**Women in Genome Sciences Organizational Meeting**

**Date: 1/4/2017**

**Location: S-448**

**Recorded by: Cecilia**

**In attendance:**

Cecilia Noecker

Lindsay Pino

Beth Morton

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April Lo

**Budget update:**

Need to think about where we can save because our estimates for bringing in an external speaker do not leave a lot of extra room.

**Upcoming events:**

* Expanding Your Horizons outreach: The Seattle event is not happening this year, but we are going to participate in the Edmonds event instead on March 21. Their workshops are only 35 minutes long, so we will need to condense our activity a little bit.
* Code: Debugging the Gender Gap movie showing: taking place on Thursday, January 12 in the evening. This event will include a viewing of the movie followed by some discussion, and then transitioning to an informal happy hour social event afterward, tentatively at Big Time. This will double as our department-wide social event for the winter.
* Spring speaker series: Eliah is working on Kate Rubins paperwork, going to coordinate with Brian when things get more concrete. Cecilia is still planning to reach out to Lisa Brooks, a local NHGRI program officer, to invite her to speak in February or March as part of this series.
* We are going to go see Hidden Figures at Sundance this weekend!
* Recruiting coming up in February. WiGS will have a short speaking slot, be ready to make a good showing!
* [UW WiSE conference](http://www.engr.washington.edu/current/studentprogs/wiseconf) happening on February 18 – the schedule looks pretty interesting. We are going to check if there is a chance the department could help pay registration fees ($25 for students, $50 for others).
* Milo Y College Republicans talk at UW on January 20: We had a productive discussion about how best to respond to this dispiriting event. The graduate student union is organizing an extended competing event the same day. We had a productive discussion and agreed to help support, promote and participate in this event as best we can, rather than initiate any protest actions or letter-writing ourselves.

**Organizational work:**

* Registering as an RSO: Cecilia is going to complete the online registration process and inquire about GPSS funding to potentially support the Kate Rubins event.
* Updating the WiGS slides on the monitor in the entryway display case: going to transition the responsibility of emailing slides with updated events to the communications officer (Katherine).