

Athena Swan / Wise at Birmingham Network Meeting

Date 26th March 2014, McE B24

Attendance:

Abbie Roberts (MEng Mechanical Engineering, Year 1)
Aziza Mahomed (Research fellow)
Daisy Partlow (MEng Mechanical Engineering, year 2)
Hanna Moore (PhD research student)
Izazi Haji Mosli (MSc by Research,
Jaananni Srissanthirarasa (MEng Mechanical Engineering year 4, **Wise at Birmingham**)
Kally Bhartti (EU project manager)
Naomi Green (PhD research student)
Carol Kong (Lecturer)
Raya AL-Dadah (Senior Lecturer)

The meeting started with brief presentation regarding the Athena SWAN charter and the progress on the application for the bronze award.

Dr AL-Dadah also presented the action plan to the School Athena SWAN. Also, she talked about the Wise at Birmingham group its formation and the activities held so far. She highlighted that there was no activities held during the current academic year.

A discussion was then held regarding what can be done to enhance Women experience within the school. Activities proposed include:

- 1- Networking event for research students and undergraduate students to describe research work being carried out and to inform undergraduate students of the prospect of attending for a research degree.

Action: RAD to organize a network event whereby a couple of research students present their work in the third week of October.

- 2- Advertise events such the Mechanical Engineering Symposium and the Inaugural lectures more widely using Twitter or face book (this will receive better attention)

Action: RAD to check who inputs information on the School Twitter and face book and ask to include the 3rd Mechanical Engineering Symposium call for abstracts.

- 3- Advertise Athena SWAN and Wise during the welcome week activities and include a leaflet in the congratulation packs for new students.

Action: The Athena SWAN committee to formulate a leaflet to be included in welcome packs of new students.

- 4- Inform all students (male and female) of Athena SWAN.

Action: RAD to continue informing all committees (Student Staff Liaison Committees, Staff Committee and to provide couple of slides to year directors to be included in their talks given at the start of each term.

- 5- Linking Jugs and wise.

Action: Daisy Partlow will discuss this issue in the next JUG's meeting.

- 6- Meeting every term to decide on the next activity

Action: At the end of the networking meeting in October, discuss the next event.