

Meeting note for SWIG September 10, 2007

Introductions

Nicole – Mission statement of SWIG

Angel Group – Katie (email was sent out to SWIG list serve with directions on how to find the site and log in)

We will be having a new SWIG logo competition. Please submit a hard copy of your idea into the manila envelope on the SWIG bulletin board by October 3rd.

Subgroup Discussion – we need a few core people in each subgroup and subgroups should plan to meet and identify a few goals for the year before next meeting

1. Social Outreach – Mamata
This group will be involved in outreach activities with other women's organizations on campus as well as community outreach in the form of volunteering, participating in events etc.
2. Speaker and Lunches – Katie
This group will be involved with bringing SWIG speakers, preparing coffee and lunch activities
3. Alumni Relations – Amber
This group will be networking with alum and others who are interested in and support SWIG. The goal is to get more people outside the dept involved, and eventually have fundraisers (as well as other means of raising money) to establish an endowment.
4. Advocacy – Nicole
This group will actively address the needs of women within our department. We will continue university-wide projects such as the new child policy as well as more departmental level works such as providing anti-harassment and anti-discrimination resources.
5. Undergrad outreach – Carolyn
This group will work to increase undergraduate involvement in SWIG, first by going to classes specifically 300 and 400 levels and speaking to students. Another goal of this group would be to come up with some other ways of increasing undergraduate involvement throughout the year.
6. SYWIG – Destiny
This group will work on arranging SYWIG day activities for both Fall and Spring semesters.

Priorities

Amy Trauger lunch October 21st

SYWIG Day initial contact with teachers (potential date October 26th)

Brainstorm on what people are interested in accomplishing this year:

Outreach to director of diversity at Penn State

Girl scout geography badge

Hiking and camping activities

At AAG organize a SWIG reunion with other SWIG groups from various universities

5K Women's Resource Center Walk/Run

"Fundraising" in terms of outreach and alumni relations

Fundraising through dinner, silent auction, bake sales and at these events have items like factoids about geography, possibly pens, maps and other items

Connect with undergrads by having some sort of career day where we talk about grad school and job opportunities within geography

Advocacy within the geography and EMS community

Update and post on the bulletin board a Why SWIG? Fact sheet

Having a good space where anyone is able to talk about concerns they have personal/within the department

Incoming grad students should get a better introduction to SWIG and what we do

Be aware of undergrad concerns as well as grad concerns within the department

Inviting students within the department to speak

Having a movie night where we watch various movies relevant to geography to inform about different landscapes/issues taking place

Fair trade holiday fair

Other Information

Melissa is our faculty advisor this year and she took the time last night to express her vested interest in the group and wanted us all to know that her door is always open to us if we need anything.

On another note, Jodi is our co-advisor and she knows so much about the department and the geography community in general and is a great resource for us to have.

Kate gave an excellent rundown of the new child policy if you need more information about that or any of the other activities SWIG is involved with, please let us know!