WiGS Organizational Meeting 4 January 2012 from 2:30-3:30 PM in Foege S-448 Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance: Jenny Wagner Andrie (<a href="mailto:jmwagner@uw.edu">jmwagner@uw.edu</a>), Leslie Emery (<a href="mailto:emeryl@uw.edu">emeryl@uw.edu</a>), Tanya Grancharova (<a href="mailto:tgranch@uw.edu">tgranch@uw.edu</a>), Jen McCreight (<a href="mailto:jmccreig@uw.edu">jmccreig@uw.edu</a>), Gennifer Merrihew (<a href="mailto:genn@uw.edu">genn@uw.edu</a>), Maureen Munn (<a href="mailto:mmunn@uw.edu">mmunn@uw.edu</a>), and Melody Rynerson Palmer(<a href="mailto:mryner@uw.edu">mryner@uw.edu</a>)

- I. GS Seminar Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM
  - a. Christina Smolke from Stanford
  - b. Jenny organizing
  - c. Having difficulties filling spots for Christina to meet with faculty because of faculty job search
    - i. Invite other departments (bioengineering, biochemistry, etc.) to meet with Christina
- II. Policy seminar
  - a. Leslie invited Laura Meyers
    - i. Time and date TBD
- III. Alumni Seminar
  - a. Genn invited alum Karen James
  - b. Seminar will be Thursday, March  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  at 10 AM in Foege Auditorium
- IV. Spring lunch discussion
  - a. Leslie would like to organize a discussion about picking a post-doc position
- V. Brown bag lunches
  - a. First lunch of the year on Thursday, January 26th
- VI. Winter lunch discussion
  - a. Melody will organize discussion about networking
  - b. Four panelists TBD
- VII. Upcoming social events
  - a. Genn will send out poll to list and find out which of the events below people are interested in attending
  - b. Smash putt, Indoor miniature golf, game night, roller skating, laser tag, or karaoke
- VIII. Outreach opportunities
  - a. Maureen will forward information to the email lists -Outreach and WiGS
    - i. Science festival in Yakima Valley weekend of March  $8^{\rm th}$ 
      - 1. focus on under-represented minorities
      - 2. SACNAS, OHSU Let's Get Healthy, UW GEAR UP
    - ii. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Echo Lake science night (Shoreline)
      - need volunteers for hands-on activities with elementary school students