

CIIS Student Alliance Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2005

MINUTES

1. PROPOSAL ACTION TEAM

- a. Sergio represented the Proposal Action Team (PAT). The Proposal Action Team met on November 30th and began to discuss the proposal process. The PAT put together preliminary guidelines, inherited from previous student's efforts, and began the discussion around transforming the proposal guidelines and process. These guidelines are attached to the end of the document.
- b. The PAT presented five proposals they had recommended for funding, along with two time-sensitive project proposals. The collected voted for all of PAT's recommendations and voted to fund the two time-sensitive proposals. Funding granted is as follows:

Recipient	Project	Award
Corey Tseng	Conference in China	\$500
Jennabeth Ward	International Conference on Arts and the Humanities	\$250
Heaven Walker*	Academic Study of the Plurality of Pagan Beliefs. California	\$250
Dunya Nuaimi *	OCHRE Online Women's Spirituality Journal	\$500
Clara Lindstrom	Earth Activist Training. Cazadero, California	\$250
Shane David	Earth Activist Training. Cazadero, California	\$250
Loretta	The 19th Congress on Research Dance. Cyprus	\$500

* Time-sensitive Project Proposal

- c. Additionally, a proposal was submitted by the Fernando Castrillon of the Psy.D. Department requesting \$400 for their department party. The Coordinating Committee felt that as the Psy.D. program is spatially separated from the greater CIIS community, granting their request would be an sensitive and appropriate gesture. One person voted to fund \$0, 11 voted for a \$250 funding, and 5 voted for \$400. \$250 will be awarded.
- d. It was made clear that all proposals should go to Sergio. The PAT will meet to first week of February to discuss the date of the next proposal deadline.

2. DIVERSITY ACTION TEAM

- a. The DAT interviewed several excellent CIIS student-candidates for the Diversity Coordinator position. They found two excellent candidates and

are asking the Student Alliance to fund a second Diversity Coordinator position at \$7,500. Several people spoke to the immense value of and necessity for this position but expressed concern over approving so much money. Larger questions arose as to what the SA wants to spend its money on, how authentically we are sticking to our guidelines, etc.

- b. A student proposed funding half of DAT's requested amount, \$3,750, and also to re-visit the issue of funding OCHRE, a women's spirituality online journal, at the beginning of next semester. The motion was seconded and passed with 9 votes for, 3 against, and 4 abstentions.

3. TOTAL AWARDS GRANTED

- a. The total amount of money granted to student activities by the Student Alliance on December 8th, 2005 was: \$6,500.

ATTACHMENT: Award Guidelines

1. All award requests must be submitted in the corresponding format.
2. The PAT neither approves nor rejects requests, but provides recommendations for the general student assembly to vote upon.
3. However, if an application does not provide, at the very least, the information required in the format, it will not be submitted to the assembly but simply returned to the applicant for its completion.
4. Among the issues to be evaluated by the PAT to issue its recommendation are:
 - Exposure of the school name
 - Presenter curriculum
 - Year of study of the presenter
 - Demonstrated need
 - Has the student been funded before
 - Ratios per Program
 - Underrepresented groups
5. Before the assembly votes, the PAT will inform, on a no name basis, the details of the proposal to be voted and its recommendation
6. SA will only fund proposals where the participant will be presenting a paper (SA does not fund mere attendance to an event)
7. The maximum dispersal of funds (per semester) is \$250 for national conferences and \$500 for international, up to \$1,500 which represents 15% of the SA budget.
8. As a general rule (subject to the PATs consideration) only one award per person, per semester. (In other words, nobody can receive more than one award in a given semester).
9. The PAT would evaluate all requests. If additional information is needed, it will require it from the applicant, before issuing a recommendation.
10. Conference awards must be applied for in the semester in which they occur, with exceptions made for summer conferences or exceptional circumstances (to be evaluated by the PAT or the Assembly).

11. There will be no carry-over requests from semester to semester
12. The PAT will meet twice during any given semester, to evaluate the requests submitted during that period. If the event takes place between those meetings, the PAT may (a) have an extraordinary meeting to evaluate the request, or (b) decide upon it in the next meeting and (if and when approved) reimburse the money to the applicant.