CIU/Diversity Committee Accepting Speaker/Presentation Proposals

Applications for the multi-cultural speaker/presentation series requests are now available at the International Students Program Office.

The Cypress College Center for Intercultural Understanding (CIU)/Diversity Committee is calling for proposals for the multi-cultural speaker/presentation series for the 2004-2005 academic year. Applications are available at the International Students Program Office, located on the second floor of Gym II, or by e-mail.

To coordinate a cultural activity or to invite a professional speaker to campus, faculty or staff members need to complete an application and have it approved by their dean or immediate supervisor. Requests from students should be submitted through Paul Bottiaux, Student Activities advisor.

Applications for Speaker/Presentation funding must reflect the desire to improve cultural understanding and to benefit students (either directly or indirectly). The speaker/presentation should also meet several of the CIU/Diversity Committee goals: celebrate diversity, promote human relations, disseminate information relating to diversity, provide a forum for dialogue relating to diversity, build community relations, and support globalization and internationalization of the curriculum.

To obtain the Speaker/Presentation Funding Application form, e-mail a request to Gina Marrocco at gmarrocco@CypressCollege.edu; the form will be e-mailed back as an attachment or the form can be copied onto a blank disk at the International Students Program Office. Requests must be made early enough for review and approval by all parties concerned before the event occurs or any expense is incurred, and the Speaker/Presentation Funding Application form must be approved prior to the event.

Review all application and reimbursement requirements and deadlines carefully to ensure that the request and approval process meets district, state and federal requirements.

The deadline for the applications is Monday, September 27, by noon. Three copies of the completed request must be submitted with all necessary signatures. The CIU/Diversity Committee will notify the submitter and the division office or work area when a request has been approved.

Requests for additional funding received after the funding proposal deadline will be held for the Spring 2005 review.

For more information or to request an application, contact Gina Marrocco at ext. 47049.
CHARGERS

On the day Cypress honored former women’s soccer coach Ray Haas, who passed away in June, the Lady Chargers routed Golden West, 13-0, in their home opener on Tuesday. Heather Miller scored three goals, and Krystle Vance, Krissy Grana and Meghan Milot added two goals apiece. Meghan Pasos had three assists as Cypress extended its Orange Empire Conference unbeaten streak to 108 games (100-0-8).

Nursing student Steve Herman was awarded a $500 scholarship from GLADE. He came highly recommended by Wendy Valencia, instructor in the Nursing Department. He plans to have a career as a registered nurse in the area of hospice care for persons with AIDS.

Dr. Tom Cooper is coming out of retirement and returning to Cypress College as the Articulation Officer. In his 30–plus years with the college, Tom has taught Chemistry, Biology, Math and Astronomy. He has also held many positions including Student Activities Coordinator and interim advisor for the student government. He can be reached at ext. 47130 or tcooper@cypresscollege.edu.

Theater Department Presents Trio of “NEW PLAYS, NEW VOICES”

This Fall audiences will have an opportunity to see three new plays written by five of America’s most exciting professional playwrights as they’re brought to life on stage for the very first time courtesy of the Cypress College Theater Department.

Playing in repertory and presented under the banner, “NEW PLAYS, NEW VOICES,” “Bleed Rail” by Mickey Birnbaum plays September 24 at 8 p.m. and September 26 at 4 p.m., and “Herocide” by Matt Pelfrey plays September 24 at 4 p.m. and September 25 at 8 p.m. The third play, “Venus in Orange” by Paula Cizmar, Velina Hasu Houston, and Laura Shamas, will be presented November 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and November 14 at 4 p.m.

All three plays will be presented in the Studio Theater. General admission is $12. Due to mature topics and themes these plays are recommended for adult audiences only. Information on all the shows is available on the Theater and Dance Department Web site.

The Theater and Dance Department has made available 30 free tickets for faculty and staff for the following performances: “Herocide,” Friday, September 24, 4 p.m.; “Bleed Rail,” Friday, September 24, 8 p.m. To reserve tickets, call the box office at ext. 47200.

Faculty and staff can also take advantage of the buy one and get one free discount offer that can be used for any Cypress College Theater and Dance performance this semester.

Health Center Sponsoring Free Smoking Cessation Classes on Campus

The Student Health Center has developed a new partnership with the County of Orange Health Care Agency to create the Smoking Cessation Program. Beginning this fall, Cypress College will be offering free smoking cessation seminars on campus.

For students the seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 22, from 5–7 p.m., in the Associated Student Center, Associated Students Office Suite 100. For registration or more information, contact the Health Center at ext. 47361.

A report on Cypress College’s Construction Projects

The Student Center project is starting to become visible to the campus community — moving from drawings to action. A “job walk” will be held on September 30 for the new Student Activities Center and the Library/Administration Building’s first and second floors. This will allow those contractors interested in bidding on the projects an opportunity to understand the work that needs to be completed.

This past week, a large truck was moved under the piazza (which required partially deflating the tires so it would fit) to take some soil samples. These readings will be used to determine the specifics of supporting the foundation for the new Student Center building.

If you happened to be on campus early on the morning of September 8 (3 a.m. early, to be precise), you witnessed the delivery of the two generators for the Central Plant. That explains the very large crane, which moved the generators from the Lot 5 area to the Central Plant storage area.

Another project that is progressing is the new Maintenance and Operations Building, which will be constructed in Lot 6. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled to take place on October 22, from 9-10 a.m. More information will be shared as that date approaches.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!
Survey packets to assess Student Support Services quality review will soon be delivered to 45 randomly selected class sections for faculty to distribute to students. The random sample, encompassing 1,200 enrollments across the 45 sections, will be taken in an effort to reduce the amount of instructional time spent on surveys. Four student service areas are participating in this review cycle: Admissions and Records, Assessment, Counseling and Financial Aid. The survey is one page (front and back) and should only take about 15 minutes of class time. Faculty should inform students that the purpose of the surveys is to solicit feedback about each of these services and that their responses will not impact their grades or their general academic standing and that participation is highly desirable but voluntary. The timely distribution of the surveys and return of this survey packet is a vital component to the overall process, and necessary for the continued improvement of student services. Faculty should return all completed surveys to the Institutional Research Office by Friday, October 8, 2004.
I. Approval of Minutes

II. Special Reports

A. President’s Report  Michael Brydges
B. Treasurer’s Report  Beth Piburn
C. IQA Committee    Carol Mattson
D. Curriculum Committee  Pat Ganer
E. Campus Tech. Committee  Gary Zager
F. Site and Facilities Committee  Mark Majarian
G. Staff Development  Nancy Deutsch
H. Foundation Report   Kelly Carter
I. Adjunct Faculty      Sam Russo
J. United Faculty       Tony Jones/Dana Brown/Linda Borla
K. Associated Students  Karen Johnson
L. Campus Diversity     Susan Williams

III. Faculty Issues

A. Banner – Diane Henry
B. Academic Freedom – Rolando Sanabria
C. Admissions & Records Issue – Carol Mattson
D. Other

IV. Resolutions

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment of Meeting

Cypress College Academic Senate meetings are open to all who wish to attend. The meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Wilson Conference Room.
‘Outfoxed’

A screening of the documentary “Outfoxed” packed the Humanities lecture hall. Following the screening, co-producer Jim Gilliam answered questions from the audience.
Tight Fit

Two contractors took soil samples on campus this week — work that’s needed to support upcoming construction projects. Samples for the Student Center proved challenging as the tires on the truck had to be deflated so it would fit under the piazza (see below).
Appreciated

Classified Staff enjoyed an appreciation breakfast on Friday morning. Dr. Lewis hosts the annual event to thank employees for their hard work to get school re-started each fall.
The women’s soccer team dedicated its season to the memory of Coach Ray Haas. The players will wear “RH” on their sleeves. Team leaders presented Margie Haas with flowers before their home opener. A sign also was placed along the field.