



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM - FIRENZE

California State University **SAB MINUTES, MEETING #5**
Wed., Dec. 6, 1:00 p.m. in aula 1

CSU Staff present: _____

CSU Director Irina D. Costache
Connie Perkins
Refugio Cruz

CSU SAB Members present:

Arch.: Pomona–Sara Robles, SLO– Diana Tsui
History (HCL, Art Hist, SSC, Poli Science: John Fields
Italian Studies/Literature: Giulia Catalano
Studio Art : Cassidy Austin
“At Large”: Jose Cazares

1. General - Recording secretary: **Sara Robles**

a. **Academic Calendar** – upcoming holidays and breaks

° **Immaculate Conception Friday, Dec. 8. CSU OFFICES CLOSED, UPSTAIRS OPEN Dec. 8 - 10**

Just a friendly reminder that since studios will be open for architects and studio art students, please follow all of the rules, they are for everyone’s safety! **MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN / OUT AND THAT YOU ARE NEVER ALONE IN THE STUDIO SPACES UPSTAIRS.**

° **Winter Break: Dec. 22 – Jan. 7.** Classes resume **on Mon., Jan. 8.**

1) During Winter break EVERYTHING will be closed, EVEN UPSTAIRS!

2) PACKAGES: If you are planning on receiving a package make sure it will arrive before TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19.

** If you cannot guarantee package delivery before Dec.19, do not receive/order packages. Or, have them sent to your house.

b. **Updating the CSU IP Italy Bulletin for 2018-19** – We need you! We would like to include some student comments, suggestions, etc. Irina to explain

If you have any concerns, comments, or suggestions about the CSU IP Italy Bulletin for 2018-19, please let Irina and Connie know!! Attached is the main Bulletin with links to the General Program as well as links to the other program sections (Architecture, Italian Studies and Studio Art). Please review and make comments accordingly.

c. **Mus.E International Conference Nov. 15-16:** – great job by all CSU students who participated. Feedback? CSU received many compliments from Mus.E staff as well as from people at the University of Florence. Possible future collaborations possible also thanks to the CSU student involvement in this project. THANK YOU!

Everyone did an amazing job! Participants should receive their certificates sometime next week.

We want your interviews! If anyone has interviews from the event it would be great if you could send them in to Refugio right away, or stop by to give him a copy.

2. Academics:

a. **PLP grades** were sent individually to all students. Students who did not receive their grades or have questions about their grades should see Connie immediately.

b. **Mid-term exams: Dec. 18-21.** See your syllabi. Exams cannot be changed due to travel plans.

3. Group Meals/Parties/Field Trips:

a. **CSU field trip to Milano/Torino, Dec. 1-3** - Feedback

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055.2477982

A questionnaire will be given out during your Italian grammar classes next Tuesday, Dec. 12. Please take the time to answer the questions. Make sure to let us know of any concerns or suggestions for the future.

b. Next CSU group event:

CSU Holiday Party /Italian Conversation Exchange at CSU – Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:00 pm in aula magna. Italians invited! CSU will provide some food (vegetarian and meat based lasagne) and refreshments Italian conversation partners and friends, Caritas and Ars et Fides representatives, Zotti family, Wine & Oil people, Regione Toscana, Mus.E etc...

The Italians are also being asked to bring Italian food!

We encourage our students to honor the **Pot luck** style to “enrich” the experience (American cakes, pies, cookies, main dishes, side dishes, etc. are highly recommended).

Sign-up to bring something! Sign-up lists to be posted ASAP

We also have sign-up sheets for the following committees:.

Set-up/Party Preparation

Decorating CSU and Christmas tree

Clean-up

Entertainment (music, recorded and/or live)

Welcome Committee (at door to welcome our Italian guests),

ANY OTHER COMMITTEES NECESSARY?

We need Volunteers for our upcoming Holiday Party!!

Don't forget to sign up to bring something, and join a committee!

All religions/ beliefs are encouraged to bring in decorations!

Invite your Italian friends!

c. CSU Xmas tree to be decorated, as well as the school, on day of party

Feel free to bring your own ornaments or decorations.

TIME TO START CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS!

d. Next all school field trip - Jan. 26-28: Rome. Details to be announced

Vatican is already set! Roma Bus tour is being planned.

4. Student Activities:

- a. **Cooking Classes** – next class on **Thurs., Dec. 7.** Sign-up has been posted on bulletin board in main hallway downstairs. These classes are a huge success. The Zotti family will also be invited to the CSU Holiday Celebration.

5. Architecture:

- a. **Meeting with DIDALAB representatives** – Wed., Nov. 15 – feedback?
- b. **Special Workshop on Mon., Nov. 20 - with Giulio Margheri** – feedback?
Both were excellent.

5. Studio Art:

- a. Thank you to all students for their Course Description forms. They are to be uploaded to the CSUIP portal, if you haven't already.

6. Next meeting – Wed., Dec. 13, 1 pm – before CSU Holiday Celebration. Last minute organization.