

Student Committee (SC) Plan for 2005 – 2006

1) Administer the new Endowed Student Award.

- Widely advertise the new award (\$175 travel stipend plus \$80 in registration and membership fees.)
- Receive and judge applications, announce award winner.
- Invite award winner to briefly present their research interests at SC Business Meeting in at 2006 SfAA Annual Meetings in Vancouver.

2) Assist students planning to travel to Vancouver SfAA meetings next April.

- Negotiate with SfAA Business Office and EB to consider special student discounts/billets at hotels (blocks of rooms?).
- Provide information about less expensive hotels, motels, and hostels.
- Provide advice to international students in US about how to navigate student visa issues for travel to a conference outside the US.
- Publicize above information on student web forum and new student links on SfAA web pages.

3) Directly assist students at 2006 SfAA Annual Meetings in Vancouver.

- SC officers and other volunteers will staff a student help table near the registration area (big sign, cookies, student-related handouts)
- Buttons identifying SC officers so that other students can ask for assistance?
- Make clear that Student Committee events are open to all students.
- Advertise student forum, student sections of SfAA website, and SC-sponsored events such as the Welcome session, the lunch with past SfAA presidents, and student advising sessions.

4) Increase student involvement from schools near Vancouver (2006 SfAA meetings).

- Work with area SC members to contact students via anthro clubs, grad student organizations, and listserves. Focus on U. of British Columbia, Victoria, Simon Fraser, and schools in Washington (US), among others.
- Encourage both undergrad and grad students from these schools to present papers and posters.
- Seek advice from students at these schools about travel tips for students (e.g. reasonable lodging), location for a Student Party, and other logistics.

5) Encourage overall student participation in the SfAA.

- Recruit student papers and posters for the annual meetings.
 - word of mouth, department listserves, etc.
 - emphasize student-friendly nature of SfAA meetings (low cost, high acceptance rate, two journals, supportive environment)

- provide printable signs about annual meetings that students can post
- specifically advertise to student anthropology clubs, and non-anthropology departments (environmental studies, geography, etc.)
- encourage professors to talk up the SfAA to undergrad and grad students
- Promote student awards (New, Jones, Spicer, and Endowed Student Award).
 - email packets and announcements to attract applicants
 - advertise and attend award acceptance ceremonies and papers
- Create a welcome packet from the SC to be included in mailings to students who pre-register for annual meetings.

6) Better take advantage of the Student Forum at sfaa.net

- Increase participation by all SC officers.
- Assign responsibility for questions that have not received sufficient response to SC officers, and to other students and faculty/professionals.
- Create and maintain specific threads for graduate school recruitment materials, job postings, calls for papers, and funding opportunities.
- Advertise the existence of the Forum.

7) Create a new student section of the SfAA website.

- Work with SfAA Business Office to create a new “students” link from the sfaa.net front page (to SC web pages, Student Forum, and FAQ).
- Create a “Frequently Asked Questions” page (grad school possibilities, submitting abstracts to SfAA, registering for conference, etc. with links to Forum and appropriate pages of sfaa.net).
- Make specific subsections for undergrad students, international students, and travel tips for attending the conference.

8) Maintain continuity in the SC.

- Create a log of officer activities (compiled by Secretary).
- Recruit future officers, especially from among students currently on SC listserv and/or volunteering on SC projects.
- Track budget expenditures.

9) Keep SC activities visible to encourage future support from SfAA.

- Post updates of activities to SC membership listserv and student web forum.
- Continue to publish reports of SC activities, and other student news, in the SfAA Newsletter.