

**Student Alliance Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 09, 2007**  
**3:00 PM room 214**

**1) Meditation and Introductions**

- Mary, Nandi, Christof, Becky Tinsley, Shirley Strong

**2) Planning for 2007-2008**

a. Budget

1. Presentation of 2006-2007 spending and 2007-2008 suggested budget with Nandi
2. Discussion of the budget
  - Discussion about the process involved Campus Group knowing about SA funding, how many groups applied and used funding and the process that student groups go through to get funding. Discussion about how to streamline and improve the process for student groups to know about and getting funding.
  - One idea that Shirley suggested to keep track of student groups is to check in with each student group at the end of each academic year to make sure the student group is still active. Becky suggested using the New Student Orientation as an opportunity to assess the status of each student group. Then, we don't need to create other work as far as student groups are concerned.
  - Christof asked about the big picture of student alliance and it's connections to CIIS offices. Shirley shared that she is the person in the Dean of Students office that works with Student Alliance, which is the student government at CIIS. Often, traditionally a staff person advises student government and oversees government in collaboration and partnership, particularly at CIIS.
  - Discussion about allocating funds to group, whether to increase funds to each student group or keep it. Since not each group has used all of the funds allocated to them, there was a suggestion to keep the allocation the same, but to do more work around informing student groups about it.
  - Discussed making funds accessible to each group per semester rather than yearly. If a group uses their semester amount, they would get more next semester. If a group does not use their

funding, they would just keep working on the funds they have until they use it up.

- Voted on funding \$3000 to student groups next year. \$200 to each student group with the flexibility for campus group who send this money to get an additional \$200 the following semester. All were in favor.
- Dean of Students put in a request for Multiversity to be included in their budget, but won't know until their budget comes out. Also, will check to see if Professional Development was included in the DOS budget. Will request the budget and be able to tell us exactly what is in it.
- There will be no dinner at New Student Orientation at this orientation and a suggestion was offered to host a Welcome back to school dinner at the beginning of the year.
- No outings, so taking that category out of the budget and adding it to the "events" category, where money is being spent. Added outings to the events and increased the Events/Outings to \$6,000.
- Voted to keep the Award budget the same (12,000 for the year)
- Talked about moving Expression Sessions into the Events category for the budget.
- Changed categories to Events (community building) and Workshop (which would be trainings, workshops and classes).
- Decided to keep Misc. and Special Projects.

b. Projects and events

1. Yoga: Sharanjit and Brick received great reviews, shall we rehire them for the fall? Several students are interested in offering free yoga; is this a better alternative?
  - Becky talked about Sharanjit's yoga classes being well attended and that there is a possibility of her fee going up next year from \$50 an hour to \$65 an hour, which is what she normally charges. Becky talks about how difficult it has been to find a room at a time when people can come. She has been having challenges with the Staff Association who is also funding yoga classes. They are not sure they will keep funding it and Becky is not sure if she should go forward with booking rooms and sending out surveys. There is a possibility of new people come on at the Staff Association who would support yoga.

- Becky was wondering if we should go with students who are offering free yoga classes rather than going with paid yoga instructors.
- Shirley suggested sticking with the yoga teacher we have now. Discussion ensued about how to continue yoga, which benefits the community, and possibility using free yoga teachers and offering more than one classes. There was concern expressed to make sure that the classes serve a lot of students in the community.
- Mary proposed breaking down the amount spent on Yoga Classes for the last years (\$1,050 including blankets) and giving stipends to “free” student yoga teachers in order to be able to offer more than one yoga class a week. Giving \$525 to three students and \$525 to a person to coordinate the yoga classes, rooms, etc., which is what Becky has been doing as volunteer work and cannot continue to take this task on. So, we would budget \$2100 for yoga, which would go into our workshops in the budget.
- Becky would prefer to not do it because her schedule next year will be too difficult.

## 2. Other Ideas

- Want to keep the Expression Session or open mic nights....\$1,000 for the whole year.
- What about Friday night social hour? There were problems with staffing the night. There was mention of keeping open mic nights and dropping the Friday night social hour because of staffing as well as other difficulties that came up from it.  
**Voted to drop the Friday Night Social Hour.**
- a student wants to teach free drum lessons at the school. There was no estimated amount of what it would cost, etc. It would be drumming for belly dancing. Very difficult to talk about since there is so little information. Also, there are issues about drumming classes and noise level.
- Suggestion about a campus wide meditation class.
- Suggestion to put out an email to students interested in offering classes or workshops at a fixed rate to come to the next meeting and propose their idea.

## 3) Summer Meetings, Plans, and Dates

Pre- Meeting #4: P.A.T. Meeting , Yoga Coordinator Announcement and Coordinating Committee Positions Announcements

**Meeting #4: Wednesday, August 8, 3pm-5pm**

- a. DEADLINE FOR POSITION APPLICATIONS (new deadline)
- b. Proposal Voting

Pre- First Fall Meeting: Hiring Committee interviews and selects new SA coordinator(s) and Yoga Teacher Hiring Committee selects Yoga Teachers