

## SWIG Business Meeting Notes – November 8, 2007

1. Chilly Classroom Climates:  
What can we do to make them more inviting and supportive?  
a workshop facilitated by Peggy Lorah Center for Women Students  
Tuesday, 11/13 12-1pm Willard 118
2. The GSA (Graduate Student Association) is trying to invite Eva Pell to their next meeting to talk about the new child policy. According to the email sent by Nicole after the meeting yesterday, it looks like she will be attending the next GSA meeting!
3. SWIG speakers: we will have Nancy Tuana the director of the Rock Ethics Institute next semester. If there are any other ideas for speakers please let us know.
4. Carolyn is still looking for volunteers to help her spread the word to undergrads about SWIG. It was suggested that a Doodle calendar be set up with the times that classes take place and SWIG members can Doodle times that they can attend a class to give a brief announcement about our group.  
Along with this, it was asked what kind of things we should say while introducing the group. Mission statement, why the group was formed, activities that we participate in and/or organize etc. Also, if the person attending the class can bring a sheet for list serve sign-up.
5. SYWIG  
We decided that there will not be a fall SYWIG day and that we can do 2 next semester. One will be a local SYWIG and the other will be a Philly SYWIG. There was a discussion about Philly SYWIG regarding the goals that we have and what we are trying to accomplish by going to Philly. Some of the questions that were raised are: are we going because they are underprivileged and we have the resources to do some activities or are we trying to get them interested in geography?  
Some ideas that came out of this discussion are:
  - we can call schools and let them know that we have a desire to help and leave it open to them as to how we can help
  - this may be difficult to do considering how busy teachers are
  - if we are able to collaborate with another university (like Temple) they may already have ties with schools, youth groups etc.
  - one of the goals seems to be to introduce young girls and boys to a university setting and university people who don't typically have access to these kinds of resources

6. Next meeting we will devote sometime to coming up with suggestions for Karl for the strategic plan
7. AAG SWIG panel  
Marina and Beth have been working on organizing a panel for AAG. They have had a lot of success and this will be a joint effort between SWIG, GSAG and EDGE. It's going to be awesome and thank you so much to Marina and Beth for organizing this. I didn't get all of the participants down other than Janice Monk....sorry.
8. November 30<sup>th</sup> Beth reserved Walker 112 for another movie night. We will be watching the Bollywood film Dor please join!
9. The SWIG website will be revamped soon....as soon as the content has been updated/modified we will let you know and it will be open for comments/suggestions.
10. Nancy came up with a good title for one of SWIG's missions: The Climate Change Initiative. We also discussed possibly getting more information about what we are doing through an article in the Collegian.

Thank you everyone who attended for another great, productive and fun meeting!!