WiGS Organizational Meeting  
2 October 2008 from 10:00-11:00 in Foege S-330  
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance:  Celeste Berg, Sara Cooper, Diane Dickel,  
Gennifer Merrihew, Rori Rohlfs, and Elisabeth Rosenthal

I.  GS Retreat Charades/Poster  
a. Considered a success  
b. Recommended as a possibility for next year’s retreat  
c. Poster will be posted on 3rd floor of Foege

II. WiGS Survey Results  
a. Reviewed statistics from some of the questions based on  
   answers from GS department only  
b. Discussed many different aspects of the responses  
   i. Childcare/family issues (more info below)  
   ii. Mentoring new students on how to organize seminars  
       with speakers and learn the importance of networking  
   iii. Interest in WiGS events  
   1. Elisabeth recommended providing additional  
      information about speakers of events on website  
   c. WiGS members to review rest of questions for continued  
      discussion at next WiGS meeting

III. Winter Quarter Seminar – Leonie Moyle  
a. January 21st – Sara Cooper organizing  
b. Sara will be email 2nd year students for opportunity to help  
   coordinate seminar with speaker

IV. Jay Shendure Chalk Talk Workshop  
a. October 16th – Rori Rohlfs organizing

V. Childcare Discussion  
a. Celeste Berg, Diane Dickel and Elisabeth Rosenthal  
   organizing  
b. TBD – either panel discussion or work session  
c. Elisabeth will provide new links for the website dealing  
   with childcare/family issues  
d. Follow up with person who Stan Fields emailed regarding  
   childcare questions?  
e. Sara Cooper to look into information on departmental grants  
   to subsidized childcare  
f. Celeste Berg recommended having WiGS write a letter to UW  
   Daily newspaper or UW president regarding our childcare  
   issues to raise awareness

VI. Policy Seminar Planning  
a. Rori to send out email to request nominees for policy  
   seminar and we will vote on speaker

VII. Spring Policy and/or Research Discussion  
a. Rori discussed inviting Malia Fullerton or someone from an  
   outside department (medical history & genetics, etc.)  
b. Another alternative was inviting Maitreya Dunham to present  
   her research and talk about her experience of starting up a  
   new lab

VIII. Items on Agenda to be Discussed Next Meeting  
a. Survey results – part 2  
b. WiGS Library  
c. WiGS Combi seminar – Sharon Browning?