

WiGS organizational meeting
9 December 2009 from 2:30-3:30 in Foege S-330
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance: Sara Cooper (sjcooper@uw.edu) , Diane Dickel (dedickel@uw.edu) , Leslie Emery (emeryl@uw.edu) , Gennifer Merrihew (genn@uw.edu) , Rori Rohlf's (rrohlf's@uw.edu) , and Elisabeth Rosenthal (erosen@uw.edu)

- I. Fall Diversity Panel Wrap-up
 - a. Discussed possible issues of why very few people turned up to this event
 - i. Email may not have gone out to all the correct lists
 - ii. Holiday timing may have been an issue
 - b. Elisabeth discussed School of Public Health's Diversity Task Force
 - c. Elisabeth talked about finding out what the department's policy on family leave for graduate students by emailing Brian Giebel
 - i. Is insurance paid for while on leave?
 - ii. Are family leave options grant specific?
 - d. If department does not have family leave policy then we may want to try and establish a fund for providing health insurance for graduate students when on leave
 - i. If this works out well, then we can potentially inform the School of Medicine of our success
- II. Cynthia Morton
 - a. Seminar sponsored by Medical Genetics
 - b. Leslie Emery is organizing lunch with Cynthia
 - c. Will happen on a Thursday sometime in March
 - d. Still waiting for her to confirm but it seems likely that she will come
- III. Holly Taber
 - a. For spring quarter
 - b. Sara Cooper will email her and see if she is interested in lunch bioethics talk of some sort
- IV. Email list confusion/Google calendar
 - a. From now on all email addresses will be listed on minutes for members to easily contact fellow WiGS members
 - b. Genn made Google calendar and will send out email to list members if they would like to join
- V. GS Outreach/Department Diversity Information
 - a. Genn mentioned that GS Outreach web site is outdated and that departmental diversity information is not easily accessible
 - b. Genn will talk with GS Outreach and Brian Giebel and discuss this
 - c. We can either provide links to diversity information or have a separate link that describes how our department deals with diversity