

Women in Genome Sciences Organizational Meeting

April 1st, 2015

2:30pm-3:30pm in Foege S448

Minutes prepared by Elyse Hope

In attendance:

Cecilia Noecker

Andrea Higdon

Amanda Watts

Lindsay Pino

Beth Morton

Melissa Chiasson

Elyse Hope

Outreach:

- Update on SEYH this year
 - Event went well
 - The dialogue was mostly about “what are things that affect whether you like the taste of something”
- Should we try to share/publish our lesson plan?
 - Caiti in the Dunham Lab might be a good resource about this
 - Beth talk to Maureen about formal repository
 - We should at least share on the website as a resource
- SEYH in the future -- should we do something totally different next year?
 - Seemed like students had done some of this stuff before - is PTC too old fashioned?
 - Had some girls who had gone last year so they didn't get much out of it
 - Could be good to talk to the organizers and make sure people aren't randomly assigned to our workshop again
 - Alternate years on activities?
 - Brainstorm sooner rather than later
 - If we can move away from the Powerpoint they'd be better engaged
- Ideas for future years:
 - Mini CSI seattle? Murder mystery? Are there forensic workshops on there already?
 - Rosetta with computers?
 - Metagenomics
 - Neandertal - introduce idea of comparative genomics, phylogenetic tree
 - FoldIt - Lindsay is working with “time to invent” over in bioengineering - translation puzzle to teach central dogma - brainteaser puzzle for optimal conformation - take the protein home with them? test the protein for “activity”? some type of actual simple colorimetric assay? e.g. GFP fish from pet store

Social events:

- Brunch in the next two weeks, Elyse send out Doodle

- Happy hour after social hours end at the end of this quarter?
- Keep WiGS journal club going during the summer and put it during normal journal club time
- Ask Jenny about seminar series funding - does department pay for our person? if not, why not? -- note from Elyse, the department does pay for our seminar out of the seminar fund
- Speakers we'd love to have include Anne Marie Slaughter, Anne Wojnicki
- Should we have an all-campus women's group mixer?
 - Lindsay send info to Melissa, Melissa compile
 - Society of Women's Engineers, WiSE, Women in Chemical Sciences
 - Advertise our events to them, they advertise to us?
 - WiCS - Melissa reach out to chair and see if she wants to come to a meeting

Upcoming Workshops:

- Sapna Cherna event
 - April 21st 3:30pm S110
 - Co-hosting with Women in Chemical Sciences
 - Is there anything in particular we should do? Posters a week beforehand
- Setting up poster making event for May
 - Planning to ask Ivan
- Carole Lee event
 - moved to the fall - 2pm-3pm Tuesday October 20th
- Design help desk is a real thing
 - Elyse send out an email about this
- Choosing our seminar speaker - ongoing