

Director's Committee Meeting 11/17/17 Minutes

Call to order

- Assigned roles of time keeper: Riley; Note taker: Nicole Vibes watcher: Jess

Clarified group norms:

- thumbs up is a resounding yes
- Sideways thumbs is unsure; need more information
- Down thumb is absolute no; block; veto

Approved last meetings minutes

New Business (30 minutes)

- Inclusivity and outreach community update: (Sabrina); three outreach assistants; Rohan, Oriana, Berta, have finished semester of outreach of INVST; did class announcements and tabling in UMC; Annie and Jen made 1,000 postcards and sent them to dorm rooms.
 - Early application deadline; November 13th; 5 early applications received
 - **Final Application deadline is March 5th**
 - Helping with interviews; Fiona McGuire; and Otter.
 - ½ of second year students will help with interviews in the spring.
 - Admissions process is going well
 - Trying to accumulate more INSTAGRAM followers. Help us be good with Instagram please!
- Curriculum Committee (Kayla):
 - Evaluations:
 - climate justice summer; looking into making readings more current and more accurate packing list; potential community partners;
 - economic justice summer; positive trips; main critique= time. Looking into best way to remedy time issue. Discuss offering trips for credit; main concern for credit; homework was an issue (journal) and cost.
 - First proposals; They were discussing still offering the trip for credit and it is optional. They proposed a three part project; will tie in learning/reading; use whatever format that is best fit. Proposal of this project would be presented to facilitator; final project due first day of class and present project during fall gathering.
 - Comments about the proposal:
 - Sabrina: project laid out is only FOR those for credit; everyone is doing reading. It would be for both the economic and climate justice
 - Riley: I think that it might be a little confusing; wondering how it would be played out.

- Kayla: During orientation would remind them; facilitator will have a pretty good idea of who is taking it for credit. Work with the facilitator. More emphasis on reflection time. People who are taking this for credit can use this time to take things for credit.
- Annie: Wondering when the second step fits in; she heard Denver component.
- Kayla; the proposal would be approved before the Denver component; they would have the trip to think about how they want to do the project; theoretically working on it throughout the trip.
- Sabrina: the only piece due during the summer is the proposal with the facilitator.
- Mollie: The project might be stressful. Also, during Denver, there is a lot that is there that could be incorporated; asking if proposals could be due at the very end; asked how many days before schools starts
- Kayla; the idea was that they could add in the Denver component; it is similar to the praxis project;
- Riley: worries that people will have a narrow focus; people may miss out on other components of the trip.
- Jess: That may be one of the things that was a concern for people with the questions that people had to journal about for the climate justice summer trip; journaling kept things limited; project gives the opportunity to show how the intersectionality is seen for you.
- Kayla: I don't think that project design is to focus on one topic; chance to tie everything together.
- Sabrina: reminder of where we have been, part of what sparked this proposal is comments made at directors committee; there was concern that there needed to be something more for the person who takes credit. The project added so that people make it fair.
- Kayla; deadline is the first day of class because when class start it is hectic.
- Riley: when is gathering?
- Sabrina: the first Thursday of the week after school starts in the Fall.
- Christine asked for feels on the proposal; sees sideways thumbs and asks for those concerns
 - Concerns
 - Didn't do summer for credit but getting back from trip was insanely stressful; having another thing to do would be shocking. - Riley

- Annie: Similar concern; make sure that the expectations are clear for the project; make sure that people feel that what they are putting in is worth the credit
 - Sam: would it be burdensome if presentations were in the fall gathering?
 - Sabrina: Will definitely keep in mind Sam's concern; presentations would have to be 2 minutes per person; keep goal of community, connection and potluck
 - Kayla: Suggestion for Sam's concern: Project should have a deliverable; it would be more like a poster presentations; stand near it and answer questions; not necessarily presentation.
 - Sabrina: Becca could help us with that;
- Common concerns:
 - Clarifying what the project entails
 - The Time crunch
- Moving forward with a vote on the proposal?
 - Jess: Is this consensus going to finalize the proposal?
 - Sabrina: No. Curriculum committee would take these ideas into consideration.
- VOTED-the first proposal passed; do not have time to revisit the second proposal; decided to move to the end of the meeting if there is time (or if not; move to next director's committee)
- FAB update:
 - Sabrina: FAB has met twice; consists of graduates of INVST and parent of INVST; focus on summer fundraising need; we raise own money for summers; part is student pays for it; and another is fundraising. In meeting, they have decided to pass the INVST budget; they have been choosing tactics; \$5000 want to raise by June 1; would contribute to climate and economic justice summer
 - Tactics
 - There will be INVST bingo. Bill Sebastian and Kaisa
 - Online auction; Allie (items donated)
 - Worked on holiday appeal letter; make donation that is tax deductible; Want to raise \$4500.

There was no old business

Community Announcements/ story time

- Story sharing:
 - Kristina: Shared about her internship. Her journey of how she got an internship; had internship with BFR. Interview through Skype on her phone; sitting outside a

library, in town with New Zealand with bad wifi speaks to have definite spark and passion.

- Riley: internship; passion and spark make a difference; her boss quit; had to be her own boss; works at Boulder Restorative justice; last boss didn't believe in Restorative justice; new boss has an absolute passion; the police station treats it with a lot more respect.
- Jess: feeling down about her internship at Longmont; found committee of teachers meeting in secret; they were an anti-oppression committee; showed that teachers DO care; the board of school didn't look into why students were failing.

- Announcements

- Mollie: interning at new era Colorado; 2L passed; very exciting!!! :)
- Sam: date of upcoming concert; Friday December, 8, at 8pm; will be doing radical mini-set in very Christian setting.
- Kristina: second year students; upcoming meetings for their SOL project; creating a city ordinance that allows all residents for city of boulder to vote; Opening Tuesdays, November 28 for community members to help them come up with a plan.
- Annie: look at calendar on INVST website for Spring DC meetings and December 8th the 2nd year students present their SOL project proposals in UMC 382-384 (6-7:30pm). There will be snacks!
- Sabrina: also on the INVST calendar are the dates for economic & climate justice summers.

Checked with vibes watcher.

- Said that people felt better after story telling

Second proposal for curriculum committee

- About different community partners; deals with backpacking portion; CU-OP did not align with our goals; new partner; YMCA snow mountain ranch. Will have campgrounds or stay at yurt. Multitude of activities; hiking. Will work with us on workshops; willing to tailor curriculum
- Proposal to switch from CU-OP to YMCA
- Discussion
 - Where is it?
 - Winter Park area
 - Is it outdoors?
 - It is outdoors; and did have outdoors. The only thing would be that it isn't private. Other groups will be there; but we will have own gear;

- Jess: to add to Kayla's comment; even if we didn't have enough privacy; the guide can guide us to meadow where we can get away
- Riley: agree that CU-OP was stressful but backpacking bonded us. Having to sit in the rain made me love these people; survival aspect is a big aspect. Not being able to escape really easily. People would be missing out.
- Jess: said a similar thing to Riley; never backpacked and it was a huge success; the coordinator can do solo journeys; can do the survival thing on our own. Was a big advocate for backpacking. Being able to confront personal things would still be a critical component
- Mollie: completely alone solo trips?
- Jess: yes
- Mollie: wanted to repeat Riley's concerns.
- Riley: is there any possibility to work with CU-OP? I feel like I would be losing something; it was such a different feeling being out in the wilderness; different bonding experience.
- Annie: how the price looks at YMCA vs CU-OP; could curriculum committee elaborate other options.
- Sabrina: yes, YMCA's rates are really good. They are affordable and competitive; looked into queer nature; they do survivalist skills in the outdoors and have inclusivity; social justice focus; Still feeling that queer nature is a viable option. YMCA would be the spot to camp at.
 - Outward bound
 - Women's wilderness
 - Open Sky:
- Kayla: should brainstorm more.
- Did not move to a vote. Curriculum committee will take these comments and incorporate them into a more complete proposal.

Closing

- Assigning new facilitator
 - Only second year facilitator are allowed to facilitate; will have to wait and draft another person from 2nd year class
- Call for agenda items for next meeting;
 - Description of process: New ideas at the meeting can e-mail facilitator or Sabrina/Annie agenda items that you want to address later;
- No comments were given

Facilitator feedback for Kristina

- Annie: liked how she tested the waters midway through first proposal; seeing where people were at and addressing concerns of the proposal

- Mollie: took more time necessary and was more efficient; good job at allocating time; everything went smoothly
- Riley; brought warmth to conversations. Did a good job making this space very comfortable.