

Student Alliance Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, November 29, 2007  
11:45am room 606

Mission Statement

- 1) Opening and Introduction- Attendance- Shirley, Mary, Erik, Sarah Noyes, TLD, Adam Hudson, PCC; Jessica Small, Somatics; Bisola Maringay-SCA, Sonya Brewer- Somatics, Nairem Morales, Somatics, Becki Tinsley, EXA; Michael Dansansky, PCC; Paula Pulizzi- Drama Therapy; Maite Imaz-EXA,
  
- 2) Volunteer Call
  - a) Student Alliance Representatives- Mary puts out a call for continuing SA representatives from both departments and campus groups. Bisola as one of the people at the meeting is representing POC group.
  - b) Yoga Coordinator- Becki time as the coordinator is ending, as she doesn't have time. In her search for a new person, she was able to find several people to serve. She asks how to make the decision about how to choose and suggests SA should take a vote of the recommendation and decision. One of the people who applied is also a yoga teacher, making it a natural choice. Becki gives background to people on the position; explains that the position gets a stipend, and what the position does. Mary says that Becki has done an amazing job. Mary then explains that there is \$2100 budgeted from SA for yoga, 75% for teachers and 25% for coordinator. It is quite a bit of work. Becki explains that one of the most difficult parts of the position is finding rooms. Michael suggests that maybe the previous coordinator, for precedent purposes, should bring forth the selection of who they think is good. Nairem says that in this specific case she trusts Becki because she trusts her personally. But that there should be a more complex process to keep and conflicts from happening. There is discussion back and forth about what could be a good process to make it happen in an ethical way. This then moves to the process of voting for the person.

Johanna Blackman is voted on as the new Yoga Coordinator- vote is 7 votes for, 1 abstention.
  - c) CIIS Phone Campaign Callers – The CIIS Development Department is recruiting student callers for a phone campaign. Work would be over three days from 12/10-12/12, in the evenings. Compensation is \$20/hr and there are prizes for the top-callers. This would also function as a great way to pitch ideas to the Development Office such as alumni matching gifts to the Student Emergency Relief Loan Fund, GLBT research, or Greening CIIS

initiatives. Sarah could do one evening. Adam Hudson might be interested as well.

- 3) Proposal Preparation Workshops – Erik is planning to hold Proposal Preparation Workshops for students in the spring to help students prepare Funding Proposals for Student Alliance and learn more about grant writing for the future. Erik seeks input and feedback on how to make these workshops most useful – timeframes, scope of workshops, etc. Interest is grant writing, research, and proposal writing. Mary recommends focusing Erik’s efforts on the SA Proposal Process with Q&A on the guidelines and having him be in dialogue with the Student Affairs Office in the Planning of Professional Development Workshops. Sonya suggests emphasis on teaching about framing your proposal idea. Sarah would like more student input, planning, and announcements from the Professional Development Series. Shirley reminds us that in the most recent revision of the Student Alliance Funding Guidelines, our aim was to mimic funding applications in the outside world, so the process would be educational in and of itself. Nairem suggests that the Professional Development Workshops branch out a bit from the clinical emphasis (such as the clinical interviews workshop that is coming up). Researching seems to be a key interest. Maybe one focused on research and prep for proposal writing, the other on actually doing grants. Also to actually look at real grants.

- 4) Group/Project Funding Proposals

Mary discusses that there is a new process on seeking funding for campus groups, implemented this semester. It is a process of separating these proposals for campus groups that actually encourage people to present and build interest in the activity, from those of the individual proposals for conferences that go through PAT.

- a) People of Color Jazz Concert Fundraiser- Bisola talks about that the idea of doing a fundraiser is the idea of getting more funding for POC group for work on issues that divides People of Color by doing a series of workshops and to bring in facilitators for this. So POC wants to do a fundraiser at CIIS, a jazz concert, to help raise more funds that would help get funding for this workshop series. It will be the first Jazz concert ever held at CIIS, to be held on Jan. 31, 2008. The total that POC is asking for is \$800 for this proposal. The jazz group is Muziki-Robeson Jazz Quartet and Dwight Treble from Los Angeles. This amount would pay for the group. POC will charge admission and also bring food to sell at the concert. The goal is to raise \$1200 from the concert. \$10-12 will be charged for admission. Mary suggest sliding scale, because people may give more. Michael also suggested that maybe you want to talk about the history of Jazz. Shirley also adds information about the new opening of the Jazz History Museum in the Fillmore, SF has a long history of jazz in the city. Maybe link it with Yoshi’s. Bisola is working with the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music which is where she heard them and to link with people from this group to come. Maybe even asks Yoshi’s for tickets

for doing a raffle to help raise more money. Maybe even go through the Fillmore to get lots of people to sponsor additional prizes. Mary asked if there are plans for publicity.

There is also a POC event on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, which is a presentation of papers by POC group. POC has a plan for outreach. Nairem suggests that maybe get the Public Programs behind it to help advertise it. Concert will be held in Namaste, which may hold about 300 people. Vote occurs and is unanimous, minus Shirley's abstention.

b) CIIS Community Process Group

Sonya presents what the group is. It was formed by the Somatics group to find a place to come together and process issues around diversity and power, to do experiential ways of working through the issues of oppression. So this group would be an ongoing forum for faculty, students, and staff to work through some of these things together. The group is working with Carol Swann, who has lots of experience with these issues. They want to bring her back and have her be available for the whole community. She would come once a month to do a series of sessions. The total amount would be \$1,750 to bring her once a month through May, minus \$400 allocated from the group, so the total asking for is \$1350. The group is also open to asking people to contribute some money for it. Initially, Carol Swan came in through the Somatics program and was subsidized to do this. Nairem suggests that from her involvement with different groups that this is one thing lacking from other groups and so is really needed. Sarah asks about the workshops, would it be a forum to address these issues together? Sonya clarifies it is not about just talking about issues, but that in many cases we don't necessarily get to deal inside of an issue. One idea that has come up is for people to move around the room to place us how we feel about being in the CIIS community, so people may move, dance etc. But there is facilitation to really get people to move and speak from within, to speak in real time and in community. Paula was talking about this recently with WPWAR that we talk a lot and maybe work through things. Nairem suggest that maybe UNITE worked in a very different way of working in the institution, so this would be a chance to explore the alliances in community, while maybe dealing with internal issues as well. Questions is asked- Have you asked for a discount and would you be open to fundraise for it? As a group, they want to see how much they get from SA and then see if she would work with the amount they get. They had not yet thought about fundraising. Shirley talks about how she hears from people that there are many different groups on campus, but so little about coming together. Just how key it is for people to come together in a common space to work through things, to be present to one another through our differences. Bisola reiterates what was said but also a fine example of what you are learning here and bringing it to the community. Michael brings up about issues of needing to limit the number of people in terms of how many people. The suggestion is that maybe they

could charge people for certain things and then to give out scholarships to people to attend. Sonya discusses how through previous processes that it really brought out people's activism and helped to mobilize the people to action. Bisola asks about the limitations about space and number of people, that maybe there is a way to replicate this by people being able to be trained and then to give it back to the community. Mary asks about numbers of people- how many people could come to a workshop? Sonya says maybe 20, up to 35. Mary asks how you would navigate getting more people. It would be open to everyone in CIIS. Do you have to go to all 5 workshops? It works best to go to all 5 but not necessarily. Since it is social justice oriented, then there is education that happens.

A vote is taken with 6 votes for it, 2 abstentions.

- c) White People Working Against Racism- This Sunday is the Unlearning Racism workshop. Funding would be used to pay facilitators for the workshop. There may also be another one next semester, but first WPWAR is seeing how this one goes. There are 24 people attending, 25 is the limit. People suggest that there maybe should do a waiting list for people, Pei Wu from Anthropology Department is coordinating this. Vote is 6 votes for, 2 abstentions.

- 5) Spring Plans- Communications Coordinator Announcement. Mary will be leaving and so we need to find a new person. There have been some changes in the position from the previous one. Mary asks people to send feedback and then she will send it out tomorrow. It will be announced and then the deadline in Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. Training last couple days of Jan. and then start full-time in Feb. Not as much is being emphasized about the internet skills for the position. Shirley also discusses that they want someone who has been here at least a semester.

- 6) Student Multi-purpose Space- Mary leads the discussion. There is room 218 for use as a quiet study space. But we have been thinking about doing a campus group room so that people don't need to fight to get spaces. The idea is that possibly we could use room 218 as well, which is most of the time a quiet space, but also free to hold meetings there as well. Mary is seeking approval for furniture and accessories for the room- chairs, desks, nice things, lighting, etc. Nairem mentions that is nice space, suggests talking with EXA to do a mural for it. Having it as a group space will help to centralize the campus groups. Is there possibility to get additional space? At this point this is it. Mary is searching for ecological furniture, asking for \$3000 approval to pay for things. Money is from SA and we are pulling from different spaces. There is about \$13,000 in surplus, another \$12,000 comes in from next semester and about \$8000 over the summer. About \$42-43,000 in revenue for SA plus some surplus, we will be spending out the surplus. Possibility of getting the furniture discounted or donated since we are a school.

The vote occurs- 6 vote yes, 2 abstentions.

- 7) Proposal Appeal – Erik described the Funding Proposal Process and presented an appeal from one of the students who was denied funding on the basis that she was not enrolled in the semester of application. The student appeals the Funding Guidelines on the basis that, in her informed understanding of the guidelines, the spirit of these guidelines is to offer flexibility to students who are transitioning out of the CIIS community. Michael suggested including a provision in the guidelines for appeals for ‘special exceptions.’ There is concern about the precedent that would be started by breaking the guidelines. Jessica feels that it would be more effectual to have the student here. Nariem also wishes to support students in “unplanned circumstances.” Four students voted to fund the proposal \$500. Three abstained.
- 8) Thoughts Comments and Ideas for future work or meetings