

UNCW
Women in Science & Engineering
February 25, 2008
Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome

- a. Meeting was opened at 6:05 PM. Introductions of all present
 - i. Attendees: Veronica Amatucci (Chemistry), Virginia Baysden (CMS), Tammy Blaser, Melissa Crownover, Samantha Ehnert, Leah Henderson (Psychology/Pre-Med), Jennifer Hinkley (Chemistry), Jennifer Jancauskas (Geology), Katherine Johnson, Amanda Kahn (Marine Biology), Patricia Mason (Geology), Adriane Michaelis (Marine Biology), Laurie Patterson (Computer Science), Allen Rawls (Computer Science), Launna Sampaio (Geology), Christy Visaggi (Marine Biology).
- b. Attendees included a combination of graduate students, undergraduates, faculty, and alumni active in the field of science.
- c. A copy of the agenda and WISE constitution draft passed out to all members.
- d. WRC provided bookmarks and brochures for attendees.

II. Constitution Draft

- a. Draft constitution passed out for review by members.
 - i. Members to contact/e-mail Christy with any changes, suggestions, comments on draft.
- b. Christy to meet with Larissa regarding constitution.
 - i. WISE's provisional status extended to March 21st, 2008.

III. WISE – Name change

- a. Name changed from original WIS to WISE (Women In Science & Engineering). No concerns re: using the acronym.
 - i. Virginia Baysden suggested WiSE, with lower case i.
- b. WiSE logo (Digital Arts Minor, Use for Awards, Flyers, T-shirts, Banner, Etc.)
 - i. Perhaps someone could help design a logo for us.
 - ii. Laurie P. suggested an animated logo of some kind for the web page (once designed) – she will check into seeing if someone interested in designing.
 1. Leah H. volunteered to help with logo design efforts.

IV. SE Regional Science Fair – February 16th

- a. It was a great experience for all – breakfast was provided.
- b. Thanks to the volunteers: Sue K., Julie K., Launna S., Tse-Lynn L., Leah H., Jen J.
- c. Awards: www.uncw.edu/smec/sciencefair/2008winners.html
 - i. Christy spoke at the event – sharks teeth were passed out as gifts as well as certificates.
 - ii. Photos were taken and could be posted on our website.
 1. Laurie P., suggested checking on permissions for photos with children.

- V. Science Olympiad: Explain Venue, Seek Volunteers (Assigned Events) – Saturday, March 15th
 - a. This science Olympiad has a number of events involving 22 middle schools and 26 high schools. We are looking for volunteers for only 3 events – 2 people per event.
 - i. Materials are provided (volunteers will be reimbursed).
 - ii. 3 hours expected with some prep time days before
 - iii. Possibly volunteers would supervise 30 students
 - b. Volunteers: Christy Visaggi, Adriane Michaelis, Julie Kimball, Leah Henderson, Jen Jancauskas – **But More Are Needed**

- VI. Mentor Network: Profile Qs and More Interest?
 - a. Attendance sheet sent around – those interested in being mentors sign up.
 - b. Question about profile and what to include. (More to come.)

- VII. Upcoming Events (Women’s History Month...)
 - a. WRC Panel Discussion – March 24 (www.uncwil.edu/wrc)
 - i. 5 panelists involved - should be a lot of Q & A. Members encouraged to attend!!
 - b. Webcast/Podcast – March 26 & 27 (More info on back of agenda.)
 - c. Mentoring Workshop NCSU – March 31 (More info on back of agenda.)
 - d. Sigma Xi Poster Symposium – April 9 (Speaker – Maybe Nijhout?)
 - i. Christy will speak to someone regarding WISE volunteers/assistance.
 - ii. Laurie will send information regarding the IT mixer.

- VIII. Miscellaneous
 - a. SMEC – Summer Ventures? More?
 - i. Perhaps for grads during the summer – good experience.
 - b. Angela Reid-Griffin & Kim Proukou
 - i. These are contacts who might be able to help get our name out there more ←
This might be something for the VP to do.
 - c. Connie Harris Scholarship & 5K Run
 - i. New scholarship – for engineering. – Logistics still in the planning stage.
 - d. Ken Miller – Tuesday (tomorrow) – Finding Darwin’s God!

- IX. Elections: Officers & Advisor
 - a. The following individuals have volunteered for positions.
 - i. President – Christy Visaggi
 - ii. Vice-President – Adriane Michaelis
 - iii. Treasurer – Veronica Amatucci
 - iv. Secretary – Patti Mason
 - v. Web Administrator – Jennifer Hinkley
 - 1. Will start by putting up a page for us on Facebook.
 - vi. Faculty Advisor – Laurie Patterson
 - b. Members present voted unanimously to accept the volunteers into their positions.
 - c. There was discussion about having a representative to SGA/GSA.

- X. PR
 - a. Contacting groups from other universities for cooperative ventures - good idea. Who?

- b. Some members of WiSE are from GE and there was discussion that there may be opportunities for us to work together in the future.
- c. Working with WRC (Women's Resource Center) we should be able to help each other advertise to our respective members.
- d. A graduate Student Symposium is in the works (pending issues with finding a venue) and this may be another opportunity to highlight WiSE.

XI. Next Meeting

- a. Mid March to Mid April
 - i. Guests from WRC/Science Education
- b. A social (probably a potluck) at Christy's house towards semester's end.

XII. Meeting Adjourned

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Links of Interest (National Organizations, STEM Outreach, Scholarships, & Much More):

<http://www.awis.org/>

<http://www.aauw.org/>

<http://www.aauwnc.org/category/nc-branch-news/wilmington>

<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/wise/index.html>

<http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org/?gclid=CPacx8fEjZECFQQpgAodPRIsyA>

<http://library.thinkquest.org/20117/>

<http://www.astr.ua.edu/4000WS/>

<http://www.loreal.com/en/ww/index.aspx>

<http://www.womeninscience.org/>

http://www.societyforscience.org/isef/aff_fairs/fairlist.cfm?state=NC

From: David Shafer [<mailto:dmschafer@gw.fis.ncsu.edu>]

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2008 9:41 AM

Subject: MENTORING WORKSHOP FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE FACULTY

Registration Deadline: MARCH 26, 2008

Agenda Available at: <http://www.unc.edu/opt-ed/documents/agenda.pdf>

Register online at: <http://www.unc.edu/opt-ed/>

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you and the graduate students, postdoctoral associates, and faculty members at your institution to participate in a mentoring workshop for current and future faculty, entitled "Mentoring & Diversity: Gateway to Empowerment." The Workshop will be held on Monday, March 31, 2008 from 8:15 until 2:00 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center on the NC State University campus in Raleigh. This workshop is sponsored by the NC Alliance to Create Opportunity through Education (OPT-ED) which is funded by the National Science Foundation Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Program.

The purpose of this Workshop is to encourage faculty and future faculty to value and practice sound mentoring, especially in mentoring students from underrepresented groups. The format is designed such that future faculty and faculty not only have the opportunity to learn from experts, but also share best practices. The Workshop will feature a panel discussion titled "Mentoring as a Means to Increase the Participation of Underrepresented Groups". The panel members are recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. The agenda also features breakout sessions designed for current faculty members, post-docs, and graduate students.

I would greatly appreciate your forwarding this e-mail and the attached flyer to faculty, postdoctoral associates, and graduate students at your institution. The registration deadline is March 26, 2008, and attendance will be limited to approximately 125 participants.

****There is no registration fee.**** Limited travel expenses will be covered for participants from outside of the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. Covered expenses are limited to mileage and hotel room charges for one night.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Larry Campbell, NC OPT-ED Program Manager, at (919) 843-6903 or lecamp@email.unc.edu.

Thank you!

Dave Shafer

24-Hour Global Marathon Opportunity for Middle and High School Students:

The Science House and Verizon Business will host the Women in Engineering 4th Annual 24 Hour Global Marathon webcast/podcast on March 26-27. The webcast will be broadcast from North Carolina State University. The event "For, By and About Women" is designed to increase awareness of opportunities for women in the fields of technology, science, mathematics, and engineering. The keynote speakers consist of women in technologies around the globe including US, Mexico, Australia, Egypt, Asia, Africa, and more." Save the Date "March 26-27" for an awesome, exciting, educational, and collaborative global event.

<http://www.science-house.org/whatsnew/index.html>