WiGS Organizational Meeting
7 September 2011 from 10-11AM in Foege S-448
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance: Leslie Emery (emeryl@uw.edu), Jen McCreight (jmccreig@uw.edu), Gennifer Merrihew (genn@uw.edu), Melody Rynerson Palmer (mryner@uw.edu) and Jenny (Wagner) Andrie (jmwagner@uw.edu)

I. Event coordinating responsibilities/issues
   a. Still waiting for final protocol solidification
      i. Leslie will email Nancy again as a reminder

II. GS Seminar planning
   a. Jenny invited Christina Smolke based on Catalyst survey responses
   b. Seminar is Wednesday, January 11th

III. Policy seminar
   a. Leslie will organize spring policy seminar
      i. Plan to invite Laura Meyers to discuss gender pay gap

IV. Alternative career seminar
   a. Jenn invited science writer Jennifer Ouelette
   b. Seminar is Thursday, November 10th in Foege Auditorium from 1-3 PM
   c. Her husband Sean Carroll will also be in Seattle
      i. Jenn will email Jennifer to see if he may be interested in giving a physics seminar while here

V. Alumni Seminar
   a. Genn invited alum Karen James
   b. Seminar will be in February or March

VI. Retreat talk
   a. WiGS has a Thursday morning talk
   b. Jenn and Leslie will present
   c. Melody will create a handout to place in the retreat folder with information about WiGS

VII. Fall lunch discussion – general exam/thesis proposal session
   a. Genn organized a panel on Thursday, November 3rd at 4 PM in Foege S110
   b. Have a panel of 4 grad students to discuss issues relating to taking a general exam, picking a committee and writing a thesis proposal
      i. Keisha Carlson, Adam Gordon, Peter Sudmant, and Sanna Oddone Sullivan are panelists

VIII. Spring lunch discussion
   a. Leslie would like to organize a discussion about picking a post-doc position

IX. Possible other lunch discussion
   a. Melody mentioned having a discussion about management of time while TAing

X. Life Science Research Weekend
   a. Genn will talk to previous volunteers to see if they would be interested in helping with organization this year
      i. WiGS will not organize if there is not much interest in helping this year
   b. Event is Friday, November 4th through Sunday, November 6th

XI. New school year kick-off event
   a. After Wednesday, October 5th GS seminar
   b. (Who? Tanya or Leslie?) will organize a bowling event at the Garage like last year