

Dear CS Community,

Here are some updates from the SOC Meeting held in JC room 244 on 4/5/07.

Cultural Studies Members in attendance –

1. Rob Gehl (Co-Chair)
2. Randa Kayyali (Co-Chair)
3. Vicki Watts
4. Leah Perry
5. Randal Chon
6. Sarah Mitcho
7. Nayantara (Tara) Sheoran

New Elected Co-Chair - Leah Perry

New Elected Treasurer – Sarah Mithcho

New Elected Secretary - Nayantara (Tara) Sheoran

Committee Member Elections – There are a **few** remaining vacant spots on the various CS committees, and the unanimous decision was to wait until the Fall 2007 semester to populate these open spots.

Committee positions that elections will be held for in Fall 2007 are:
Colloquium committee (2); Faculty Matters (1); Program Planning (1)

Fall Event Discussion

Budget - Randa proposed a tentative budget and looking at those figures it is clear that we will need to find sponsors beyond the limited funding we get for SOC from the Student Body. If you have any suggestions on any academic bodies that would be interested in co-sponsoring the event, please feel free to let the planning committee know.

Speakers – Two speakers have been confirmed, and the planning committee is working on two more. Contact Vicki if you need more information on this.

Abstracts and Panel Discussion – Last day to submit proposals for the Fall Graduate Conference is April 15th, 2007. We have received some good abstracts; however, to expand the selection pool the SOC Chairs have asked me to encourage you all to submit proposals. Please consider submitting a proposal for the Fall 2007 conference.

Further details about the Graduate Student Conference will be forthcoming. If wish to contribute in any way, feel free to attend the meetings that are announced via email.