

**Minutes**  
**Sixth Work Group meeting May 8, 2008**  
**HSS 301**

Attending: Guido Davis Del Piccolo, Gordon Dossett, Janet Harclerode, Nancy Grass Hemmert, Pete Morris; Peggy Kravitz, Brandon Lewis, Georgia Lorenz, Eric Oifer, Teresita Rodriguez, Alex Rosales, Toni Trives and Sal Veas. Guests: Craig Hammond and Bruce Young

**Announcements:** Gilman Scholarships provide an excellent opportunity for underrepresented students to be part of study abroad programs; students need to apply for Pell grants, first, and to meet an early October deadline to apply for the Gilman.

Toni Trives described a possible collaboration in logistics with officials in Hamm, Germany (a sister city of Santa Monica).

A meeting of Alex Rosales, Al DeSalles, Teresita Rodriguez, Stacy Neal (from financial aid) Georgia Lorenz and Gordon Dossett resulted in a commitment to develop a process for creating study abroad programs. A professor or professors would propose courses and destinations. The proposal would be considered first from an academic point of view and then a logistical one (arranging housing, transportation, an agency, etc.), before it would be announced and publicized. We hope to have a detailed process and timeline by fall.

Alex announced a soccer event scheduled for Friday, May 9 at Airport Park. Approximately 85 students are set to compete in soccer matches, drawing in international students from the credit and intensive ESL programs.

**Old Business:**

Charrette for Pico Front: Pete Morris and Craig Hammond (a CSIS professor trained in architecture) presented ideas for a charrette for opening day. They proposed teams of 4-5 people—each led by someone with expertise in design—to explore design ideas that reflected college's goals. The Professional Development Committee and Dr. Tsang would need to approve to move forward.

Carolyn Sheldon will work with members of the Work Group to help create a survey instrument to disseminate to the district employees.

**Focus for this Meeting:**

Bruce Young, who led the college's CIBES program from its inception in the 1980's until approximately 1997, summarized some of the program's accomplishments. In contrast to CIBES programs established at universities such as UCLA that worked with large corporations, SMC's approach was to work with local businesses, bringing in speakers, recruiting international students for contract programs, establishing internships, all the while keeping a focus on students. Sal Veas assembled documents from 10 years ago (and distributed excerpts of them at the meeting) to underscore the depth and breadth of the previous effort.

Work Group members thought that CIBES provided an excellent model for a future program and wondered how the college might begin to re-create such a program. (Doing this was one of the recommendations of the report of the task force.) Teresita said that the college already was pursuing some of these activities. Eric, Guido, Nancy and Sal emphasized the importance of communicating with the campus about these activities.

Some of the responsibilities of Work Force Development enter into this area. That will be part of the discussion at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.