

Women Chemist Committee Meeting  
3/10/09

11 am, A133 CLSL

Present: Lindsay Sperling, Ellen Wang Althaus, Lindsey Johnstone, Katie Brown, Maria Fortunato, Yuanxi Fu, Luisel Rodriguez

- I. Welcome
- II. Recent Events
  - a. Social Event: Basketball Game
    1. only 4 people went to the game
    2. email did not get sent to advertise the event
  - b. Stoesser Breakfast/Meet the Speaker/Lecture
    1. everything went well; good turnout at lecture, and good male attendance at meet the speaker
    2. one "complaint" was that the talk was all policy, no science
    3. WCC can be part of the process for picking the next speaker
    4. Yuanxi will work on reimbursement forms for Breakfast and Meet the Speaker food purchases
- III. Website Updates
  - a. Member of the month needs to be updated soon; we have three suggestions for future people to feature:
    1. Danielle Gray (x-ray crystallography lab)
    2. Katie Brown (has a paper coming out soon)
    3. Charity Flener (on a Fullbright scholarship in Germany)
- IV. Electronic Newsletter
  - a. Alexis got it out very quickly!
  - b. For next issue (end of march):
    1. Stoesser lecture (Lindsey)
    2. undergrad. Research symposium (Lindsey)
    3. Financial workshop
  - c. Website has a separate page for newsletters and old newsletters will be archived
- V. Upcoming Events
  - a. Brown Bag Tomorrow (12 pm, A414 CLSL)

Note: We can't have food in lecture rooms, so we are limited to conference rooms for events with food even though the rooms are smaller
  - b. Financial Workshop (March 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm, 217 NL)
    1. this speaker will be someone new, not Brian Bloom
    2. need a "catchphrase" for posters
  - c. Banana Republic "Fashion Show"
    1. this is the first workshop that this store location will be doing and the manager is very excited (the manager's husband is a chemistry student)
    2. there will be a 40-50 minute talk followed by a Q&A session and a chance to bring your own clothes for a "consultation"
      - a) 15 min on womens clothes for the workplace
      - b) 15 min on mens clothes for the workplace

- c) 20 min on interviewing clothes
  - 3. the BR store cannot accept payment, but we can make a donation of the Center for Women in Transition in town
    - a) how to pay for the donation???? Ask people for donations at the event and then one person can write a personal check, or make it an honorarium?
    - b) Luisel will talk to Dot (and Business Office) to see if we can pay the donation from the WCC
  - 4. Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> (also consider Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>) 7-9 pm, B102 CLSL or 217 NL would be good rooms for a fashion show
  - 5. 30% off coupons will be good though the weekend
  - 6. WCC is on their “elite list” now so we will get future sales
  - 7. only this seasons clothes will be shown because that is all they have in stock, but BR would do two shows a year (fall for interviewing clothes and spring for workwear)
  - 8. make sure the clothes they show are safe and appropriate for the chemical industry (manager will consult her husband)
- VI. Undergraduate Research Symposium Update (Lindsey)
  - a. Lindsey sent big and small posters to 16 local schools, but hasn’t received any responses yet
  - b. We will soon start advertising for UIUC participants, focusing on word of mouth
  - c. Departments to recruit undergrads: chem, biochem, MCB, MatSE, Phys, Ag science, food science (search web for contact info)
  - d. Places to put posters: Noyes, Chem Annex, Davenport
  - e. Other contacts for recruiting UIUC students:
    - 1. Yuanxi can talk to her p-chem students
    - 2. contact ACS student affiliates
    - 3. email professors of upper-level classes
    - 4. talk to undergrads in our labs
- VII. Open Meeting Ideas for New Events
  - a. Amy’s card making class at the end of April (to make Mother’s Day cards)
  - b. “The Office” night – March 30<sup>th</sup>?
- VIII. Yuanxi got Jan. acct. status and balance is still negative, as expected.

Meeting adjourned at 12 pm