

Student Alliance Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 13, 2007  
3:00-5:00 pm room 550

- 1) Opening and Introduction-  
Attendance- Shirley, Mary, Erik, Michael Danzansky, PCC; Adam Hudson, PCC; Grace Shalhoub, Anthropology, Jim Dickas, PCC; Robyn Pierce, PCC; Morgan Fitzgibbons, PCC
  
- 2) Volunteer Call
  - a) Student Alliance Representatives-
  - b) Yoga Coordinator- SA needs someone to take over for Becky Tinsley, the current coordinator. The work includes communications with teachers and Student Alliance, room scheduling, and addressing concerns about yoga. People are welcome to contact her if you are interested.
  
- 3) Budget for 2008-09 Proposition- Student Fee Increase  
Mary leads a discussion on the overall Student Alliance budget, which comes from student fees of \$10.50 per person. She goes through what each of the various budget categories are so people have a better sense of what each line item is. We have been dealing with a surplus for several years, which is being spent out. After this year though, we will only have about \$1,788 at the end of the year. We will continue to face decreasing budget numbers and are already feeling constrained with the current amounts available for SA events. Mary introduces the idea of increasing the student fees to about \$20.00 per person, an increase of \$9.50 per student. Overall this will help to be able to provide more money for campus groups, for individual proposals to attend conferences, projects and events on campus, among other things. Jim asks if it is possible to go for more than \$20, since there seems to be more energy these days campus. Mary asks for comments. Shirley says that it may have to be gradual to implement these increases, and suggests that maybe \$20 is a little low. She suggests maybe \$25 would be a good number. However, there maybe people who in reading their fees schedule, may ask what they are getting for their funding. One example could possibly be Distance Learners, who might have this issue since they are not on campus. Michael asks if departments have ever put in their own fees for individual departments and activities for them. He speaks about having just come out of the experience of having just had an exciting PCC meeting. Many people are excited Adam asks Mary if \$20 per person is too low, considering her long involvement with SA. Mary says that \$20 would be exciting, but \$25-30 would be even more exciting in terms of what could happen. She discusses some of the exciting things that have been coming up. Shirley talks about fees in general that people have had concerns about, for example the reg fee, which no one seems to know what they are. Erik brings up the point of some things that have been eliminated from SA funding because there was not enough money, for example individual projects. Also people have brought up concerns about lack of funding for research, especially international funding. There are also a number of campus groups that

are doing more. Shirley brings up though if we go for more that there will be concerns from different people, including the Comptroller. There may be concerns from people about funding that SA spends. Michael makes a motion for \$25; Jim actually makes a request for \$30. People call for a vote. Grace brings up that she has concerns that there needs to be more accountability on funding guidelines for various projects and in terms of how the money can be distributed equitably. What kind of guidelines will ensure that this happens? She suggests that maybe that we need to be more clear and transparent so that we can do this better. Shirley suggests that there has been poor attendance at the meetings on the funding guidelines in the past, suggests that maybe people can take them to the campus groups in order to get more insight and transparency around it. Voting happens with all students (8 people) voting in the affirmative. Mary and SA representatives will take the proposal of \$30 per student with a clear proposal to see what happens. Shirley suggests that there needs to be concrete ideas of where money will be spent. SA will seek to get input from people and groups. Morgan suggests that maybe “greening” the campus in various way and then says maybe it could be a campus group to make it happen. Grace suggests increasing the student emergency fund as well, as \$500 might not be enough.

#### 4) Fall Funding Proposal Voting (for individuals)

Mary asks that people look over the guidelines and also the Proposals Action Team’s (PAT) recommendations. Erik gives a brief overview of the guidelines and applications. Many applications came from students in PsyD, SCA, and WSE.

At the PAT meeting, there were four volunteers and with Erik, the Operations Coordinator, there were five students in attendance. The five read through all of the 26 applications with reference to the guidelines and pulled 3 group applications. These 3 applicants will be invited to present their idea at an upcoming meeting. This year the applications were better written than in past years and fell closer to the guidelines. The new form also improved responses.

Erik gives a brief description of each of the 23 applications and the PAT’s reasoning for their recommendations on the proposals. Reasons for not recommending the proposals include: student submitted incomplete information, student is not currently enrolled, student requested funding for a CIIS or CIIS-funded event, student seems to be requesting start-up funds for a non-profit organization which falls outside of the SA guidelines, student requested funds for multiple lectures, student requested funds for an individually-oriented project and offered little or no explanation for how this work would come back to benefit the CIIS community.

Erik answers questions and clarifies guidelines. Shirley makes a comment that it would be good to consider upping the amounts available for funding national conference presentations.

Vote is four in favor, 1 abstain (Erik abstains for accountability purposes)

5) Thoughts, Comments, and Ideas for future work and meetings

Mary asks remaining students if they have any ideas or thoughts on SA issues. Brings it up that (as a PCC student herself) there are a number of things going on at PCC around community issues and if there are things that people have ideas on that can be implemented by SA as a result of these meetings. Jim asks how much is the most something has been funded. Mary says the rooftop garden at \$10,000 was probably the largest. Ochre journal an online women's spirituality journal was given about \$5000. Shirley also suggests that forming a campus group is a way to be more involved in accessing funds, etc.

6) Fall Meetings

Last Fall Meeting: Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:45am-1:45pm, room 606

**Student Submitted Proposals for Student Alliance Funding  
Fall 2007**

	<b>Applicant's Department</b>	<b>Purpose for Funding Request</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>PAT Comments</b>	<b>PAT Recommendation</b>
1	Women's Spirituality	Presenting at Rooms of Their Own in Edmonton, Canada	\$500		Yes, \$500
2	Anthropology	Feminist Pre-Conference and Conference on South Asia	\$335.61		Yes, \$250
3	Anthropology	Feminist Pre-Conference and Conference on South Asia	\$350-638.50		Yes, \$250
4	Women's Spirituality	Present International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities	\$500		Yes, \$500
5	Anthropology	Work on project in Haiti with women for soccer tournament	\$1415	Does this need to be approved by the committee on human subjects since interviewing people? More proof of her project, any receipts? Committee liked your project and thought it was a great idea but there was lack of documentation and a little vague. Recommend that you do a presentation with the community, make sure you are doing something with local community	Yes, \$500
6	Anthropology	National Convention of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty	\$125	Language is a little vague, no attachments about registration, how does it benefit CIIS? Bring it back to CIIS	Yes, \$125
7	Women's Spirituality	Women's Sacred Pilgrimage to Malta	\$500	Could be a really good thing, but you didn't demonstrate how it will support CIIS? Didn't really answer the questions asked	No
8	Somatics	Attend Somato Respiratory Integration Wellness Education	\$1,184.93	Elaborate more on what you would like to do, what is the specific nature of the work, how will you bring this back, Would love to see more of a blurb from the conference of what you learned. Please still indicate how you will	Yes, \$125

				support this in the larger community	
9	Anthropology	Attend the American Anthropological Association Conference	\$900	Approve attendance cost	Yes, \$125
10	PsyD	Present at World Congress on Psychology and Spiritually	\$500	Are they enrolled this semester? We did like proposal.	No, not a student
11	ICP	Attend Embodied Awakening	\$120	No, it is a CIIS event or conference	No
12	Asian Comparative Studies	Attend the American Academy of Religions	\$569	How does it come back to CIIS? What is a concrete tie-in to CIIS?	Yes, \$125
13	Women's Spirituality	Present International Society for the Study of Religion, Conciousness and Nature in Morelia, Mexico	\$1318	How does it come back to CIIS? How will you share the experiences of what happened there? Bring it back to CIIS in some way	Yes, \$500
14	Clinical Psychology (PsyD)	Present two guest lectures at Roosevelt University	\$218		Yes, \$218
15	PCC	Funding for Create a Local Living Economy	\$1480	Seems like we are funding a non-profit organization	No
16	PsyD	Attend the American Academy of Psychotherapists	\$125		Yes, \$125
17	PsyD	Attending a bunch of lectures and the American Psychological Association Conference	\$265	Although we couldn't fund the lectures, we encourage you to bring this to CIIS	Partial, \$70 for the APA conference
18	East West Psychology	Attend Winter Solstice Shamanic Workshop in Ireland		Too vague, how does it come back to CIIS, how does this benefit community?	No
19	East West Psychology	Presenting at International Conference on Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychologies and Psychotherapies in Guangzhou, China	\$500		Yes, \$500
20	East West Psychology	AUM 2007 Conference	\$125	What will you do this in the community? CIIS program	No
21	PsyD	Present at International Society for	\$485		Yes, \$250

		Psychological Treatments in New York			
22	Individualized Pathway, SCT	Presenting at American Academy of Religion Western Conference in Pasadena, CA	\$400-500		Yes, \$250
23	Transformative Studies	Funding for CONCEPTS journal for Transformative Learning students	\$500		Yes, \$500
		<b>Total Requested:</b>			<b>\$4913</b>