WiGS organizational meeting
6 November 2008 from 11:00AM - 12:00PM in Foege S-330
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

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

I. WiGS survey results, part two
a. Meeting time conflict discussion
   i. Discussed time issues for individuals with children and other commitments
   ii. Decided to keep meeting time for now
b. Reminding everyone that all are welcome to join WiGS
   i. Many survey responders were not aware that all individuals are welcome to join
   ii. Rori will add information to website to remind everyone about our open involvement
   iii. Diane will include a blurb about everyone being welcome to attend WiGS when she sends out reminder emails about upcoming meetings
   iv. Genn will send out email to department reminding them about the WiGS list and that all are welcome to be members
c. Career development
   i. More focus on non-tenure track career development have been requested from the survey
   ii. Genn will look into UW Career Center for info pertaining to biological career development for general staff
      1. May invite someone from UW Career Center to discuss relevant topics
   iii. Possibly provide links on WiGS website of relevant info to career development
d. Family friendly events
   i. More child friendly events have been requested from the survey
   ii. Discussed possible events, Sunday brunches at child friendly homes, museums, etc.
   iii. Elizabeth W. will find out more info about Children’s Museum and other possibilities
e. Seminar scheduling
   i. Several survey responders have mentioned being unable to attend later afternoon seminars due to child care conflicts
   ii. Sara Cooper will email the WiGS list to ask if others have conflicts with the current GS seminar time
   iii. May write letter to seminar coordinator and Paula Kassos requesting new time based on responses

II. WiGS library
a. First book for library obtained
b. Write up blurbs about books collected for library
c. Create list of books for website
d. Potentially have a WiGS sponsored book club
e. Potentially invite authors to discuss books

III. Policy Seminar
a. Ben Barres - date TBA
b. Possibly have additional seminars with Neurology & Behavior departments to talk about his scientific research

c. Possibly another seminar co-sponsored with Q Center to talk about his transition issues in academia

IV. COMBI seminar

a. Rori plans to invite Sharon Browning

b. Sharon Browning will be in town for the month of June from New Zealand, therefore the seminar will be in June 2009