

March 2023 Meeting

Meeting held in RAL 419 on Wednesday, March 8th at 4:30 PM

I. General Organizational Things

- Focus groups:
 - Unassigned members:
 - a. Student Org Well-Being: Chiwon, Dhana, Marya, Catherine
 - Workshops, social events
 - b. Department Initiatives: Joenisse, Luke, Suri, Saman
 - Meeting with Cathy end of March
 - fill out the SCS Climate Survey (and encourage your labs and friends to do the same!)
 - ACTIONABLE DATA!!!!): <https://go.las.illinois.edu/DEI-ClimateSurvey-S23>
 - Start setting up Town Hall topic poll
 - c. Faculty/Student Relationships (NEW): Rachel, Joe, Sophia, Miriam
 - [Fact Sheet about faculty support](#) -→ lobbying faculty
 - Planning monthly social events hosted by faculty
 - Helping plan meetings with faculty candidates
 - Choosing heads of focus groups:
 - Student Org Well-Being: Dhana
 - Department Initiatives: Joenisse
 - Faculty/Student Relationships:

IV. Event Calendar

Start event updates:

- a. Climate Committee
 - Not met yet :(
- b. Diversity Committee
 - SEBPIES in final stages of planning/selecting applicants to award
- c. DCGSAC
 - Volleyball will start mid-May
 - Offers made to three women
 - Reddit post brought up at DCGSAC recruitment panels
- d. ICA
 - Nothing much - prepping for Recruit Weekends
- e. JST

- Starting to plan for Safety Week
- f. OiC
 - no updates rn
 - planning pride event for September with Tepora
- g. SACNAS
 - Latinas in STEM event collab with WCC (details TBD)
 - General meeting 3/24 at 5pm
- h. WCC
 - Stoesser Lecture (yesterday)
 - Women's History Month Event (3/21)
 - DOW lecture seminar is pending on funding
 - Travel award nominations (email went out today) are due on 3/16
 - Latinas in STEM event in collaboration with SACNAS (date tbd)
 - WCC Social hour will be biweekly on Fridays at 10 am
 - Spring Uncorked will be at Lisa Olshansky's house (date tbd but most likely in April)
 - Possible Earth Day Hiking event (tbd)
- i. YCC
 - Planning for panel event on grad-school selection for undergraduates/choosing labs (around end of March)
 - Earth Week Seminar on Algae (planning)
 - Industry tour (planning / May-July)
- j. GEO
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- k. NOBCChE
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- l. ETC
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V. Summer Lecture Series

- Need to start thinking about topics and can regroup in March
 - WCC involvement
 - ACS Career Kickstarter -
 - Budget for this is needed - workshop is \$4000
 - Typically for two days, but need to check the details
 - SWC also can plan an optional Career Panel



VI. Meeting with Cathy - Department Initiatives Focus Group

- First meeting of the year will be held in the end of March (Cathy has very busy semester)
- First town hall of the year will be on May 15th in Chem Annex 1024
 - Poll will be send out to student population for what topics they would like Cathy to discuss
 - Cathy should be able to see/summarize LAS climate survey results

VII. Initiatives Updates

- Broader input on faculty hiring and recruitment

- Anything else we want to bring up with Cathy?
- Coffee meetings with faculty candidates for students
 - Feedback on how this can be better? We have a year to plan
 - Have students self-nominate (not by faculty)
 - Survey students to improve questions and structure
 - Good to meet after seminar and faculty meetings
 - Add more time for faculty to ask us questions & them interviewing department
 - Questions on feedback sheet were bad & it was weird to compile all feedback

- Future initiatives

- Ideas?
- Poll can be sent out to student population
 - By beginning of April, "Townhall & Faculty Hiring survey" plus question on initiatives for SWC
- LAS Survey
 - Divide and send it to all groups to get very large response from graduate students
 - <https://uofi.box.com/s/wzu4q2sxakxo6lwm1x5a24o1zs6w36gb>
- Once topics are narrowed, poll will be sent to choose 2-3 to work with.

- Better/more frequent faculty and staff interactions

- need to get started on one-on-two meetings

VIII. Miscellaneous and Closing

- Upcoming recruiting weekend:
 - CB: This weekend (March 10) - any news on this? are student orgs involved?
- Any other thoughts or comments?
- Anita – Atmospheric Sciences and Physics department student bodies
- Add year-round survey to SWC website

- Next meeting: RAL419, April 12 (Wednesday) at 4:30 - 5:30 PM
 - This semester: always the second Wednesday of the month at 4:30 (today, April 12, May 10).
 - Open meetings: May, July, September, November