

SWIG Business Meeting 10/8/07

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting times:

- Melissa is unable to make the evening meetings. There are many others in similar situations, so we are going to try to make next month's business meeting a lunch meeting.
- Watch you email for an opportunity to vote for the best day

AAG sign-ups:

- If you're interested in getting some financial support to go to the AAGs through SWIG, let Katie know ASAP
 - You will be asked what your preferences are for funding: housing, transportation and/or registration

Angel site: Remember to sign up for it if you haven't already

SUB-GROUPS

Development and Fundraising:

- With the eventual goal of reaching out to alums, Amber has made updating the website a top priority.
- If you have an idea/suggestion about redesigning the webpage, please send your thoughts to Amber

Social Outreach

- Established events:
 - LUNCH: WSGO (Women Studies Graduate Organization) is organizing a monthly luncheon on Tuesday, October 9th in Willard 118 at noon. The goal of the meeting is to allow Women's Students dual-title and minor students an opportunity to stay connected and involved within the department. (Lunch by Kaarma)
 - MOVIE NIGHT: Tuesday, Oct. 16th at 6pm in Walker 112. SWIG and WSGO are co-sponsoring a showing of Motherhood Manifesto, by Moms Rising. More info at <http://www.momsrising.org/film>. (Thanks Beth!)
 - MOVIE NIGHT: Dor is upcoming, watch for announcements.
 - We need someone to schedule Walker 112 for this
 - STEPS FOR SAFETY
 - Come join us for this wonderful chance to get out, meet new people, and do something for others.
 - Registration forms available on the SWIG bulletin board
 - FINAL DEADLINE for submitting your registration to be part of the SWIG team is Wednesday (10/10)
- Ideas for future events
 - Community Outreach
 - Organize a drive for the Women's Resource Center
 - Clothes, Sweatshirts
 - Wetland Center clean-up (usually in March)
 - Networking

- Outreach to like-minded groups on campus
 - Eg. WISE, Center for Women Students
 - Connect with the women's self-defense class (in spring)
 - Connect with Laurie Shuman, a GSA representative that is working on women's issues
- Create Women's Organization Roundtable
 - Focused either on commonalities or a specific theme
 - How to keep energy and motivation going
 - Ideal: day long retreat
 - Connect to VOICES conference in March
- Invite other women in college to meetings
 - SWIG as Supporting Women in Geosciences?
 - Maybe the Dean's office could send out the invitation to the other departments saying what SWIG was and inviting others to the meetings.

Advocacy

- Planning a workshop for this semester that may (hopefully) lead to similar things in the future
- So far the plan includes the following:
 - A focus on department climate and making an inclusive/supportive space (broad, but still under construction_
 - Open to faculty, staff, grads and undergrads
 - A participatory workshop design
 - Possible use of theoretical grounding by Iris Marion Young
 - Facilitation in workshop design, if not actual workshop by someone from the affirmative action office or diversity initiative
 - Provide feedback from workshop to the Strategic plan for the department
 - Possibly connect to the diversity initiative at school and the healthy departments initiative from the AAG
 - Invitation strategies include bribes (food), email, but mainly personal invitations
- Things to keep in mind
 - Design to make it a safe place for people to share opinions/experiences
 - How to incorporate the theoretical aspect
 - How to make it attractive to a wide variety of people

Speakers/Lunches

- Nov. 16th SWIG lunch for Coffee Hour Speaker Nina (oops, I lost her last name)
- **Suggestions for SWIG speaker this semester?**
 - Jan Monk, Nancy (somebody) – maybe for the spring
 - In house speakers?
 - Leigh (something) from either anthropology or archeology who does something with Paleolithic tree rings (ask Kristen)

Undergrad Recruitment

- We need volunteers to speak to classes – Please let Carolyn know what class you TA for and if your free to talk to other classes. It’s just a quick introduction about SWIG
 - Sign-ups will be on angel site
- Grad Student talk (possibly co-sponsored with GTU)
 - Soliciting grad students for an evening of talking with undergrads about applying to grad schools/jobs, what you did after undergrad, etc.
 - If you’re interested, let Carolyn know – she’ll be sending around an email
- Grad – Undergrad Mentoring program
 - For help about applying to grad schools/jobs, related topics
 - More info coming soon

SYWIG

- Waiting on contact with schools. If anyone has time to help make phone calls, let Destiny know.
- Philly SYWIG needs a brief description of the program for Lucky to give to contacts.

SWIG PANEL AT AAGS

- Marina and Beth are organizing a SWIG panel for the AAGs.
 - Stay posted for updates!