Cultural Discerner (CD)

Position Description

Cultural Discerners (CDs) will work within dorm leadership as representatives of the Student Activities Office in the residence halls. CDs will facilitate discussion around popular cultural movies, concerts, and new albums.

1. Should be people who love music, theatre and film and would like to take responsibility for facilitating organized discussion on a regular basis on the above topics in their residence halls and around campus.

2. Should have (on a regular basis) a time to talk about a new album release such as Neko Case, Arcade Fire, Jars of Clay or Lupe Fiasco. This group could do this somewhat spontaneously about a play or movie showing on campus or in town (The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Juno, etc.) as the opportunity presents itself.

3. Will be mentored by Ken Heffner, Activities Director, and will meet with him on a weekly basis. This position is a totally separate job from the student activities board and there will be no expectation that this group belongs to the student activities board.

4. This group will be perceived as having a discipling role, only they will be pursuing discipleship around the issue of pop culture. They will be considered part of the Community Life Council of their residence hall.

5. CDs will attend Community Life Council meetings every other week and provide feedback on the work they are doing.

On average the CD position requires a 4-8 hour commitment each week, a commitment that varies depending on the time of year, each hall’s partnership, and how CPCs divide their tasks among one another.

The position reports to Ken Heffner, Director of Student Activities and the Resident Director.

For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 6-6064 or kheffner@calvin.edu.

The Community Life Council (CLC) is facilitated by the RD and includes RAs, Barnabas, Cultural Discerners (CDs), Multicultural Activities Coordinators (MACs), Community Partnership Coordinators (CPCs), Sustainability Coordinators (SCs) and the Residence Hall Executive Team (RHET). The CLC meets twice a month to coordinate programming and discuss community issues. The CLC team plans weekly programs in the hall. In addition to weekly programs, the CLC is involved in planning/coordinating:

- September/October - Hall Retreat
- October - Collaborative programming with Unlearn Week (anti-racism)
- January - Collaborative programming on Kill-a-Watt (sustainability issues)