

## 1. Opening and Introduction

- Last meeting that Maitri will be facilitating
- Turn-out: roughly 16 -20 people
- Week of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> next SA meeting: Details TBA
- If there are points that need further discussion, it will go to December meeting
- Introductions
  - Debbie student rep on two committees discussed the idea of how is the CIIS space being used within the building, yoga room, classrooms. She will welcome new ideas, discussions and concerns about how to make the space better.
  - Debbie also discussed the idea of programs, ways in which CIIS can interact with the community and what are the goals for future. She will send out a general email to discuss all of these issues.

## 2. New Student Alliance Coordinators

- Maitri and Shirley Strong discussed the process that happened from last year that lead to the decision to hire just one SA coordinator as well as the reasons why they thought it best to have two coordinators.
  - There will know be a clear division of responsibility around administrative functions as well as budgetary responsibilities that will lead to greater accountability
  - There was some concerns about the fluid nature of the decision making process within the hiring in terms of transparency and accountability
- The two divided job descriptions were passed around and are available for students to view so as to create transparency around what the roles and responsibilities of the new student coordinators will be.
- Vote for those in favor of two positions: unanimous vote
- Questions/Concerns/Discussion:
  - In the meeting for next meeting, decisions like this don't have to be limited to meetings, it can be posted to whole community and doesn't have to be a 'who shows up'.
  - How can there be greater accountability amongst the larger student body to facilitate increased levels of participation and ownership of SA?
  - What is the research that needs to be done in order to think through how are other schools of a comparable size and student body handling the decision-making process within their version of SA?

## 3. On campus event: Brazilian Music: the Sound of Bossa Nova (Jose Garcia Silva)

- One Time Event: Nov. 21 - 7:30 to 9:00 in room 207
- Funding requested: \$365
- There will be a presentation/education of history of Bossa Nova as well as the live playing of roughly 12 songs
- Event takes place within the context of International Week
- Questions/Concerns/Discussion:
  - How can we make the planning of events more inclusive of weekend students who often aren't able to participate as fully as they would like?
    - One solution would be to create a google master/mistress calendar on pathways so that students, when planning an event, can see what other events are going on within that timeframe
  - What is the potential for charging the public events?

- This question will be explored further in the next meeting.
    - Planned on meeting in CMH, queer bodies on weekend we have class
  - Vote: unanimous
4. On Campus Ongoing Tai Chi Classes proposal (Jeremy Zhu)
- Ongoing event potentially held next semester. There will be b/w 8 and 12 sessions for beginners of Tai Chi.
  - Funding Requested: \$300 a semester
  - It will be a progressive workshop offered for free to CIIS students (faculty and staff?). There will be closed membership because it will be a progressive class and it will be asked that students commit to the full session.
  - Questions/Concerns/Discussion:
    - Space? Where will it be held?
    - How much interest is there currently for this workshop?
    - How similar will the process for setting up this workshop be to Yoga?
    - Jeremy will look into the above issues and come to a meeting in January with a more finalized proposal to receive funding.
  - Provisional vote with proof provided in January around space and student interest: unanimous.
5. (Agenda item 6B moved) Student Group Event Funding proposal: IS&F: Off campus musical events (NaiREM Morales)
- Co-sponsored musical event for International Education week with International Students and Friends as well as community partners: November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's Building at 8:30 pm
  - Funding requested: \$500
  - Event will not just provide a cultural and artistic space but will have interaction within larger Bay area community. International artist, promotion
  - Vote: passed
6. Project Presentation on Social Justice Research in Guatemala (Abby C. Wheatley)
- Independent project proposal
  - Funding Requested: \$500
  - Work will continue research conducted in Guatemala the previous summer with 6 self-established cooperatives to build alliance in U.S. and to different parts of Global South.
  - She will be interviewing and documenting program in Health and Education as well as intervening on structures that keep poverty in place by helping women receive a fair wage
  - Questions/Concerns/Discussion:
    - Questions around the difference between a grant and an award and what conference funds are for and what awards are for
      - Next meeting there will be an examination of the budget, grants and individual awards
    - Possibility of having SA budget on Pathways
    - Minutes posted online?
      - Within the week.
  - Vote: Unanimous
7. Student Groups Events Proposal for Funding: Q @ CIIS: Retroactive funding for the Sunny Drake Performance: (Philippe Harrington)
- Sunny Drake performance and discussion that took place Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

- Retroactive funding requested: \$472.05 retroactive pay – majority to go to Sunny Drake and technical experience
  - Event was followed by discussion that related to diversity at CIIS and how to reach out within psychology to people who identify as gender queer
  - Vote: unanimous
  - Panel next semester to talk about gender queer
8. New Campus Groups: CIIS Urban Permaculturists (Jim Dickas)
- Non-profit student group that will examine and practice permaculture within the Bay Area.
  - Funding requested: Will be the preset \$200 dollars that new student groups receive with the possibility of another \$200 as the school year continues
  - Funding will go towards tools and start-up materials
  - 15 students currently interested and attending meetings
  - Vote: unanimous
9. New Campus Groups: Interdisciplinary Dialogue Group (Adam Robbert & JJ Cunnington)
- Student group that will examine building alliance across disciplines at CIIS. Student groups will serve as a tool for community building.
  - Funding requested: Will be the preset \$200 dollars that new student groups receive with the possibility of another \$200 as the school year continues
  - Questions/Concerns/Discussion:
    - Connection to Multi-versity and connection to work that is already out there as well as potential conference?
  - Vote: unanimous
10. Items to be moved to next meeting's agenda:
- Student Alliance Process Amendment
    - Open up the SA Awards to also include Projects (Heidi Rhodes)
    - Adjustment to PAT process or criteria for awards (Heidi Rhodes)
    - Adjustment and amendment to guidelines (Maitri Gopalakrishna)
  - Buying a refrigerator for Students
  - Chair Massage for Students
  - Discussion around different methods for voting and examination into quorum
  - Report from the Yoga Coordinator
  - Discussion points that will be followed up next meeting from this meeting:
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    - What is the research that needs to be done in order to think through how are other schools of a comparable size and student body handling the decision-making process within their version of SA?
    - What is the potential for charging the public events?
    - Examination of the budget for SY: 2008 & 2009