

ASA Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
2004-02-26

Meeting called to order by President at 18:54

Present: Katie, Jason, Arthur, Rob, Tyler, Kalik, Sharon, Jon, Matt

1. Counterpoint

Kevin Beach (ex-Editor-in-Chief; Trustee), Brian Dunagan (Editor-in-Chief), Kristen Thane (Managing Editor; WC student) came to represent Counterpoint. They submitted a written appeal which is on file with the ASA.

ASA alerted Counterpoint that their account has been frozen, the group is currently suspended, and derecognition will be processed.

Counterpoint contested fact that they are not meeting 5/50 rule. The group is confused about how ASA came to this belief. They mentioned they were upset they were not invited to the ASA meeting on February 12, 2004, when the group's derecognition was voted on.

ASA mentioned that it approached Counterpoint at the 2003 Activities Midway when Counterpoint had fewer than 50% MIT membership. Recently, the ASA has looked at mastheads of several issues to determine membership.

Counterpoint submitted membership list with 33 MIT-student members and 40 non-MIT-student members.

Counterpoint claimed that the group serves the MIT community and that they just need office space from MIT.

Counterpoint mentioned that WC exceeds MIT funding by more than 5 times.

ASA communicated its concerns about the audience Counterpoint caters to.

Counterpoint mentioned that the group has separate bank accounts at WC and MIT. Group has different officer sets at each school.

Counterpoint stated that the group has added 2 MIT student members since the November 2003 ASA meeting, attended by Brian Dunagan. Group has increased number of MIT-written articles since September 2003.

Counterpoint stated that the group always attempts to write articles such that 60-70% of edition is accessible to MIT audience and to WC audience.

ASA mentioned that the group needs to change MIT constitution to reflect relationship with WC.

ASA mentioned that notification of appeal would be sent tonight.

Counterpoint stated that it is willing to separate MIT and WC memberships into two groups.

Counterpoint stated that it offers chance for MIT students to get involved with publication at MIT and offers opportunity for students to discuss issues.

Counterpoint: tries to make one school's articles pointed towards other school, editors from both schools to ensure articles are clear for both audiences

Counterpoint stated that it would love to take on new members if they knew where to find them.

ASA recognizes that this indicates an apparent lack of need for the group. Counterpoint stated that it put up posters/table tents for February 2004 open house to get new members.

ASA considered Counterpoint's appeal:

Regarding ASA procedure:

Katie's email on 2004-02-15 informing Brian Dunnagan of Counterpoint's derecognition should have been sent to the group's officer email list and should have specified the exact date of their derecognition. Jason's email to Counterpoint on 2004-02-22 was erroneous their derecognition has not been processed yet. Counterpoint is currently suspended. ASA will grant permission for Counterpoint to use the MIT name until their derecognition is processed.

Regarding 5/50 clause:

The group is still in violation of the 5/50 clause. ASA will grant continuance of derecognition procedure.

Motion: At the conclusion of this meeting, Katie Walter will email Counterpoint's executive board, stating that the group will be officially derecognized on April 1, 2004, if the group is still in violation of the 5/50 clause. Further, if Counterpoint feels that they are not in violation of the 5/50 clause by that date, they may attend an ASA Executive Board meeting prior to April 1, 2004, to have an appeal considered. (8-0-1) KATIE will send email as stated in motion.

2. United Christian Organization

UCO was invited to office hours. The group currently has its Finboard account frozen since it is not an ASA-recognized group. ASA awaits current operating constitution, statement of faith, and opinions of current groups on ASA's recognition of more fellowship groups before it resolves Christian organization recognition issue.

3. Pending Recognitions

LUCa has violated ASA policies regarding bulletin boards. Furthermore, LUCa has engaged in fraudulent activity against another ASA-recognized group. The ASA bulletin board allocation to LUCa will be revoked. LUCa will not be considered for bulletin board allocation for a period of at least four years. LUCa must submit a written apology within fourteen days to the members of AID-Boston for its actions. This action is considered a warning of ASA posting policies. All violations of the ASA Posting Policy during the remainder of this semester will be met with immediate fine as the group has received this warning. (7-1-1) TYLER will send email to LUCa officers.

4. ASA Official re: copyrighted films

Suggestions for ASA Official:

Strike first sentence.

Clarify definition of home.

KATIE will talk to Linda Noel about these issues with letter.

5. Club Sports Council Update

CSC emailed constitution to ASA. Jason is working on resolving this.

6. Office Allocations

Renovation plans have been vetoed by Phil Walsh. CRSP is not willing to make small renovations would like formal plan after groups on 4th floor of W20 collaborate and come up with plan for large-scale renovations. Phil Walsh would like to come to next meeting to discuss future application. ASA should arrange meeting with all constituents of 4th floor to come up with Master Plan for 4th floor.

7. Funding Boards

Katie and Jason met with SLP to discuss funding boards. Proposal is forthcoming.

8. Miscellaneous Group Updates

Student Ambassadors requested exemption from requirement of having a Treasurer. ARTHUR will email them informing them they cannot have this exemption.

BICSO requested appeal. ARTHUR explain recognition procedures to them and will invite them to the next meeting.

9. Project Updates

FSILG Recognitions

- Katie contacted LGC and Panhel they have not replied. KATIE will email them again.

Officer Handbook

- currently being worked on
 - KATIE and ROB will email asa-exec asking for blurbs to expedite process
- Judicial Process
- Steve Tyrell is difficult to schedule meeting with. KATIE and JASON will try to meet with him again.

10. General Body Meeting

Tentative dates: 7:00pm, 18 March 2004 or 1 April 2004

Agenda:

- Elections
- Constitutional amendments

11. Open Floor

A complaint about ACF event. ARTHUR will reply alerting individual that the event agenda was investigated.

12. Next Meeting

7:00pm, Thursday, March 18, 2004

office hour: 6:00pm

will set GBM date

Meeting adjourned at 20:58