

### **IRA Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 8:00am

### **Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Simone Aloisio, Vanessa Bahena, Kristina Cervi, Chanda Cunningham-Spence, Mar-Kell Law, Andrew Medrano, Paul Murphy, Brent Nessel, Nicole Perez.

Staff Present: Lisa Ayre-Smith Guests Present: Dianne Wei

#### I) Chair welcome

Meeting called to order at 8:03am.

#### II) Approval of the Minutes of November 19th, 2013

Motion to approve by V. Bahena, motion seconded by B. Nessel.

# III) Review of Category III budget

Chair mentioned possible need to cut one or two international proposals.

### IV) Review of Category III proposals

#### 592 Art & Ecology in Japan

S. Aloisio asked to open discussion on proposal 592. Brief discussion of meals & the need to be consistent amongst all proposals.

#### **579 International Business in Germany**

Chair motioned to fund International Business in Germany at zero. Seconded by V. Bahena. Discussion of student feedback: students did not meet with professor often; there are low educational requirements, sense of trip as having a "vacation" aspect, and tenuous connection with class to travel. There was discussion with 5 students and faculty, as well as evaluation listed in proposal itself. Consensus was blocked. Motion taken to vote.

Approve: 5 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 4

Motion passes. This proposal is funded at zero.

### 612- ATLAS CERN Internship



Discussion of trip and of recurring trips. P. Murphy mentioned that if Committee removes Germany, South Africa, and CERN from funded proposals this year, then all proposals will be able to be funded.

Move to fund at full \$11,200 by S. Aloisio. Motion was seconded by P. Murphy. Motion passed by consensus.

### Proposal 592 Art & Ecology in Japan

Discussion of course fee of \$973.50. Motion to fund in full at \$45,080 by S. Aloisio, seconded by V. Bahena to fund. Motion passed by consensus.

### **Proposal 617 Art in Paris**

It was explained that this proposal was not funded by IRA last summer for high proposal volume and lack of funds. Motion by P. Murphy, seconded by S. Aloisio to fund in full at \$50,341.60. Motion passed by consensus.

### Proposal 588 - Germany: Seacoast through Time

Discussion of adjusting dollar amount, such as possibly \$1200 a student (remove \$549). General remark that not significantly open to student population- select few of students and involves one class. S. Discussion of merits of field trip.

Move to fund in full at \$26,242 by V. Bahena, seconded by C. Cunningham-Spence. P. Murphy suggests funding in full but to modify award letter. General suggestion that they bring the experience back to CI community., and if can't find 15 students from this class, open up the trip to other classes and to students of other fields and majors other than anthropology.  $2^{nd}$ : in report, highlight how experience was brought back to the CI Community.

Presentation day: IRA Award Letter.

Discussion of minigrants have to present at SAGE forum that brings together multiple projects.

# 609 Social Change in Spain

Lodging is provided by school via homestay. Tuition is for schools. Fee covers boarding. Student pay out of pocket for language classes. Faculty don't stay in homestay. School provides lodging for two faculty. V. Bahena motioned to fund at \$36,167.50 seconded by Chanda. Chair suggested amendment to remove \$500 in faculty meals. Amendment was rejected. Chair blocked consensus.

Approve: 8 Oppose: 1 Abstain: 0



#### Motion passes.

V. Bahena moved to approve S. Korea in full at \$28,343.25. Seconded by S. Aloisio. V. Bahena spoke in favor of trip and its academic benefits as well as reasonable price.

Motion passed by consensus.

#### 593- Journey to the New South Africa

Motion to table proposal until next semester by M. Law. Motion was seconded by V. Bahena. Committee will make proposal a priority for next semester.

## V) Vote on Category III

Move to approve Category III at \$244,753.85 by K. Cervi, seconded by V. Bahena. Category III officially approved.

D. Wakelee noted that Committee is over budget and suggested at first meeting of semester, if projections are incorrect, Committee will have to go out and modify. Also mentioned Presidential approvals and exhorted Committee to think about chair delegations to decide where \$5000 would come from; a possible suggestion included taking 1% from each proposals budget if president is not able to confirm decisions. S. Aloisio voiced disagreement and suggested it would be better to cut a specific proposal.

Motion by A. Medrano, seconded by C. Cunningham Spence. Motion to delegate authority to chair how she sees fit to cut \$5000 from budget. V. Bahena amendment was that chair's decision would be to subtract 1% from every proposals' budgets. Amendment was rejected.

## VI) Chair wrap-up

Chair noted that there will be committee-made amendment to funds request if needed. D. Wakelee will work with L. Ayre-Smith to make sure budget is correct. P. Murphy asked about Committee timing for next year's meetings and noted he will have to leave early. Chair will endeavor to finish by 8:50 and P. Murphy assured Committee he understood that might entail missing votes unable to be voted on in absentia.

# VII) Adjourn

9:00am