Statement of Purpose

The Communal Principles Project (CPP) is an initiative of the College coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Students. It is designed to promote the Communal Principles of fairness, freedom, honesty, inclusion, respect, and responsibility. Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, one of the six principles will be highlighted annually. This year’s focus is the Communal Principle of Fairness. We encourage collaborative programs or activities that exemplify the spirit and purpose of fairness in our community. Not all proposals submitted will receive grants, as there are only four $500 grants and five $200 grants available.

Communal Principles definition of Fairness

The principles of fairness and openness are fundamental to the operations of this community – its processes for decision-making, problem solving, and doing the work of the institution. Every person has the right to, and should expect, fair treatment according to openly stated and clearly articulated expectations, policies, and procedures and in accordance with the fundamental rights and privileges of a free society. Every person is encouraged in parallel ways to use fair and open methods of communication and action, including wherever possible, those provided by existing institutional channels, in voicing concerns and seeking solutions to problems.

Instructions

Please submit your proposal online at least one month before the proposed event. The event should also be entered via the Event Registration Process. For more information on the Event Registration Process go to the Office of the Dean of Students website.

All proposals should reference the following items:

- Briefly describe the program and how it relates to this year’s Communal Principle
  - If you’ve done a similar program in the past, please include a brief overview of the attendance; impact your program had on participants, and any feedback obtained.
  - What do you hope that the campus community will gain from participation?

- Budget
  - Submit your budget by including all logistics, such as quotes from suppliers and catering costs,
a/v equipment, printing, and other resources needed.
  o Have you sought co-sponsorships with other student organizations or academic departments?

- **You must go beyond the use of the word “Fairness” in the written proposal**
  o How does the proposed program enhance and/or promote fairness in the University of Rochester community?
  o Who will this program impact?
  o How will the program’s audience/participants engage in the program and understand the value of fairness?
  o What will be the long-lasting effects of this program?

- **Please note the following:**
  o Programs or activities of a collaborative nature are strongly encouraged.
  o Collaborations can be a combination of students, faculty and staff or collaborations among organizations.
  o Preference will be given to proposals that exhibit a need for assistance with costs related to a speaker or program content vs. food and refreshments.

**Submission Deadlines**

- **Fall Semester 2015**
  o **Sept. 14** for events through Oct. 25
  o **Oct. 12** for events through Nov. 15
  o **Nov. 9** for events through Dec. 11

- **Spring Semester 2016**
  o **Jan. 25** for events through Feb. 28
  o **Feb. 22** for events through Mar. 28
  o **Mar. 21** for events through Apr. 27

*You will be notified of the CPP Committee’s decision within two weeks of stated deadlines.*