

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE
Ma 3, 2013

Chair/co-Chair: Sonya Armstrong/Sherri Shafer
Members: Scott Woodard (*ex officio*), Reidun Ovrebo (*ex officio*), Barbara Ladner (*ex officio*) Sean Collins, Rebecca Conner, Marc Porter, Kent Shaw, T. Ford-Ahmed, Dick Wolfe (Cultural Activities Director),
Student Members: Victoria Wright, Ashton Gauff

Many thanks to Kent Shaw for taking minutes at each meeting.

Times met and attendance of members

August 28, 2012 (4)
September 25, 2012 (8)
October 23, 2012 (6)
November 27, 2012 (10)
December 10, 2012 (6)
January 22, 2013 (6)
February 26, 2013 (10)
March 15, 2013 (8)
April 30, 2013 (8)

Actions taken by the committee

1. Added Cultural Activities Director and Gallery Director to membership as *ex officio* members
2. Changed number of student representatives from “4” to “2-4”
3. Requested from Faculty Senate - whether one at-large member is to be designated by the Vice President for Academic Affairs or Vice President for Planning and Advancement (Provost – Said from Academic Affairs – however, (No one was sent to the committee)
4. The budget has been reviewed thoroughly and suggestions have been made to the Cultural Activities Director for AY2013-14 (Still to be approved)
5. Approval of the following:
\$1000 to be donated to the Clay Center in exchange for free admission to galleries for WVSU students.
\$1000 to the Symphony in exchange for free attendance by students and faculty.)
\$2000 – Black History Month Speaker
\$ 8000 (To be increased each year if there is increased enrollment) – For 125th Anniversary (FY 16) –
6. Approved \$500 *Kanawha Review*

7. Approved \$2,000 Comparsa
8. Approved \$8400 for the communications Department

Recommendations of the committee

Requests to the Faculty Senate for Action

Need a clear process of the role of cultural activity committee.

Request to have someone from University Relations and operations on the committee

a. need help with is communication:

Our contracted events are the product of non WVSU businesses and as such cannot be advertised on the WVSU web site.

b. We need guidance from our WVSU communications staff professionals on ways we might promote an Arts and Letters both on campus and in the community

Request to have someone from University Advancement on the committee

a. Alumni and Retirees are not informed of cultural Activities events.

Request for input in the selection of Speakers for Black History Month

e. Unfinished tasks

1. A "branding"/ naming of the series
2. Approval of a series for the 2013-2014 AY

3. Consideration for the 125th Anniversary.

One is to work with the WVSU Charles E. Jones Historical Society, Mr. Jim Mitchell and Mr. Charles Morris of the WV State Museum and Norman Jordan of the African American Heritage Family Tree Museum (and possibly the WVSU Art Department) to create an exhibit on the history of WVSU, beginning in the Fall of 2013 - to be finished in the Spring of 2016.

Another is to host West Virginia Public Radio's "Mountain Stage" on our campus, perhaps highlighting some of the music and musicians who have come from "State." This would put "State" in the national spotlight.

Respectively submitted;
Sonya Armstrong, Ph.D.
Co-chair