

Idaho State University  
**Cultural Affairs Council**  
Minutes

Friday, January 18, 2008  
9:00 a.m.  
First Security Conference Room,  
Business Administration Building

In Attendance: Bhushan, Freudenthal, Kearns, Livingston Friedley, Manopoulos (Chair)  
Excused: Anderson, Ray  
Absent: Herrman, Richards  
Non-voting: Wallace (Recording Secretary)

**1. Preliminaries and Announcements**

Manopoulos opened the meeting and declared a quorum was present. The Cultural Affairs Council Minutes from November 2 and November 16, 2007 were approved by the Faculty Senate on December 3, 2007. No further action is needed.

The Council's website should add links to *Grant Proposal Guidelines and Forms, Past Projects Funded* by the Council with *photos and/or brochures*. Council members were not in favor of putting photos of themselves on the Council website; such photos are available elsewhere on ISU's website. Manopoulos will give Catherine a list of projects that have been funded, and will obtain pictures or electronic versions of brochures to be published on the website. Catherine will have the Faculty Senate's website coordinator help her add the links and photos to the webpage. Kearns pointed out a misspelling in the Bylaws on the website; the error has since been corrected.

**2. Old Business**

a. Proposed Bylaws changes:

i. **Strike clause from Chapter 4, C: "No amendment may be both introduced and passed at the same meeting."**

Discussion: Kearns and Livingston Friedley opined that the clause slows down the process and causes unnecessary delays in getting work done.

ii. **Change Bylaws Chapter 4, E. 4. to allow proxy or absentee votes?**

iii. **Must members be present during relevant discussions to be allowed to vote on an issue?**

Discussion: The Council is very small, and any absences can make it difficult to have enough members to make a quorum for voting. Agendas and meeting materials are sent out in advance of the meeting, so members have the opportunity to submit their opinions and comments by email to be read at the meeting as part of the discussion. It was suggested that a timeframe of **48 hours** would be enough time to **email a discussion summary to the absent members** for them to consider and then **submit their vote**. In the case there is a quorum at the meeting, this Bylaws change would allow all the members a chance to have their opinion expressed and vote recorded even if the final decision is not changed.

**ACTION:** Bhushan moved to **approve these first three suggested changes** to the Bylaws. Seconded by Kearns. The **motion carried** unanimously by all 4 voting members present (Freudenthal came in after the vote). *[However, a later check of the Bylaws revealed that*

*amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by 2/3 of the voting membership, or 5 members.]*

- iv. **Include grant proposal criteria, information and restrictions in the Bylaws?**
- v. **Include a clause in the Bylaws about sharing of proceeds from admission charges for Council-sponsored events?**

Discussion: Members thought it a good idea to add an informative paragraph to Section B regarding the larger grants, including a clause about sharing the proceeds of revenues from Council-sponsored events. Manopoulos suggested clarifying that the grant monies cannot be used to pay ISU Faculty, Staff or other employees participating in the event. The members were not in favor of writing specific criteria and guidelines into the Bylaws. Such details should be published on the website. **Manopoulos will draft a paragraph to be inserted into the Bylaws and will email it to the Council members for their review, comments and suggestions before the next meeting.** She will also look into ISU's *News and Notes*, the Faculty/Staff Bulletin Boards and other possible forums for advertising the Council's purpose, accomplishments and availability of grant funds for qualifying events.

- b. Grant Proposal Guidelines to be published on the Council's website

Discussion of this agenda item was included with the previous agenda item. **Manopoulos will send copies of the Mini-grant Guidelines and forms to Catherine** to be posted on the website. Guidelines for the larger grant proposals still need to be drafted.

- c. Sharon Sieber's Grant Proposal – to be resubmitted with other funding sources

Lecture by Larissa Lai: "Economy of Imaginative Relation and the Politics of Hope"

The proposal has not yet been resubmitted; Sharon is working on finding additional funding sources. Manopoulos will follow up with her. Grant funds of \$3300 have been set aside for the project in case it is resubmitted and approved by the Council.

Not counting that \$3300 reserved, there is still \$3193.50 still available in the State-allocated budget account that must be spent by June 30, 2008. **[A subtraction error was later discovered; the actual amount still available is \$3293.50]** This is in addition to monies in a Local budget account that Manopoulos is holding in reserve. The State's allocation is subject to change every year, and is not guaranteed. The Local account is permanent. Any proceeds from Council-sponsored events will be deposited into the Local account and allowed to build up more reserves. This account will only be used if the Council wishes to fund an event after the State monies are exhausted. Manopoulos will provide budget account information to Catherine as part of the permanent Council records.

### **3. Alok Bhushan's ideas for next year:**

- a. Fusion Music performance by Warren Senders

This is a 4-member musical group, so there would be higher travel and accommodation costs involved. ASISU or the International Students groups might be interested in collaborating on sponsoring a performance. Warren Senders is a faculty member in the Music Education Department at the New England Conservatory of Music. He studied classical Indian music in India for 10 years. He travels internationally with his band performing a fusion mixture of Indian, Western African, and African-American music.

- b. Ayurvedics alternative medicine speaker

Vasant Lad is the Director of the Ayurvedics Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He travels world-wide giving seminars and workshops on this alternative form of medicine. When Bhushan last checked a year or two ago, Lad's fee for a seminar was \$500 honorarium

plus travel costs. A workshop would cost \$2000 - \$3000. Freudenthal suggested scheduling a seminar as part of the Idaho Conference on Health Care held in early Fall of each year, if the College of Health Professions would be interested in co-sponsoring. She will find out the dates for this year's conference and will check with Dr. Linda Hatzenbeuhler about collaborative possibilities. If Lad's schedule permits, Bhushan will contact him.

c. A play: "To the Death of My Own Family"

This is a one-person play, but more people may be involved in the staging and production. Bhushan has not been able to find out any specific information about costs or logistics as yet. The Theatre Department might be interested; Livingston Friedley will check with them.

**4. New Business**

Beverly Ray has conflicts on Fridays, so the Council needs to find an alternative day and time for meetings. Manopoulos suggested Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.; most members were free except for the last Wednesday of each month. Manopoulos also has some **additional suggestions for Bylaws changes** she will bring up at the next meeting.

The next meeting has not yet been scheduled. Manopoulos will check with Ray first, then will email everyone the date and time.

**5. Adjournment:** 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Wallace  
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Approved by Cultural Affairs Council (with grammar correction): February 20, 2008  
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