

Idaho State University  
**Cultural Affairs Council**  
Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 2008  
3:00 p.m.  
First Security Conference Room,  
Business Administration Building

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

**A. Minutes of January 18, 2008**

Livingston Friedley caught a grammatical error in 2.c. which will be corrected.

**ACTION:** Moved by Livingston Friedley and seconded by Ray to **approve the corrected minutes. Passed** unanimously.

**B. Proposed Changes in by-laws**

Members reviewed the proposed changes made last time to the bylaws. Freudenthal asked whether the other Senate Councils or committees allow proxy votes; some do, some do not. This Council is small enough that every vote is important, which is why the wording in **Chapter Four E.4** was changed to describe a process that will allow for email comments and discussion notes on important issues. The amendments made in the last meeting were not officially approved because not enough votes were cast to pass the amendments.

Livingston Friedley suggested amending “**Meeting materials**” to “**All necessary materials**” at the beginning of the second sentence of **Chapter Four E.4**). There was a question where it is written in ISU policy that stipends cannot be paid to faculty members or ISU employees. The consensus was that although the actual citation could not be easily found, the policy did exist and should be included in the grant descriptions. The end of the sentence beginning with “**According to ISU policy**” was changed from “**ISU faculty members**” to “**ISU employees**”. The phrase “**all the southeastern**” was struck in **Chapter One B** to be more inclusive of Twin Falls and Boise. The word “**also**” was deleted in two places in **Chapter One B. 2) Other Grants**. The sentence about the Council’s use of its grants funds was moved to the end of **Chapter One B**.

**ACTION:** Freudenthal **moved to approve the Cultural Affairs Council Bylaws as amended above.** Seconded by Livingston Friedley. **Passed** unanimously.

An updated version of the bylaws will be emailed to Council members to review, then will be forwarded to Faculty Senate for their approval.

There was some discussion about the extent of the Council’s charge and its purview over university-wide policy for speakers, performances and cultural events. The Council was split off from Campus Planning Council because its purpose is inherently different. Campus Planning is concerned about where exhibits should be placed on campus, not so much about what kinds of events should be sponsored or exhibited. It is the Council’s purview to investigate potentially controversial events and make recommendations based on what fits with the University’s role as a responsible academic and community institution. Free speech, academic freedom and diversity

should be diligently protected, but some things would be inappropriate for the University to sponsor.

The Council expressed a desire to reestablish a solid working relationship with the Pond Student Union, ASISU and Financial Affairs to ensure better cooperation and coordination in sponsoring quality events. A concerted effort will be made in the coming months to have more participation from the non-voting Council membership.

**C. Memberships that will expire in May, 2008**

1. Beverly Ray, Education
2. Scott Anderson, Arts and Sciences

Manopoulos stated that the new bylaws membership restriction of no duplication of departments was an attempt to broaden the representation from the College of Arts & Sciences. Members recognized that getting faculty members to volunteer for open positions is not always an easy task. Term limits are specified in the bylaws, though they has not always been strictly enforced in the past.

**D. Follow-up: Alok Bhushan's suggested projects**

Livingston Friedley mentioned the Music Department might be able to contribute \$500 toward bringing Warren Senders and his group to perform at ISU. The Department also would help with promotional efforts and posters. The Theatre Department would help promote the one-person play "To the Death of My Own Family", but could not offer financial help. The Janet C. Anderson Gender Resource Center might help sponsor that event. Livingston Friedley had looked up the play, and was enthusiastic about trying to bring it to ISU campus.

Bhushan said he had contacted the Ayurvedics speaker and discovered that he would not be available until 2010. He will write a letter to Mr. Lad and explain ISU's health care mission and how his presentation might fit with ISU's Health Care Conference.

Bhushan also will contact other universities in the region about possible collaborative efforts to bring in Warren Senders.

**E. List of funded events 2007-2008**

Manopoulos passed out a list of events funded through the Council's grants.

**F. Grant Proposal for Larissa Lai as guest speaker – from Sharon Sieber**

Sieber was able to secure additional financial support from the Foreign Language Department (\$100) and from the Janet C. Anderson Gender Resource Center (\$100) to help with her proposal. The total requested in the grant proposal was \$3500. The Council had set aside \$3300 toward this event.

**G. Request for additional funds for Trans-Francophonie Conference**

Airfare costs have gone up substantially and the dollar-to-Euro exchange rate has gone down since Manopoulos first submitted her proposal. The revised budget provided to Council members showed another \$3570 is needed in addition to the original \$6000 approved. Manopoulos said if the Council awarded the additional funds, she still has to go to Financial Affairs and find out how she can purchase the airline tickets.

The Council's feeling was that they had already made a commitment to this event, and should use the uncommitted grant funds to pay the difference and keep their commitment. No other proposals were under consideration for this year, and the money has to be spent by the end of the fiscal year. There is still another \$12,000 or so available in the Local Account, though the Council wants to keep that money intact as much as possible. Proceeds from sponsored events will help build up that account.

**ACTION:** Kearns **moved to provide the requested \$3570** in additional monies to fund the Francophonie event, seconded by Bhushan.

Discussion: Ray asked about the total amounts committed, the commitment levels, any additional funding sources available, and checked to make sure the bylaws allowed the additional request. The **vote was taken**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Ray requested a little more time to check out Larissa Lai's presentation before the Council votes on the proposal. It was postponed until next time.

**H. Adjournment:** 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

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Approved by Cultural Affairs Council: March 12, 2008

Accepted by Faculty Senate: March 17, 2008