

California State University
SAB MINUTES FROM SAB MEETING #2 Wed., Oct. 11, 2017 12:00, aula 1

Attendance at today's meeting:

CSU Staff:

CSU Director Irina D. Costache
Connie Perkins
Paola Fidolini
Refugio Cruz

CSU SAB Members:

Architecture: Pomona–Sara Robles, SLO– Diana Tsui
History (History&Classics, Art History, SSC, Political Science, etc.): John Fields
Italian Studies/Literature: Giulia Catalano
Studio Art : Cassidy Austin
“At Large”: Jose Cazares

General:

1. Recording Secretary today: John Fields
2. What's Happening this Week and Next Week? Additional Self-defense classes have been approved. To be paid by students directly. **More information about this will be sent by email and posted. Keep your eyes open if you are interested.**
3. Meetings and activities tomorrow (Thursday, Oct. 12):
 - a. CSU Literature Professor Lee Foust will give a short introduction about how to get involved in the Florentine international expat arts community. Where to see/show art, meet people, hear writers read, and participate in Open Mics in Florence.
 - b. Ars et Fides – Find out how to be a Florentine Church guide volunteer
 - c. Zotti Cooking Class – for students who already signed up
4. **Monthly birthday celebrations** for CSU students – one day each month
 - i. **Possibility of an email *shout* out of the birthdays of the month with summer birthdays being introduced at the end of the year.**
 - ii. **Also suggested a movie night for people and all of their friends to attend.**
 - iii. **More ideas and brainstorming needs to be done to solidify the idea – anyone have any ideas?**
5. **Student Peer Group** – SAB members to contact
 - i. **Scanning the email list of peers and will be sent by Connie to all SAB members. To decide how to proceed.**
6. **Welcome Day** at Palazzo Vecchio – Wed., Oct. 25 at 5 pm in Salone dei Cinquecento. **Video** will be shown with Italians and others who organize events, volunteer opportunities, cultural activities, etc. for our students as well as provide services, food on a daily basis.
 - i. **Irena mentioned how SAB members should be more engaging and find a solid way to communicate with students.**
 - ii. **Encouraging more communication through Facebook or Instagram making sure everyone is heard.**
7. **SPECIAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITY SPONSORED BY THE US CONSULATE – Goal:** to reach as many people in the Florentine community as we can with the good activities our students are involved in including service projects, social work, internships, educational exchange, cultural exchange, sporting activities, etc:
 1. Reach the Florentines (what would be the best platform? Online and printed newspapers?(for a start)
 2. Communicate our activities to the *Comune* (City of Florence) and the US Consulate on a regular basis
 3. Create a pamphlet that would share our activities
 4. **Create a facebook, blog or website blog – this could be tied in with our Instagram activities**
CSU staff and students could collaborate on this project to help improve the image of US students and universities in Florence (and in Italy). Community service, volunteer activities, events with Italians, etc. are to be highlighted. A group of students needs to be identified by Nov. 10 who can be responsible for identifying, archiving and organizing photos for these activities.
 - **Encouraging the yearbook staff to come forward and provide some sort of documentation or archiving of students engaging with the community**
 - **Suggesting a committee or photographer to post weekly of community events the student body is engaging in.**
 - **Maybe showcasing a single student doing some positive impact around the community**
 - **For each social media post suggesting a journalistic approach. Showing names, place, dates, events, location, etc.**
 - **Someone suggested a google drive or Dropbox for students to send in pictures for the Instagram or Facebook page**

- ii. Email or approach Refugio if you're experiencing issues with you fall registration such as not getting the email or not able to open the zip file.
 - iii. Also use the CSU computers located throughout in the school which isn't having that problem.
2. **ARC 150:** Course evaluations tonight. Final presentations: Sec. 1 Tues. Oct. 17, 18-21, Sec. 2 Wed., Oct. 18, 16,30 – 19,30
 - i. Architecture students if you cannot find a petition form to add more units then email Connie to get one.
 3. °Last week of PLP: **Last day of PLP Italian class** is Monday, **Oct. 23.**
 - i. Francesco's ITL 101 class will meet for class, Monday through Thursday, 13 – 16, for the rest of PLP but will be having the rest of the Friday exams in morning 9-12 am for the rest of PLP. Any questions, see Connie.
 4. ° **Italian language oral exams** will take place Tues., **Oct. 24 – Thurs., Oct. 26.** A schedule will be posted on BB near aula 1 ASAP.
 - i. Students must respect the 15 min. time slot they are being assigned. Be on time!
 5. **Final written exam on Friday, Oct. 27.** No early exams allowed.
 6. **Fall Italian class lists** to be posted during the last week of PLP.
 - i. Before PLP break, lists will be posted for all students that give their assigned Italian classes for the fall semester.
 7. **PLP Italian Course Evaluations: Next week.** SAB members to assist as volunteers. Thank you!

Architecture:

1. **Wed., Oct. 4, 12:00: Meeting for all Architecture students** - feedback on this first meeting & assignments. **All went fine.**
2. **Arch. design table placements will probably take place on Tues., Oct. 24. When do you want to do table assignments?** Aula Arc A, B & C (32 arch tables). **SAB ARC** members to randomly assign tables to each architecture student. **Let Connie know what you plan to do and when.**
3. **An agreement with the ARC department of the University of Florence** exists that will allow our ARC students to use the lab facilities and equipment at the University of Florence. A visit to the lab will be scheduled once fall semester begins.
 - i. Expanded workstations, new laser cutters and machinery will be accessible to ARCH students. **Must provide materials for technicians.**
 - ii. ARCH students must be aware of the different academic schedules both University of Firenze and CSU have through Facebook or website. This is to prevent complications with future assignments
 - iii. The facilities close at 7pm and is not open weekends
 - iv. No guests are allowed after hours that are not ARCH students and never be alone as well
 - v. No alcohol of any kind is to be consumed while in the lab or ARCH students will lose privileges.
4. **Do you need the upstairs at CSU to be open this coming weekend** in order to finish your ARC 150 final presentations and to do your pre-project assigned by your architecture professors? Yes or No? **YES**
 - i. **Architecture representatives noted that they need the studios opened past hours in order for students to complete final projects**
 - ii. **Students must complete and sign a release form, which can be done at Refugio's office.**
 - iii. **Students must sign in and out of studio after hours, on the forms provided upstairs. Students who do not sign in and out will lose their privileges.**
 - iv. **Any students who did not attend the safety meeting must complete the training before signing the release form for use of studio after hours. See Refugio immediately to complete the training.**

Studio Art:

1. **Accademia classes** to start next week – do most students know what they want to take?
 - i. If Studio Art students don't know what to take then make an educated guess and Connie will be able to change your schedule during the add/drop week if complications arise.
- Scuola del Nudo classes** – usually start a bit later than the Accademia. Do you know the start date?
5. **Art advising** next week for one hour on Monday, 7 – 8 pm. Art advising takes place in **aula 3** during fall semester. Aula 3 is also the studio space for all studio art students. Remember to always clean up after art advising. Never leave your materials or anything else in other spaces. Use your lockers to leave things at CSU.
6. **Registration** - studio art students on the last day (Wed., Oct. 18) to allow time to figure out your schedules at CSU and at Accademia or Scuola del Nudo. You can be generic with your Accademia classes. Be sure to list the classes at CSU that you want to take. Core classes at the Accademia and Scuola del Nudo are worth 6 units (painting, sculpture, drawing). The elective classes are worth 3 units (for example: anatomy, art history, etching, photography, etc.). See Connie if you have any questions about classes or units.

Group Events/Field Trips:

- iii. We will not be able to see the last supper due to the large group we have
- iv. No meal in Milan but a meal will be provided in Tornio of some local cuisine

Student Activities/Affairs:

1. **Wine Tasting and Olive Oil Tasting classes** – last ones this week. Feedback? Worth repeating in the future?
 - i. Less classes offered of both Oil and Wine classes or have the same amount offered and adjust accordingly. Worth repeating for future students.
2. **Zotti Cooking Classes** continue - Feedback? Class tomorrow night.
 - i. More involvement of the students with cooking rather than observing
3. **Caritas** - after registration, see Paola only if you are really interested (San Paolino – play with children and help them with homework, help in the kitchen during meals, help clean, provide companionship to women at the facility)
 - i. A solid commitment will be needed for this activity
4. **Ars et Fides** – meeting tomorrow, **Thursday, Oct. 12 at 12:15**. How to become a volunteer church guide in Florence. Bring 15 euro with you if you would like to join this association and participate in this activity.
 - i. Will need to pay a 15 euro membership fee.
 - ii. Training will be provided and only a minimum 1 day a week is required.
5. **Teaching Assistance in Italian Schools** - after registration, see Paola only if you are really interested
 - i. Assist teachers with Italian students in elementary school and high school to teach English
6. **Conversation Exchanges** – Paola to organize once fall semester begins
 - i. Enjoy an evening with a family and share an English conversation with a 15-19 year old student in the afternoon and then a full Italian conversation with the parents during dinner time. You will be provided with a meal and a ride home by the family.
7. **Teatro Comunale** – special discounts with the Maggio Card - cost €10 euro, which entitles you to tickets for €10 in platea. Find out about the program by checking the Opera di Firenze web site <http://www.operadifirenze.it/stagione/season-201718/> - This is the link to consult for the 2017-18 Opera and Concert season. It cost € 10, is valid for one year and entitles you to tickets for € 10 in the platea (main floor) in the balconies, for all performances. Moreover, with this card you receive invitations to special events and meetings with the artists and free guided tours (by reservation).

The card must always be presented along with the ticket at the entrance to the theater, where you may also be asked to present your passport or some other I.D.

For more information contact: maggiocard@maggiofiorentino.com

You can purchase Maggio Card at the ticket office of the Opera di Firenze, open Tues-Sun 10:00-18:00.

- i. Gives you access to several concerts and operas throughout a season. For only 10 euros you are given seating that is typically 100 euros full prices. This is through the purchase of the Maggio Card.
8. **Sports** – update from Refugio
 - i. Sports will be posted on the bulletin boards just outside in the hallway
9. **CSU Library** – students interested in volunteering in the CSU library should go see Paola, once you know your fall class schedule. IN order to keep the CSU library open past 3 pm, we need student volunteers!

IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR SOMETHING THEN MAKE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO COMMIT TO IT. THAT GOES FOR SPORTS AND EXTRA STUDENT ACTIVITIES. IT LOOKS BAD FOR THE SCHOOL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SPORTS THEN TALK TO REFUGIO. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT STUDENT ACTIVITIES THEN TALK TO PAOLA

Meetings:

1. **Next SAB Meeting:** Mon., Oct. 23 at 12:00 (the last day of PLP classes before oral exams begin)

Other:

There will be only one self-defense class next Monday, Oct. 16, from 16 – 17 (4-5 pm) for Group I and Group II.

Additional self-defense classes may be organized but must be paid for directly by students who participate. More information about these additional courses will be posted as soon as possible. See the email that Refugio sent for more information.