

**CIIS Student Alliance Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 18, 2006**

**MINUTES**

**1. REPORT OF DAT INITIATIVE**

- In response to a letter by People of Color and Student Alliance, more than 67 students met with President J. Subbiondo to express their concerns about how diversity is being addressed in the institution and particularly within the PsyD program.
- The President has responded, and suggested certain steps in an email sent out to the larger community.
- Also, the Diversity Action Team has been asked to facilitate an investigation of the issue (article in PsyD class) and report to the larger community.

**2. END OF SEMESTER PARTY**

- A group of students have come forward to help plan the Student Alliance 'End of the Semester Party.'
- There was some discussion about whether to hire Patrick Numar for \$225 or invite DJs who have offered to spin for free. All three DJ's mentioned are members of the community. Patrick is a professional DJ with excellent reviews. The students planning the event will decide.
- Mary Fries volunteered design the advertisement.
- The Party will take place on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 11pm in Namaste Hall. Please talk this up to your friends and program members so we have great attendance!

**3. BUDGET**

- Unfortunately, since Kim was unable to attend the meeting, we did not have a budget report this evening. Sergio and Kim have met with Ken Abiko to learn about managing a budget. It appears as though Student Alliance has spent a good deal of the surplus on student proposals, parties, and staffing. We've done a lot this year. Congratulations!

**4. EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND**

- Indu and Simmy wanted to have a portion of the budget set aside for the Student Emergency Relief Fund. Discussion about the project followed. It was agreed that while the emergency fund would not have to wait for the student proposal deadline to request funds, they should present a formal proposal to the SA body for review.

**5. PROPOSAL DISCUSSION AND VOTING**

- The Revision Action Team (RAT) met this month and agreed to change the funding maximums to \$250/\$500 (national/international) for presenters and \$125/\$250 for attendants.
- The Proposal Action Team (PAT) was careful to keep the total amount granted around \$2,000, knowing that SA is nearing the end of its surplus. Many of the assembled felt that this was unfair to the applicants in the second half of the spring semester, since in the first half of the semester we granted \$9,550. A large portion of that amount (\$5,425) went to the OCHRE journal, and this type of large-amount funding is not an action SA plans to continue. A lot of this year has been about establishing guidelines to make the proposal process as fair as possible.
- The recommendations of the PAT were approved with a slight monetary change on proposal number six (from \$185 to \$125) to correct a typo. The four proposal denials that the PAT suggested were either on the grounds that these applicants had already received SA

funds this year or because the nature of the project was program oriented, and SA not a organization for funding programs. Two of the \$250 grants will come from SA Support to School Groups Budget instead of the Proposal Funding Budget.

- The total amount granted was \$1,935 from the Proposal Funding Budget and \$500 from the Support to School Groups Budget. The total granted was \$2,435.

**6. NEXT STUDENT ALLIANCE MEETING**

- The Last Student Alliance meeting for the Spring Semester will be next Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm in room 606.