

Student Alliance Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 24th, 2008
11am-1pm, Room 218

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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

Present

Jessica Hsu, Maitri Gopalakrishna, Erik Schnabel

2) Announcements

a. **Yoga continues to occur.**

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 Flow Yoga with Johanna Blackman Wednesdays 12:00–
1:00pm in Namaste

Kripalu Yoga with Dennis Kiley Thursdays 10:00-11:00am in
Room 216

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

b. **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.

c. **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) Project support to 2 projects not funded by Proposal Action Team

Only one project was represented at the meeting but we had received a detailed proposal on the other. Jessica presented her project. We got an opportunity to ask some clarifying questions and also discuss how Jessica could share her project with the larger CIIS community. We also discussed how it would be great to look at these two projects as

templates when designing funding criteria for Community Service and Social Justice Research Fund which Student Alliance will institute in the Fall.

A motion was passed to support the community work of each of these CIIS students to the amount of \$500 each.

Since attendance was poor, we did not make any motions on the following agenda points.

The meeting was adjourned after a brief informal discussion.

- 4) Update on the search for a space for activities, performance and dance on campus
- 5) End of the year party
- 6) Student Alliance Operations Coordinator position
- 7) Voting for new CIIS Student member of the Board of Trustees. Elections to occur in Fall 2008, no time to hold elections this semester.
- 8) Thoughts, Comments, and Ideas
- 9) Summer Events
 - a. Student Alliance Meetings
 - b. Yoga – begins Monday, February 4th