

ASA Meeting 11-13-06

Attendance: Lauren, Tim, Mike McGraw, Jen, Aaron, Jen, Mike Shaw, James, Obrad

Sally Susnowitz- public service center chair

Formed in 1988 to help students do more service work to everyone.

They pay some people to run service groups. They make resources available to service groups. They give advice. How do I get funding?

How do I do international work? They have no access to space. So, ASA recognition is critical to service groups. They don't have a whole lot of funding. PSC is a resource, mostly advisory.

What kind of money do groups generally need for service? Grants are usually for a few hundred dollars.

They have 4 people on staff and 20 student staff members. They're hoping to have a 3-tier system next year, where groups can affiliate with them to get different types of funding. 1st- incubator, 2nd- affiliate status, 3rd- adjunct level. They want the ASA to recognize groups after they get past the incubator stage. They want groups to get space, funding, or recognition. Student groups don't have the PSC as a backup, if the ASA does not recognize them. The last couple of years, the ASA has been okay about recognizing service groups.

Sally wants to cultivate a sense of public service instead of just giving money to charities. It's good if there is some local component. Don't give \$1,000 to a group so that they can fundraise \$600. If charity event is social, it's a social event. The ASA would like groups to be diverse and team up if they are similar. PSC is trying to encourage certain groups to combine, but Women's Initiative and Keys have different scopes. PSC is trying to get student staff more into advisory roles.

Sally departs.

Does Finboard discriminate against service groups? Finboard does support service groups, but Finboard is wary of groups that want to spend money to give money to charities directly or indirectly.

Groups that came to office hours- we'll meet next week and discuss them.

Bulletin Board Allocation- Saturday at 2:00 PM. Tim, Jen, Alex, and Aaron.

Bulletin Board Operating Guidelines-

Move to approve the revised bulletin board operating guidelines 7-0-2.

Student Group Property

Impartiality- clear

Re-allocation- ASA will not re-allocate property of active groups, only inactive groups.

MIT/Institute money is money that went through SAFO account. If an

item is purchased with MIT funds, than it belongs to MIT. If group has a will, it needs to be in the constitution, which needs to be approved by ASA. Therefore, we should be bound by the will. Property will be appropriated by the ASA board in the case of a defunct group with preference given to the funding boards.

Agreements between student groups

If groups want ASA to arbitrate a dispute, the expectation is that they will bring a paper copy of the agreement, which was signed.

Monetary transactions

Discuss over email and discuss next week.

Meeting on the 27th, we'll look at the results.