ASA Meeting: 12/5/07

Attendance:

Gillian
James
Alya
Cristina
Paul
Keone
Shan
Brendon
Sophia

Announcements:
- we should bring up the issue of requiring 10 members minimum to apply for recognition as opposed to 5 members
- Sustainability: for political groups, take the clause literally?
  - Less literally→ for political candidate groups, must apply for recognition one year or so before primaries?
  - Table this discussion for January

General Body Meeting
– James: will talk about office as a whole?
– Jed: talk about thefts?
– checkin starts at 7, meeting starts at 7:30, will go to about 8:30
– food and Q&A individually afterward

Motion to remove funding restriction from full groups that currently cannot get funding. Vote: 8-0-0

Provisional groups
– 91 listed as provisional
– if groups say 'yes, we're still alive' and turn in their hazing form, then we will approve them.
– terminology – something can be full but provisional?

budget for food?

New Groups
(for votes of 8 people, Shan was elsewhere)

One For Water: MIT chapter
Motion to Recognize
7-0-2

Healthcare Group
Motion to Recognize
6-0-3

MIT Linguistics Society
Motion to Recognize
7-0-1

MIT Curling Club
Motion to Recognize
7-0-1

The Israeli Association
Motion to Recognize
7-0-1

MIT SWARA
Motion to Recognize
6-0-3

MIT for Ron Paul
Motion to Recognize
1-4-4
-difficulty approving a non-sustaining political group, see above

Ascent Magazine
Motion to Recognize
(w/ legitimate pres and treas from mit on the editorial board)
7-0-2

MIT-China Development Initiative
Motion to Table
8-0-1
-we should contact MIT-China to see if they have a better idea of where they should be placed among MIT programs
-Shan has meeting for tomorrow

MIT TechVenture
Motion to Recognize
0-7-3
–   don't encourage them to go to MIT legal
–   we like the idea, but we don't think it's legally possible, so if you want to keep going on this, work with the people who can support you—Jed, Laurie, etc.

STeLA at MIT
Motion to recognize
6-0-2
- came from MIT Japan, wanted to be independent, but we said "you're mostly doing stuff with MIT Japan"
- sponsored under MIT Japan is a good fit
- similar to LTI? no, in this case they're trying to train themselves (rather than HS students)
- related note: should China Development Initiative be under MIT China?
- application compares itself to other groups...there's no doubt in our minds that they are different
- link to MIT Japan is still there...good

MIT China Care
Motion to recognize
7-0-1
- organize playgroups for Chinese kids in the area – expose adopted kids to Chinese mentors (MIT students)?
- have Sally present when we discuss public service groups?

Society for Social & Environmental Leadership
Motion to recognize
6-0-1
- uniting two groups with similar goals & vision
- how is this different from SAVE, etc.?
- personal responsibility vs. environmental awareness?
    - difference: encourage people to take on jobs that are socially & environmentally conscious
    - pledge program – students promise to take on jobs that are socially & environmentally sound
- career fair will fund the pledge process

MIT Model Congress
   Motion to Recognize
   5-0-1
- Brendan
    - resembles congress with the goal of talking about and learning about current issues & the legislative process itself
    - important because legislation often relies on science & technology, and so we need more engineers & scientists to be (or at least understand) legislation
    - discussing US/World issues, not MIT ones—that would be the Senate

MIT Free Culture
Motion to recognize
5-0-2
- run discussion groups and info groups about the law and spreading media, file-sharing, etc.
- James: Media lab does some of this
    - Freshman Advising Seminar: Steal These Bits
        - Shan: not accessible to the whole MIT community
        - James: yes, but wasn't sure if media lab does more of this stuff
    - suggest it as a resource?

MIT Greek InterVarsity
Motion to table
7-0-1
- Why do we need a separate one for FSILG students?
    - Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC)
    - Different issues? Different kinds of people?
- meet with the new chaplain to discuss when a group is unique?
    - have new chaplain put his stamp on those groups, and we just add them to the database
    - table this and schedule meeting with new chaplain

MIT CG&A club
Motion to recognize
0-5-3
    - on the basis that they don't need us
- don't need funding because New Media Centre owns the software already (contradicted by app statement)
    - New Media Centre is a sometimes reserved/sometimes open Athena cluster – for reservation regulations of NMC see http://web.mit.edu/nmc/schedule.html
    - Building 26, first floor
- why do they need to be ASA recognized?
    - did not seem interested in advertising or helping their group grow
        - spot at Midway?
    - don't seem to need anything
- "no classes on CG&A" not true?
    - James: maybe no really applied stuff, but media studies...
- if it's just five friends, why do we need this?
    - there are obligations associated with being ASA recognized; maybe they wouldn't want to have to go to ASA GBMs?