

## Student Alliance Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 2, 2006

1. Check-ins
2. Upcoming Events
  - Rights of Passage a Moving Journey 11/13 at 6:30 in Namaste
  - Expression Sessions 11/29 (there is also a writing workshop on the 29<sup>th</sup>) ; end of semester event 11/30 6:30-9:30 in Namaste is a possibility.
  - We might offer a workshop instead of an end of semester party, due to low attendance to parties in the past.
    - Becki and Sarah suggested doing an improve workshop that time instead of the party.
    - **Sarah needs to ask if it is a date that the drama therapist could do a workshop at that time. And then we need to see if there is a room available. SA voted to proceed with the Teamplay Workshop for the end of semester event.**
    - It came up that there are several workshops and events in a two day space, which might be a lot. Is there a possibility of shifting any of the events or the writing workshop?
    - Jana suggested an end of the semester event at Harbin Hot Springs, however it is uncertain that would be something that could fall within the parameters of the SA budget. Something to talk about to see if there is a place to rent out for a set some of money. Will check with Jana about this in Spring semester.
    - In Hui suggested perhaps having massages along with music and drinks at the end of the semester. Jenny also suggested having something with food and fun at the end of the semester that was typically not a full commitment. **In Hui will be interested in coordinating that event at the end of this semester in the Spring.**
3. Volunteers Needed
  - covered end of semester planning in above section.
  - Childcare at CIIS preliminary survey. Is anyone interested in drafting up a survey to see if there is a need for this? The results could be sent to Shirley Strong.
  - Becki was curious if this issues was raised at the Town Hall meeting.
  - **Mary will check with Shirley about this.** Perhaps Anne Teich could include this in the Spring Student survey.
  - Program representatives – Jenny is interested in being a representative from the Somatics department, possible that she might be able to find a co-representative, though Jenny thinks it will be too difficult to manage her time for this next semester. Jana is interested in also taking part as a co-representative for Somatics.
  - **In Hui will send out a message in Women's spirituality to be a representative for the SA.**

- Professional development workshops. **Sarah feels her role is finding the teachers and setting a date for workshops**. Flyers and emails are the only things that need to be taken care of. Workshops for this semester are taken care of. “Interviewing for Academic Jobs,” “Starting your own non-profit” are some workshops for next semester, in addition to some other suggestions such as “starting and maintaining your own practice” and “public speaking”. **Mary would take on making the flyers and sending out emails, as well as reserving the rooms.**
    - how to start a non-profit, biometric leadership, public speaking and interviewing for academic jobs got the most votes. Decided to vote on the workshops in meeting to plan what will occur next semester.
    - Jana asked what is biometric leadership. An eclectic way of discovering your own strengths for leadership. A holistic type of leadership workshop.
    - The results of the list serve survey were as follows: Non-profit – 5 ; biometric leadership – 7, public speaking – 7, starting your own private practice - 7, interviewing for academic jobs – 1
    - **Sarah to talk to Richard Bruggs to find alumni about starting private practices, as well as research other places to find presenters for this workshop. She will also talk to Kim D’arcy.**
  - Yoga teacher hiring committee check-in - committee met today to talk about the process. Applications are due on 11/7. Will interview 5 of the candidates who apply and will hire 2. **Becky has a meeting with Laura Damerow to get rooms and with L’esa Guillian to make sure interview process is fair.** There will be three weeks of yoga in the fall, and then 7 in the Spring.
6. Rites of Passage: A Moving Journey Event – a woman who does community based work will do a dance event with who shows up and have a dialogue about it. Jenny would love to give the facilitator of this event a monetary gift. The money would be supporting the work as well as youth who don’t have money to participate in this kind of work, which takes place in Colorado, New Zealand and India (auroville). She is requesting \$250.
- questions concerning the budget, in which there is currently room to fund something like this.
  - There is the possibility of about 50 people attending the event. Free to the public!
  - This would fall under the Event category of the SA budget, rather than the student category of proposal funding.
  - SA voted on giving \$500 to the organization. Money will go to fund children from parts of the world, particularly India, who wouldn’t have money to take part in the projects this facilitator leads.
7. Proposals
- Nandi presented the proposal application guidelines and described the proposal review process.

- Nandi shared the Proposal Action Team (PAT) recommendations and described in detail the rationale for each recommendation.
  - The PAT recommended funding all proposals (attached to end of document) as requested with the following exceptions:
    - Funding only \$250 (request: \$550-650) for the publications of a book of personal poetry because it was unclear how much the project would impact the CIIS community
    - Funding \$750 for diversity training within CIIS with the possibility of up to an additional \$750 as the group plans the event and submits a list of names of attendants. (request: \$1500) The \$1500 amount will not actually cover the whole project.
    - Funding only \$125 (request: \$330) for personal attendance at an UNtraining program for untraining white liberal racism because the request exceeds the proposal guidelines.
    - Funding only \$125 (request: \$750) for a student to attend a religion conference in DC because the request exceeds the proposal guidelines.
  - The assembled Student Alliance members voted to approve the recommendations of the PAT with the following exception:
    - Regarding the \$1500 diversity training (above), Student Alliance voted to fund \$125 for each confirmed student up to \$1500. The applicants will have to provide a list of names of students who will be attending and Nandi will confirm the results of this at the next meeting.
8. Katharina asked the SA about the possibilities of leading a Feldenkrais workshop. She is asking if there would be interest or how she would go about doing something like this. There are a lot of texts and classes that mention this method and she feels that it would be helpful to have a workshop so students would know what this is about.
- Mary suggested that Katharina come up with a potential cost and more information and bring it to the next meeting.
  - In looking at the SA proposal guidelines, it seems to fall under G,i, and that it would be possible for her to put together a proposal for funding from the SA.

Next meeting 11/21 at noon in Room 607

**Fall 2006 Student Submitted Proposals  
for Student Alliance Funding  
and Proposal Action Team Recommendations**

| <b>Applicant</b> | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Amount Requested</b> | <b>Comments</b>   | <b>PAT Recommendation</b>   |
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| 1                | Presenting paper on systems theory, Mississippi Masala and its premise of multiculturalism the College of Humanities Association annual conference.   | \$250.00                | Presenter at national event. Proposal fits within the guidelines.   | \$250   |
| 2                | Seeking help publishing book of poetry <u>Songs of Hunger</u> . Some of this work has been presented at various CIIS events, offers to donate free book and a poetry workshop to CIIS students. | \$550-650               | Active involvement in Project within the U.S. PAT would be interested to know more about the impact this work will have on the CIIS community.                                      | \$250   |
| 3                | Presenting paper at a workshop called "An Encounter with Ancestral Voices at the Service of Personal Transformation" in Oaxaca, Mexico (Instituto de Psicologia Profunda en Mexico)             | \$500.00                | Presenter at an international event. Fits within the guidelines.  | \$500   |
| 4                | Funding for an anti-racist facilitator to hold a campus-wide six hour training on a Saturday as well as three 2-hour sessions.  | \$500                   | Doesn't fit directly into proposal guidelines. PAT recommends funding on the provision that all facilitated sessions are open to the CIIS community.                                | \$500   |
| 5                | Funding for members of group to attend a diversity training to work on internalized oppression and intra-conflict. Proposal indicates that about 20 students/staff.                             | \$1500 plus             | Need to have a list provided of the actual students/staff attending the training and provide the date, time and cost per person of the training by 12/1/06 to receive full funding. | \$750 +<br>\$750 provided the provisions in the comment section is met. |

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| 6                                | Attend Phase 1 of UNtraining, a program for untraining white liberal racism.   | \$330                   | Attending an event within the U.S. Student request exceeds guideline amount for attending event in the U.S. | \$125                     |
| 7                                | To present on a panel at the American Academy of Religion in Washington DC   | \$250                   | Presenting at event in U.S. Request fits within guidelines.   | \$250                     |
| 8                                | To attend the American Academy of Religion Conference in Washington DC, to gather information for his doctoral thesis. | \$750                   | Attending an event within the U.S. Request exceeds guideline limits.  | \$125                     |
| 9                                | To attend a conference at Spirit Rock; "The Scientists Retreat at Spirit Rock"   | \$125                   | Attending an event within the U.S. Request falls within guidelines.   | \$125                     |
| 10                               | To attend a workshop on initiation.  | \$65                    | Attending an event within the U.S. Request falls within the guidelines.                                     | \$65                      |
| <b>Total Requested: \$4, 920</b> |  |                         | <b>Total Awarded: \$2,940 (+\$750 based on provisions)</b>  |                           |

NOTE: See section 7 in this document for actual Student Alliance award amounts.