

WiGS Organizational Meeting

December 3rd, 2014

2:30pm-3:30pm S430

Minutes recorded by Elyse Hope

- **Updates:**
 - Not going to get space in the lobby cabinet, department has other plans for that space Seminar lunches about to change – working with Maitreya
- **Setting agenda for winter and spring:**
 - Planned winter events:
 - Potential speaker (also giving department Combi seminar)
 - Ryan Emerson, Adaptive Biotech
 - Elyse to reach out
 - Recruitment
 - 2 or 3 lunchtime journal club meetings
 - Currently asking department for paper suggestions
 - Do on Thursdays - one per month
 - General exam prep panel
 - Beginning of year party - happy hour first week back?
 - Select a seminar speaker invitee for next year
 - Prep for SEYH
 - Need 4 helpers finalized by January – so far Beth, Cecilia, Melissa – maybe Amanda?
 - Potential spring events:
 - Spring break party of some sort?
 - Psych dept. speaker - Sapna Cheryan, UW
 - How stereotypes shape women's career choices, with particular focus on computer science
 - Melissa to reach out
 - Speaker recommended by Beth - Carole Lee in philosophy
 - Specializes in bias in peer review
 - Elyse to reach out
 - Workshop on poster presentations
 - 2 or 3 lunchtime journal club meetings
- **Union election note from Cecilia:**
 - The union election is today
 - Do not want them to standardize wages across the departments
 - A small coalition wants to change the collective bargaining agreement to make it easier for “rank and file” members to participate – could be undesirable
 - Sciences not as well represented on board - candidate from atmospheric sciences who we should try to vote for