

Student Alliance Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 2 2008
3:00 PM room 218

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes taken by Maitri Gopalakrishna

Mission Statement: Student Alliance is a student-run organization that facilitates communication, sponsors events, and allocates funding to help students and student groups actualize the seven institute ideals. Listening to student voices, we build alliances, cultivate student leadership, and advocate for social change and transformation of existing power structures.

1) Opening and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves

Present

Adam Shemper, Mark McKinley, Nitzan Shira, Bayla Travis, Archana Sachdev, Simmy Makhijani, Shirley Strong, Erik Schnabel, Maitri Gopalakrishna

2) Announcements

a. 40th Anniversary of CIIS celebration for students, Tues, April 8, 5-7pm in Namaste Hall

b. Yoga continues...

Restorative Yoga with Sharanjit Sandhu Mondays 11:45-12:45pm in room 308

Yoga Basics with Jordan Wolfe Tuesdays 2:00-2:45pm in room 212

Kripalu Yoga with Dennis Kiley Wednesdays 12:00–1:00pm in Namaste

Kripalu Flow Yoga with Johanna Blackman Thursdays 10:00-11:00am in Room 216

Kripalu Yoga with Zhao Yi (Ripple) Fridays 10:30-11:30am in room 216

c. **Student Multipurpose Space** – Room 218 has been outfitted by Student Alliance for continued use as a quiet study space and now also as a place for campus groups to meet. A reservation sign-up sheet is in room 401.

d. **Call for Student Alliance Representatives** – Seeking 2-3 Program Representatives from each department and 1-2 Campus Group

Representatives from each group to attend Student Alliance meetings and form bridges throughout the institute

3) Proposal Action Team recommendations- voting on the recommendations to approve the decisions of PAT.

We took a few minutes to go through the recommendations of the PAT and discuss questions and concerns. A need to review and amend the funding guidelines was expressed with regards to the fact that someone attending / presenting at a conference within San Francisco is funded at the same rate as someone attending/presenting at a conference on the other side of the country. Similarly, the “international” category can also be further sub-divided since, as things stand now, students going to Canada are recommended to receive the same funding as someone going to Turkey. Thus SA will review the funding guidelines in the summer.

Erik calls for a motion for Student Alliance to approve the recommendations of PAT for the SA Awards Fall 2008. The total amount of funds allocated towards student awards this semester is \$4,996.15.

6 votes in favor. 1 vote to abstain.

4) Group/Project Funding Proposal:

A) Big Mind/Heart- Adam Shemper

Adam presented his proposal for the Big Mind/Heart event sponsored by ICP to be held in June 2008. The event will welcome a Zen master, Diane Hamilton to CIIS. He was requesting funds in the amount of \$275.00 from Student Alliance to go towards refreshments and a small honorarium to the speaker.

Erik calls for a motion for Student Alliance to fund the Big Mind/Heart event up to the amount of \$ 275.00.

Vote is Unanimous

B) Bhangra/Bollywood Dance classes – Archana Sachdev

Archana gave a brief introduction to Bhangra and Bollywood dancing and said that many people in school had already expressed an interest. There was interest from the members

present and we spoke briefly on the practicalities of space and so on. Archana will present a proposal with a budget for approval at the next meeting.

- 5) Voting for new CIIS Student member of the Board of Trustees. Elections to occur this semester.

Erik, who is the current student trustee will be graduating at the end of the Fall semester. Thus, Elections will have to take place this semester. Simmy, who is the former Student Trustee, explained the position briefly and asked for SA to pass the word around especially in the School of Professional Psychology as the past two trustees have been from the School of Consciousness and Transformation. We decided that it would be better to have elections at the end of this semester rather than in the summer or fall. We also decided to request that the board meeting minutes be available of the SA website so students could have a better idea of the role of the trustee as well as offer more transparency.

6) **Space for Thoughts, Comments, and Ideas**

As there were no thoughts at this point, the meeting was adjourned.