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Members

The members of the Cultural Affairs Committee during this academic year were

Dr. Clayton N. Pheasant, Chair
Dr. Paulette Merchel, Communication Arts
Sister Gilmary Speirs, IHM, Library Services
Mr. Steven Alexander, Art Department
Kimberly Ann Wentovich, ‘09
Gina Consalvo '10
Tanisha Drummond, GRl
Sara B. Rothenberg, GR

Meetings

The minutes were taken and distributed by Patti Munley-Cerda, Executive Secretary. In the months of October and January, a communiction announced the application process for Cultureal Affairs proposals; nine proposals were received.

Accomplishments

During 2008-2009, three meetings of the Cultural Affairs Committee were held between March and May. In addition, e-mail communications were sent to Committee members regularly. All peoposals were developed on a standard format and were sent to Committee members prior to the meetings; the Committee discussed each proposal at length, voted in priority order, and agreed on the dollar amount to be funded for seven of the nine proposals. The Committee will have further conversations regarding the two presentations on hold, which can be done via e-mail communications.

The Committee discussed various means for distribution of the Cultural Affairs Calendar; after much discussion the Committee recommends using postcards and media releases in lieu of a yearly calendar of events. This type of communication will be more timely, directed, and much less

expensive.

The Committee also had considerable discussion regarding the garnering of proposals and distribution of funds far in advance of the events. The decision was to allocate funds to the selected proposals and reserve funds for other opportunities that may arise early in the next academic year. The Committee will seek an event or events that will have a broader appeal than many of the programs that were approved in the spring meeting.

Submitted by

Dr. Clayton N. Pheasant, Chair
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