

Idaho State University
Cultural Affairs Council
Minutes

October 11, 2007

3:00 PM

First Security Conference Room,
Business Administration Building

Present: Anderson, Bhushan, Manopoulos (Chair), Ray
Non-voting: Wallace (Recording Secretary)
Excused: Freudenthal, Herrman (ex-officio), Livingston-Friedley, Richards (ex-officio)

1. Preliminaries

A check of the bylaws verified that a quorum was present.

2. Minutes from August 23, 2007

Bhushan was in San Francisco during that meeting and Ray had a faculty meeting she had to attend. The minutes will be revised to reflect them both as “excused” rather than as “absent.”

ACTION: Bhushan moved to accept the minutes with the above correction; seconded by Ray. The motion **passed** unanimously.

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Department of Biology Graduate Students’ Darwin Day Conference Speaker Mini-Grant

Manopoulos handed out a revised Mini-Grant proposal for the Darwin Day presentation. The new proposal submission corrected the irregularities found on the original proposal, and appears to fulfill the criteria for mini-grants. Council members were favorably inclined toward awarding the grant, but wanted time to check out the speaker before making a final decision. They wish to avoid repeating the experience of a prior year’s uproar surrounding a speaker whose actual presentation was not what it had been billed to be, and sparked contention and controversy not only on campus, but in the non-university community at large as well.

ACTION: Ray moved to conduct the vote via email next week; Manopoulos seconded. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Catherine Wallace will email the ballot to Council members by Monday, October 15, 2007. Votes will be due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. The results will be emailed on Wednesday morning after the votes are counted.

B. Proposals leftover from April 2007

The one Mini-Grant from last year’s allocation approved to be used this year was the Darwin Day proposal discussed above. **There are no more mini-grants left to award this year.** New Mini-Grant proposals for next year’s allocation are due in April 2008.

There is other money available to be used for speakers and events. Manopoulos gave a brief overview of the budget. Of the \$19,733 allocation from the State this year, \$3016 has been spent on Mini-Grant awards, \$2000 went toward the Art Department’s M.F.A. Alumni Art Exhibition, \$6,000 has been awarded to bring the three Trans-Francophonie speakers to Pocatello on April 18 and 19, 2008. That leaves a balance of \$8617 available for other

unique events or presentations. There was some discussion about possible speakers, what kinds of events meet the criteria, and who would be responsible for making the logistical arrangements. Some ideas were tossed around regarding other campus organizations who might be willing to work in tandem with the Council in coordinating culturally interesting events.

5. New Business

A. Meeting dates and places

Livingston Friedley and Freudenthal have conflicts on Thursday afternoons. Friday mornings work out well for most council members. Ray has faculty meetings on most Fridays, but can arrange to come to Cultural Affairs Council meetings when necessary.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 2, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Manopoulos will check to see if the First Security Conference Room in the BA Building is available; if not, the Faculty Senate Conference Room in REND 301 is available.

6. Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Wallace
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Faculty Senate

Approved by Cultural Affairs Council: October 16, 2007 (by email ballot)
Approved by Faculty Senate: November 12, 2007