

## **Cultural Studies Student Organizing Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

March 20, 2008

Spring 2008

Sub I – Meeting Room C

### **Members in Attendance:**

1. Rob Gehl (Outgoing SOC Co-Chair)
2. Leah Perry (Outgoing SOC Co-Chair)
3. Randall Cohn (Incoming 2 year SOC Co-Chair)
4. David Arditì (Incoming 1 year SOC Co-Chair)
5. John Woolsey
6. Richard Otten
7. Jason Morris
8. Sangmin Kim
9. Nayantara (Tara) Sheoran (Secretary)

### **Minutes**

- **Announcement of SOC Officers for academic year 2008-2009:**

- Randall Cohn (2 year Co-chair)
  - David Arditì (1 year Co-chair)
  - Sara Mithco (Treasurer)
  - Nayantara (Tara) Sheoran (Secretary)
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- **Cultural Studies Globalization Conference:**

Richard Otten provided us details about the conference. Things are moving along and all Cultural Studies students are encouraged to attend. It's scheduled for Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch and reception will be part of the program. The publicity material will be ready to distribute as of next week, so please share widely and encourage other people (students, department colleagues, etc.) to attend.

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- **Graduate Student Conference Update (Histories of Violence)**

Sara Mitcho could not attend. Randall and John provided us with the updates.

- Abstracts:  
They have already received 8 to 9 abstracts. They are looking to receive more by the end of the month. The deadline for submissions right now is April 1, 2008. They plan to extend the deadline to May 1, 2008. Please log into the Cultural Studies website, review the call for papers, and forward it to any/all listserves that you are part of. **ALSO ALL CULTURAL STUDIES STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS.**
  - Budget and Location: They have this under control. They will be making the budget requests soon.
  - Plenary Speakers: They will inform us all about this shortly, once they have their lists finalized.
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- **Students Right Committee:**

David Arditì will be sending out an email soon with further details.

He plans to create a petition that other graduate students can sign. His eventual plan is to take this petition to Richmond, VA to raise graduate student concerns at the legislative level. Since forming "student unions" in VA is not authorized, he's thinking of an alternative in the form of a "lobbying" group.

He is looking for people to help him create the petition and also for people to email him with the current concerns/problems they are dealing with as graduate students.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HIS EMAIL!!!!**

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- **Committee Positions for Academic year 2008-2009:**

If you are part of a committee, please be actively involved in forwarding the “cause” of your committees. If you need details about what each committee does (OR SHOULD DO) review the handbook or feel free to contact any of your SOC executive committee members.

- Committee of the Whole (2):
  - [Cecilia Uy-Tioco](#)
  - John Woolsey
- Admissions Committee (2 people for 2 year staggered position):
  - Jarrod [Waetjen](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
  - Rob Gehl (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Student Matters Committee (1)
  - Daniel Anderson (Daniel was nominated, but waiting to confirm that he accepts his nomination)
- Faculty Matters Committee (1)
  - Jason Morris
- Colloquium Planning Committee (2)
  - Richard Otten
  - OPEN (Any nomination? Or should we wait for a 1<sup>st</sup> year student to fill this position)
- Program Planning Committee (2)
  - Michael Lecker
  - Michael Goebel

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- **Next Meeting (Final SOC Spring 2008 semester meeting):**

- Date, time, & location will be determined by Randall and David and emailed to everybody. Possibly last week of April or first week of May.
- Please try to attend to welcome our new Co-chairs and suggest ideas/concerns for the upcoming year.

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- **Event Suggestions for 2008-2009 academic year:**

Will be discussed next SOC meeting. Please think about what you would like SOC to contribute.

- Key Note Speaker
- PhD/Humanities Writing Workshop
- CV writing workshop
- Panel on...???