

WiGS organizational meeting  
10 February 2010 from 2:30-3:30 in Foege S-448  
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

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

- I. Cynthia Morton
  - a. Leslie Emery is organizing, co-sponsored with Med Genetics
  - b. Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Genome Sciences lunch discussion in S110
  - c. Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Medical Genetics talk
- II. Holly Taber
  - a. Has agreed to come in spring
  - b. Sara organizing a lunch discussion
- III. Charla Lambert
  - a. Coming to town weekend of February 19<sup>th</sup> for WiSE event
  - b. Wants to meet with WiGS for coffee
- IV. Joan Bennett
  - a. Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> WiGS event
  - b. Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> GS research seminar
  - c. Rori organizing with possible help from new member
- V. WiGS Leadership
  - a. Several WiGS members will be leaving department soon
  - b. Genn will take over email and room reservations for Diane
  - c. Recruitment
    - i. Leslie brought up having a WiGS welcome event for graduate recruitment
    - ii. Discussed having pre-made projects with a current WiGS member to help recruit new members and get them involved
- VI. GS Outreach/Diversity
  - a. Genn talked to Brian regarding diversity website update and Maureen Munn for GS Outreach website update
    - i. Will set up meeting with both in early March
  - b. Discussed creating an email list for people interesting in participating in outreach/diversity events
  - c. Discussed potential of combining forces if necessary
- VII. Other Non-Academic Events for fall?
  - a. Genn mentioned Elhanan Borenstein had brought up Dr. Erin Cline as a potential speaker
    - i. Works for 23 and me and has an popular science blog
- VIII. Family Leave
  - a. Elisabeth found out more details regarding UAW family leave policy
    - i. Student insurance is paid for while on leave but not dependents
    - ii. Tuition and salary is not paid for while on leave
    - iii. Limited to 12 weeks based on a 9 month appointment, not sure about mid-quarter
    - iv. Information should be included in GS graduate student handbook and possibly elsewhere on GS website - possibly have a link on the WiGS website