ASA Executive Board Meeting
April 24th, 2006
Present: Jen, Mike, James, Will, Alex, Nici

Guest: Phil Walsh

What is Phil's Job?

Two hats:
(1) CAC – manages student center, walker, a few other buildings
Event support/scheduling for most public spaces on campus
NOT classroom spaces – controlled by Registrar

(2) division of student life – "space administrator" (across all of dsl)
Help manage space under dean benedict's control, facilitate, get things through CRISP
DSL = largest land holder on campus (about 30%, 2.5 million sq ft)

Since institute has expanded, there is a higher demand for space for events. So either we build more or better utilize current space.

Shakespeare ensemble example: departments getting to reserve ahead of groups
Argument is between "classroom" versus "non-classroom" endeavor
Kresge was 1/3 student group, 1/3 conferences, 1/3 departments
Now, mostly departments
Phil Corey (sp?) coming in should maybe help get funding for new theater facility (and thus leave Kresge)

Future of Walker:
Can't take it down because it is too historical
Renovation will be VERY expensive (40-60 million)
Therefore, hard to justify that big of a price tag "for just student groups"

Do it zone = step 3

Step 1 & 2 = computer center coming out so having a hole there -> started talking about hobby filling that (2 years ago)

Step 3 = do it zone

DSL space committee submitted about 46 projects to CRISP – to have comprehensive list
Now needs to be thought about in broad concept and for MIT in 15 years

3 authorized (by CRISP) studies: <- ASA should try to work with these
Housing (already going)
DAPER
Community/student activity space

What is the optimum number of student groups? Do we have too many?

Reserving – hard to figure it out (learning curve = high)
So could we have a better tutorial?
Could membership be done through the signatories in the database?

Phil wants us to consider:
CAC gets sometimes a request to fix up a space, or change who is in a space
->could we come up with a more integrated process to upgrade/renovate ASA space?
So if groups want to do it themselves, there is a control/methodology to it
(ASA note: what is our space and what is not?)

Maybe have this as an office space request form?

When police moved out, Phil asked them to save the furniture onto 2nd floor. In fall, could we announce (perhaps for walker groups) that there is that could be for them…

Mike: is there a way to better use ASA and CAC space to help each other?