

Women's Committee Minutes: November 14, 2007, 9am

Blake conference room

Present: Emily Beaton, Julie Fawkes, Amy Kukulya, Alison Macdonald, Kelly Rakow, Britt Raubenheimer

Guest Attending: Breea Govenar

Treasurer's Report: Alison presented the current budget and cleared some confusion about which is the appropriate account number for the Women's committee.

December coffee: Holiday coffee was planned for December. Alison will coordinate the event with help from others. The date and venue (possibly the exhibit center) are not yet set.

Assertiveness training: Emily presented some information about a 90 min. assertiveness training seminar and it was decided that we should have the seminar in January. We plan to host the seminar on Tues. January 22 in Clark 507 at 10 am but Emily is working on finalizing the date.

Women's History Month (March): Amy is coordinating images of the day with Jane Doucette and Mike Carlowitz in Graphics. Committee members will brainstorm about appropriate images ('firsts', historical shots, representatives from each department) before Dec. meeting. Amy will set up a light box on the image database where potential images can be stored.

We will plan another event or panel during March at a future meeting.

Other topics: Calendar of next year's meeting dates is set. Annual meeting was briefly discussed but we will revisit at a future meeting. The possibility of hosting a reunion dinner or other event for current and past committee members was discussed, possibly for Fall 2008.

Postdoctoral Representative Report: Breea outlined some of the challenges for Postdocs at WHOI in terms of feeling like they are part of the WHOI community. The Post Doc Association just elected new 'members' so we will have a new Postdoctoral representative soon.

Updates from Other Committee Representatives: The Diversity committee is showing a movie, "Flirting", on Nov. 28. Sue attended a GEPAC meeting today (Nov. 14) and may have an update at the next meeting.

Next meeting: December 19, 9am, MRF204.

