ASA Executive Board Meeting
November 28th, 2007

Present:
Shan, Keone, Alya, James, Cristina, Sarah

Voted by email (when noted below) : Brendan, Paul

Students for Global Health (SGH)
– allowing nonprofits access to MIT resources a potential issue?
– Shan: this is not just any random non-profit; these are MIT students
– are there tax issues?
    – probably not...they still file their own taxes
– we approve chapters of national organizations all the time; this is just exceptional because they are
   the founding chapter. Should they be punished for being innovative?
– we can approve them and make changes later if this turns out to be an issue
– MOTION to Approve as Full Group: 5-0-1 - PASSES

Update on recent allocations - James
– created 3 storage rooms – 1 in Walker, 2 in Student Center
    – moving two groups to a smaller office in Walker, turning their office into a storage room
    – 50 groups in these 3 spaces
– everyone got space except sponsored groups (which are not supposed to get any space)
– some space was flagged
    – want to force the groups to share, however we didn't do anything that controversial; marked
       rooms that we thought could be looked at better, open up to any student that's interested to
       discuss ideas with us later.
    – groups will have to defend their space
    – e.g. 5 darkrooms on this floor
    – The Tech's TV room (total square footage of The Tech's offices = 2000 sq feet)
    – UHF Repeater
    – Log studio
    – WMBR (3000 sq feet)
    – see document on ASA website for flagged rooms
– most controversial thing is flagging rooms to say we'd like to look at again
    – never been done before
    – Talked to Jed; seems to be best way of bringing it out in the open
    – One group offered money to upgrade other rooms – we don't want to deal with that
– How should we vote on things?
– Specific changes
    – Hindu student club lost its space
    – Chess club and tiddlywinks added to strategic games' rooms (just for storage)
    – Room with ATS, Thai, Vietnamese, Japanese – Japanese students moved to general storage
       (didn't apply)
    – Black Grad Student Assoc moved outside of BSU lounge
        – Debate team and energy team in their office
    – Created business office (moved Campus Crusade & some other club) to put SEBC, SUMA, etc.
       together

Cleanup days
– PROPOSAL by James: the more space you get, the more man-hours you have to contribute
  – those that applied late will have to do at least double
– REVISED by Shan: those that applied late will have to contribute 4 (?) hours doing cleanup and helping groups that are moving.
– Talk to CAC – do walls need to be painted? We shouldn't have to clean that up.
  – Responsibilities – us vs. CAC vs. facilities
  – Enforcement: how often should they have to check?
– Needed:
  – Building shelves (in student center 4th floor)
  – Throwing stuff away, posting to reuse
  – 109 rooms
– Single-key access – one key (owned by the group; CAC doesn't have a copy)
– Place this information where in the document?
– General storage
  – Haven't been specific – don't know what sort of storage space people need
  – Cycling club needed a staging area – work to get a card reader for DuPont

Review of past allocations process
– Informal...asked questions such as
  – Who needs an office? How many do we have?
  – Who needs storage space?
– Maybe eight tiers, but all implicit
– James can give hard examples of when the tier system doesn't work
– "These are a set of recommendations for future boards."
– "The allocations process is at the discretion of the current board"
– Modifying guidelines
  – MOTION to Modify Office/Storage Policies Vote: 8-0-0 (Paul and Brendan via Email)

Approval of allocations
– MOTION to Approve Initial Office/Storage Allocations Vote: 7-0-1 (Paul and Brendan via Email)

Agenda for GBM
– Lifting funding restriction on all full groups that don't have funding (list of these appended below)
  – Starting next summer—not now (Finboard doesn't want to be swamped at appeals)
– Discussion over office stuff
– Discuss what flagging means for anyone who has questions
– Responsibilities that ASA holds student clubs to
  – Bluntly tell student groups: you're getting these resources from us; we have these expectations
  – Not everyone showing up to GBM
  – Many late applications this year; incorrectly completed applications
– Thefts in at least seven groups? Should we discuss this? (one group – lost $1000 in 3 incidents)
  – Don't say how much has been stolen, but say:
  – If you have a theft, here's the procedure.
  – Spend next two weeks developing procedure with CAC
– Food after meeting; let groups grab food
  – A nice gesture – since we made people come
  – Q&A can happen here

- State which new groups have been recognized? (Maybe not)
- Networked card-readers (that don't have to be updated by CAC manually?)

LTI
- Budget is insane – tens of thousands of dollars
- Talk to ESP and PSC

Funding for shared space additions
- Keone will write legislation and get support of other senators
- apply to Fresh Fund and Discretionary Fund

Full Groups with Funding Restrictions:

100K Competition, MIT
Africa Internet Technology Initiative, MIT
Anscombe Society, MIT
Bhakti-Yoga
Campus MovieFest Club
Collegiate Party Renaissance
Community Badminton
Crime Club, MIT
Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa, MIT
DomeView
Ecuadorian Student Association
Egyptian Association, MIT
Engineers Without Borders, MIT
Flying Club, MIT
Interfraternity Council
International Shipping Club
Iranian Studies Group
Irish Association of MIT
Living Group Council
MentorConnection
Middle East Education Through Technology
Mujeres Latinas
Network of Sloan Undergraduate Women
Panhellenic Association
Philippine Emerging Startups Open, MIT
RS Infinity
Salsa Club, MIT
Samskritam
Silver Wings Society
Skateboarding Club, MIT
Smart Cities Initiative
ThinkBIG
Tiddlywinks Association, MIT
Whistlers, MIT
Women's Initiative
Young Democratic Socialists