**WiGS Organizational Meeting**  
November 5th, 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:**
    - 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