

ASA Minutes 2-22-07

Present: Tim, Dennis, James, Aaron, Jen, Alex, Mike Shaw, Mike DeGraw, Obrad

UA Mailboxes

Andrew, pres. of UA, is present for a discussion about mailbox costs and space planning meetings.

The mailboxes could probably arrive by the week before spring break.

How do we determine who needs a mailbox?

We'll use the webform allocation and also ask the secretaries to monitor incoming mail.

Need for mailboxes will probably go up.

We settle on purchasing the box with 60 small boxes and another box with 25 medium boxes.

Space Planning Meeting Members

Dennis P. will join Lauren for a month, but he can't make it tonight.

Jen will continue to be involved.

FYI, door card reader costs about \$1900.

New Groups

MIT Molecular Frontiers

Applied for Full-recognition. They want to promote science around the group. They are a national organization. However, they are not unique on campus. They overlap with almost every departmental group.

Motion: To recognize them as a group with full-recognition.

Fails: 0-8-2

Camp Kesem MIT

Summer camp for kids with cancer. They've talked to the PSC and have support from them. They have grants from the PSC and other people. Their group is kind of small. Maybe better to have them considered as groups sponsored the PSC.

Motion to recognize them as sponsored group, subject to the PSC approval of sponsorship.

Passes: 8-0-2

Techiya

Jewish a cappella group.

They may try to get support from Hillel. They say they're not going to be recording.

Motion to recognize them as a full group without funding restrictions.

Passes: 6-1-3

Homeless Empowerment and Livelihood Project (HELP)

Motion to approve them as a sponsored group, subject to PSC agreement.

Passes: 7-1-2

Medical Equipment for Development (MED)

Liability issues? They want to take the surplus of medical equipment to developing countries. Stability of the group?

Motion to give them full-recognition.

0-7-3

Fail because of concerns for liability and sustainability.

Chinese Undergraduate Association

Fails: 0-7-3

Motion to recognize them as a full group. Fails due to concerns of them not being unique and concerns of sustainability given the low number of native Chinese undergraduates.

Campus MovieFest

Motion: To recognize them as a full-group with funding restrictions.

Passes: 8-0-2

Sports and Technology Innovation Group

A little broad. Questions about sustainability. Maybe not enough funding for research in general. Motion to recognize them as a full-group.

Fails: 1-3-6

Weather and Climate Club

They take part in a contest every year. They've won 3 out of the last 4. Appears to be an existing infrastructure.

Move to approve them as a sponsored group of EAPS.

Passes: 8-0-2

MIT Consulting Group

They want to bring in groups. They're similar to E33. They're some existing groups. MIT Consulting Group is already in the database. We should contact them and have them contact the existing group.

Motion to table them:

9-1-0

Let's tell them to talk to SUMA and SEBC to see if they can be a branch of either group. We would much rather see them be a branch than create another group for this. We think it'd make an existing group a lot stronger. They should contact us if they run into issues/conflicts when trying to join these other groups. When they get back to us, we'll vote again.

Aaron leaves.

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TABLED 8-1-0

We want them to talk to RS Infinity, which is a group that does exactly the same thing, but it began in Egypt instead of Japan. If both can work together to create one stronger group, that'd be awesome. They should contact us if they run into issues/conflicts when contacting RS Infinity. When they get back to us, we'll vote again.

Someone else must have left.

Engineers without Borders

TABLED 7-1-0

We want them to talk to Design for Change to see if DfC will sponsor them. Again, they should contact us if they run into issues/conflicts. When they get back to us, we'll vote again.

Anti-Scurvy Action League

TABLED 7-1-0

They need to talk to SaveTFP and/or Medlinks and then get back to us so we can vote.

Their mission could be fused with an existing group, again, to make an existing group stronger.

MIT International Review - full

PASSES 5-1-1

Bridge Club - full with funding restriction

PASSES 7-0-1

Remind them that it is not okay to reserve a room for a group of people, within which the majority is non-MIT students.

Solar House Team - full with funding restriction

PASSES 8-0-0