

Student Alliance Meeting Notes
April 14, 2009

- 1. Social Justice Research and Community Service Grant Recipients**
 - Student Alliance voted and officially approved PAT Recommendations to grant all 8 applicants the full \$1,000 for their proposed projects

- 2. Conference Funding Award Recipients**
 - Student Alliance voted and officially approved PAT recommendations to grant 2 of 3 applicants funding to attend and/or present at conferences. We decided to hold funding until more information and clarity has been received from the other applicant.

- 3. Loren – Requesting funding for Training**
 - This student requested funding to attend a training pertaining to EMDR (Eye movement desensitization reprocessing), which is used to treat Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Loren plans to use skills gained from the training for the SAGE Project, her practicum site, to support a larger project that involves working with sexually exploited women, and those forced into prostitution and sexual slavery.
 - Student Alliance voted to approve \$125 to support this project
 - The question of whether or not conference funding should be opened up to support trainings as well was raised. SA decided this will become a longer discussion for the future.

- 4. Student Health Care Initiatives**
 - Student Alliance proposed ideas about ways to publicize alternative health care options to the current Health Care plan offered, which will include the printing of brochures presenting the following options:
 - Wellness coaching with the Integrative Health Program
 - Partnership with free and local clinics, including the School of Traditional Chinese Medicine which provides low-cost acupuncture services
 - CIIS' counseling centers provides 6 free sessions for students in crisis

 - The following suggestions were proposed in regards to Health Care:
 - The possibility of having audio/visual link on library website with this information
 - Student Alliance could cover partial costs of health care for very low-income students
 - Health care should include Psychological services – mind/body integration
 - It would be beneficial to tap into CIIS students as resources with backgrounds in medicinal practices/alternative health
 - We should do research into what other schools of comparable size are offering; we might be able to do consortium with them – e.g. music school down the street

-Student Alliance concluded that this will be a longer and ongoing discussion that will welcome students' suggestions.

5. Jared – Meditation Retreat

- The CIIS Meditation group requested money to fund an overnight meditation retreat in Marin county for a group of 5-7 students who have regularly participated in this group.
- Student Alliance voted to grant \$700 at \$100 per student – depending on how many students attend, and will be based upon a contact list and form
- Each student will be asked to fill out a Release of Liability form and to leave contact information in case of emergency