

## WiGS Organizational Meeting

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

2:30pm-3:30pm S430

Minutes recorded by Elyse Hope

### **In attendance:**

Elyse Hope  
Jenny Andrie  
Melissa Chiasson  
Cecilia Noecker  
Beth Morton  
Andrea Higdon  
Amanda Watts

### • **Updates:**

- Event: Hopi Hoekstra seminar and dinner
  - Dinner (Joule) was particularly good, willing to answer questions
- Event: Julie Granka career talk
  - Really well received
  - Glad she was able to go into more specifics than Cathy Ball was able to in her seminar (proprietary)
- Grant writing workshop - only 2 replies, linked them in with each other
- Games night - only 2 replies, is there interest in this?
  - Yes, in the future
- Department statistics collection (Melissa)
  - Could we integrate/compare to other departments? Use SWE?
  - So far, labs with more funding have more male grad students and postdocs
  - Have we accounted for everyone?
    - Alex Jaeger could give up-to-date info
- Women in Genetics poster series for lobby
  - Elyse needs to coordinate this with Melissa and Beth Hammermeister

### • **Upcoming events:**

- General exam prep panel
  - Early winter quarter
  - Doodle this with second-years and ask for volunteers from department
- Seattle Expanding Your Horizons deadline for sign-up is this month
  - March 14th next year
  - Last year - the genetics of taste – keeping same general idea
  - Need 3-4 volunteers

### • **New ideas:**

- Happy hour? Easier than games night? 11/18? 11/20?
  - Just pick a date
- WiGS journal club? Maybe a lunchtime, monthly, to read a paper together

about women's issues in science and discuss it in a casual setting?

- Why academic science isn't sexist
- End with an action point - is there something we could do as a group to combat the negative findings
  - Drive our programming
- Reading list on the website - our discussion points
- Social issues in the department
- Welcome back event in the new year - some type of holiday party, even?
  - Or games night
  - First or second week of January
- YWTF - social activism opportunity - mostly fundraising and raising awareness events - working becoming a formal chapter
  - Members invited to brunch on 11/15
- Amanda asks about more outreach opportunities?
- Have more alternative career talks
  - More local people?
  - Psych department - perception of gender in the workplace?
    - Melissa will do some research on that