

Student Alliance
Meeting Minutes 8.8.07

1. **Opening and Introduction** – Mary, Christoph, Sinem, Nandi and Shirley Strong
2. **Update on Hiring Plans** – Mary shared that she might stay on for the Fall semester since she is staying to finish her MA. And, Nandi is leaving but would train the new Operations Coordinator and Mary would continue train this person to create a smoother transition.
 - The deadline for the application for Operations Coordinator will be the first Friday of September. Hiring Committee will meet shortly after that, then the next Student Alliance meeting and training the new person. There will be an overlap of two weeks between Nandi and the new Operations Coordinator.
 - Interviews will happen two weeks after the Application deadline, which is the first week of September. The training will happen through the end of September.
3. **Fall Event Planning** – Four Expression Sessions have been planned, once a month. The yoga class process is still being coordinated
 - Shirley made an announcement about professional development workshops. She shared that they are hiring a full time manager of career development and field placement. They are moving the field placement position from 60% to 100% time and this person would take on the Professional Development. This person will hopefully be in place by early September and would be taking care of these workshops.
 - It is possible that SA could support a whole series of workshop on non-profit development such as identifying grant resources, board development, how to write grant proposals, how to relate to foundations and private donor development, how to create a non-profit, etc. This could be a tremendous gift to the student body.
 - Christoph shares that he feels that this is very important in support students as they complete their studies at CIIS. This can support building connections, community and supporting students.
 - Mary also shared that she got feedback from students about how to start/create a private practice.
 - Shirley shared that SA would focus on non-profit development and could coordinate with the new field placement/career development manager, but they might not have the skills. Shirley offered herself as a resource on non-profit management, etc.
 - Mary talked about sharing an email with the Student Body about getting ideas for events from students. Discussion ensued about when would be best to send out that email and when SA needs to have a calendar set. Mary wants to have something to offer new students and Christoph discussed the pros and cons of when to send an email to get feedback from new students.
 - Shirley suggested SA sponsoring an event in recognition of the Katarina disaster. Between 8/29 and 9/5 is the anniversary week (This time frame

has also been set for commemoration take place around the country.) and that this could be an opportunity to be active in social justice issues in the country. SA could co-sponsor the event, do some planning with another student group and possibly showing a film in collaboration with other staff departments such as the Dean of Students and Diversity Departments. Possible ideas would be to show a film or an exhibition of photos, a slide show. Nandi shared that she likes the idea of an art show, or bringing art into the week. Also, Shirley suggested bringing a Katrina survivor into the community to share about their experience.

- Mary shared that it would be the funding body for an event like commemorating Katrina, but not having the coordination fall on SA alone. It would be better to have a couple of students inspired to do this work. There was discussion of having series of “When the Levies Broke” showing a segment each week for the first two months of the semester. Also discussion of blowing up pictures, and Mary suggested putting the photos on the stairwell now that CIIS owns the building. Shirley suggested that this wouldn’t cost more than perhaps \$500 - \$700
- Mary will put out an email to see if students want to offer their talents for next semester.

4. **Proposals** – Nandi shared the PAT recommendations for the 11 proposals submitted and the group reviewed and discussed the proposals individually.

- The present, enrolled students voted to fund 7 proposals totaling \$2,936.
- In this particular process, decisions varying from the funding framework listed in the guidelines were granted specific funds on the grounds of quality of application and influence within or outside of the CIIS community.
- The proposals denied for funding were denied on the grounds of:
 1. being work required by an academic program, according to guideline 4:c.i.
 2. not including a detailed budget, according to guideline 6:b.
 3. not exhibiting careful and detail in application, according to guideline 5:b.

5. **Fall Meeting Topics:**

- Working Definition of Diversity
- Revising the Campus Groups Registration Process