has invited for 4 speakers to present: a rep from UW Advance, the UW Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Diversity, A UW graduate diversity specialist and a rep from UW Workforce Development
 - c. Discussed whether event should be in Auditorium or conference room
 - i. Email will be sent out to several departments to gauge interest
 - ii. If widespread interest, we will have it in the auditorium and send out flyers
 - d. Will send out survey to get an idea of topics to address
- V. Policy Seminar
 - a. Joan Bennett will be here Friday, March 5th
 - b. Rori is waiting on room reservation
 - c. She will give two talks: a science talk co-sponsored with the Biology Dept and a policy talk
- VI. Industry Lunch Ideas
 - a. We will not be able to fly out Magdalena Skipper who worked as an editor with Nature because she currently resides in London which is not within our budget
 - b. Cynthia Morton - editor of American Journal of Human Genetics is a possibility
 - i. Suggested to Diane by Peter Byers in Medical Genetics
 - ii. Leslie Emery has agreed to contact Cynthia
 - c. Former Fields lab post-doc is another option
 - i. We can find out more information from Stan Fields if necessary
 - d. Jennifer Callahan - former grad student in Genetics who worked for NOVA for several years is another option
 - i. Suggested by Gina Alvino who knows her personally
- VII. Meeting Time Change?
 - a. Some individuals from the Public Health and Genetics program are interested in joining WiGS but cannot meet at our current slot
 - b. Genn will send out Doodle to see what time would work for everyone

- i. Genn will also start a WiGS Google calendar
- VIII. Other Event Ideas
 - a. Lunch with senior graduate students and post-docs for new graduate students/post-docs
 - i. Melody thought it would be nice to get advice about grad school etc. from peers
 - ii. Another idea is to have a lunch discussion about how to apply for post-docs
 - b. Writing seminar
 - i. Grant writing
 - ii. Fellowships
 - 1. Maybe next fall we can have Stan Fields or Leo Pallanck give a seminar on writing fellowship applications for first year students