

Idaho State University
Cultural Affairs Council
Minutes

Friday, November 16, 2007

9:00 a.m.

First Security Conference Room,
Business Administration Building

In Attendance: Anderson, Bhushan, Freudenthal, Kearns, Livingston Friedley, Manopoulos (Chair)

Excused: Ray

Absent: Herrman, Richards

Non-voting: Wallace (Recording Secretary)

1. Preliminaries

There was a quorum for voting purposes. The Minutes from the last meeting were not quite finished and will be addressed next time.

2. Bylaws Changes

Livingston Friedley suggested striking the clause Chapter 4, C: “No amendment may be both introduced and passed at the same meeting.” Academic Standards Council struck that same clause because they found it held up proceedings unnecessarily. Proxy or absentee votes pertaining to Bylaw changes are not allowed, but that restriction has no effect for this meeting on Ray’s emailed comments and votes regarding the Grant proposals scheduled for discussion. The current Bylaws preclude any vote in this meeting on suggested changes. It was noted that in some other Councils, members must be present for the discussion about an issue in order to be allowed to vote on it. Manopoulos requested members write down their suggested changes and additions for consideration during the next meeting. Freudenthal thought the Bylaws could include restrictions on grant proposals. Manopoulos suggested the Council consider including information regarding the sharing of proceeds of admission charges for sponsored events. Anderson also wants more accessible information regarding proposal criteria, application format, and outside funding sources. Catherine will ask Shane Moulton to add a link to the Council webpage for instructions and guidelines.

ACTION: Anderson moved to **change the Bylaws and come up with Proposal Guidelines** to be published on the webpage. Livingston Friedley seconded. The motion was **tabled until the next meeting.**

Livingston Friedley recommended Masserini’s proposal be considered as a role-model for future proposals: it is clear, concise, and the budget is easy to make out exactly what is being asked for and why. Members agreed, but pointed out that other formats such as a summary or outline would work as well. Bhushan suggested collaborating and splitting costs with other universities in Idaho and Utah to bring in speakers or events that otherwise would be too expensive. Masserini’s proposal is an investment for the Council; it is a ticketed event and some of the proceeds will be returned to the Council, which can then be used to fund other events.

3. New Grant Proposals – copies were distributed to each member last week

a. From John Masserini, Dept. of Music: Performance by violist Gregory Faulkenstein, March 8, 2008

ACTION: Bhushan moved to approve funding for the viola recital, seconded by Anderson. **Passed unanimously.** Manopoulos will talk to Masserini about sharing a percentage of the proceeds with the Council.

b. From Kevin Marsh, Dept. of History: Co-sponsoring (with Boise State University) the 2008 meeting of the American Society for Environmental History in Boise, March 12-13, 2008.

Members noted that this proposal was more of an overview of scheduled events rather than a request for a specific amount to fund a particular portion of it. Because of the complexity of the conference and multiplicity of funding sources, the Council was inclined to fund a portion that is open to the public free of charge. Bhushan and others wondered whether the Office of Research might be willing to contribute towards this endeavor as well, especially in light of the \$5,000 contribution from Boise State University's Office of Research.

ACTION: Bhushan moved to fund the speaker's fee of \$1000 for Dr. Patricia Romero-Lankao and to ask the Office of Research to fund \$500 for her travel costs. Seconded by Livingston Friedley. **Passed unanimously.**

c. From Sharon Sieber, Dept. of Foreign Languages: Lecture by Larissa Lai, in April 2008, "Economy of Imaginative Relation and the Politics of Hope"

Members questioned whether other funding sources were being approached for additional support since that is an element they look for in other proposals, though it is not a necessary component. The Council has fully sponsored events in the past. Anderson noted that cross-disciplinary events are good, but an established connection to the sponsoring Department or discipline helps immensely in increasing attendance. Manopoulos suggested this might be a good fit with Women's History Month. There is time to consider this proposal further before making a final decision regarding it.

ACTION: A motion was made by Livingston Friedley and seconded by Bhushan to have Sharon Sieber seek supplemental funding and re-submit the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

Bhushan reported that he attended the Campus Planning Council meeting on November 14, 2007. There was a presentation on the Native American Gardens and Mural Art proposal currently in the works. The Museum expected to take on responsibility for care and upkeep of the gardens because Facilities does not have the manpower to do so. The proposed Mural for the wall near the Student Union Building theatre is to be a depiction of Native American teepees at the base of Red Hill. Kearns said she was the Librarian who was asked to provide a couple of photographs of teepees, but they were not near Red Hill. Bhushan asked her to follow up to make sure the photograph is an accurate representation of the concept in mind.

4. Alok Bhushan's ideas for next year

a. "To the Death of My Own Family" is a one-person play about an Afghan-American woman's travails when trying to help her family escape Afghanistan. He will investigate how much it will cost to bring to ISU. Livingston Friedley suggested he check with the Theatre department to see if they would be willing to co-host it.

b. Fusion Music performance by Warren Sanders and his 3-4 person band. Bhushan will send the website link to Council members for their review and consideration. It could be a joint venture with Boise State, University of Utah or other area institutions.

c. Alternative Medicine speaker. Bhushan teaches a class on Ayurvedics, an 8,000-year-old traditional Asian medicine, which is quite different from Western medicine. The Director of the Ayurveda Institute might be willing to come speak at ISU. A possible format might be a lecture plus a workshop or seminar. It would fit in with ISU's Health Professions and Pocatello's community interest in alternative medicine and herbology. Bhushan will contact the Institute and inquire about costs and availability.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Security Room, assuming it will be available.

5. Adjournment: 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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(by email ballot)

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