

Student Alliance meeting minutes for May 14th
Room 218
12 – 1:30 pm

Meeting Minutes Taken by Lil Milagro

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. Introductions: Everyone introduces themselves
 - a. Attendance: Lil Milagro, Fei, Shirley Strong, Adam Hudson, Lizzie, one person who showed up a bit later
2. Diversity Training:

We took a few minutes to go through and continue discussions of Unite! and S.A. as well as the Dean of Student's office to discuss the need to have diversity training and alliance building workshops at CIIS. For diversity training there will be a free and voluntary workshop weekend training offered for all incoming students on Saturday, August 29th.

Shirley discussed that for the alliance building work, there would be four classes that would be offered in the Fall/Spring in order to meet student needs. These classes would be one credit each and would be offered either under Women and Spirituality or School of Consciousness and Transformation.

Concerns were raised regarding the facilitation of the project and its management. Shirley spoke highly of the trainer: Isoke Femi as Isoke has done work at our school already within the Women and Spirituality program.

Funding Requested: \$10,000: This will be seed money used to start these projects. It is desired that next year, the school will fund this work completely.

Unanimous vote.

3. Library Funds

We discussed concerns around the lack of diversity materials that are found within the library as well as the need to have up to date material and to provide students with books that are critical to their thinking and development as peoples and as profession graduate students. As such, it was raised at the last meeting that there was a call out for student's to contribute to the library's resource list, which prioritizes materials that will diversify and add alternative views to the school of Professional Psychology. These resources can and will be in the form of DVD's, training videos as well as textbooks and other materials

and journals.

We discussed the need to especially target and prioritize the Psychology programs, because these are programs with not just a great number of students but they are programs which especially need help diversifying the curriculum.

Concerns were raised about the large amount of money that has been requested (see requested amount) as well as other ways in which this money can be spent. Suggestions given for other ways that this money can be spent were around building maintenance and greening programs. It was decided to come back to these issues a little later on as the school year starts up again and we begin to look at new funds.

Funds requested: \$10,000

3 in favor; 1 abstained.

4. Acts of Resilience editing: Theater for Changes details

We discussed the editing of the Acts of Resilience piece. We hope that it will be broken up into sections which could potentially be put up for sale in the library for incredibly cheap and it can also be put into the library for students to rent to use in diversity trainings.

Funding Requested: \$3,000

3 in favor; 1 abstained.

5. Salary

We are considering raising salaries for S.A. co-coordinators by two dollars in order to match the rate of inflation and the high cost of living in San Francisco. The salary of S.A. coordinators has been set for many years and this will be the first pay increase in awhile. We also discussed that a \$2 raise per hour would be roughly 2% of student fees.

3 in favor; 1 abstained.