

WIA meeting minutes 2/3/2015

Conference discussion:

There was feedback given by members of the circle about this year's conference. Feedback included the need to change the speaker next year, possibly get a more dynamic speaker or at least a speaker who can tell us something different about gender/racial dynamics. Breakout sessions were also discussed and several members proposed adding more structured sessions and allowing staff to host a staff-specific breakout session. Some specific sessions mentioned that could be proposed for next year:

Classroom management

Mentorship of faculty

Service issues

Family friendly policies v. career friendly policies-how this impacts meeting modules

"How we treat we"-a session on gender/racial dynamics among faculty

Staff specific sessions

The Keynote speaker for next year was also discussed. Rebecca Tracer was mentioned (a journalist) as a possible different direction. A social scientist from Florida was also mentioned as a possibility.

The discussion then moved to funding. The idea of partnering with NCBI was brought up as well as reaching out to the Provost for funding or possibly applying for another 2020 grant. Having a planning session (\$100 per hour) with organizers from the Perdue conference was mentioned.

There was also discussion about having a breakout session proposal form. This might increase participation and also allow for some different sessions/issues to be addressed next year. This will be developed by Sara Martino and distributed by approval.