ASA Meeting: 10/7/07

Attendance:
Alya
Cristina
Paul
Brendon
James
Gillian
Shan
Sarah
Keone
Sophia

1) Announcements
--my apologies, I made an error in the last meeting minutes:
      The food photography club was not recognized
      0-4-2
a) UA Representative to ASA chosen: Keone Hon
b) CSSA/MSCA discussion to bring in mediator (Jed?)
- Jed is meeting with the undergrad group, MSCA, as they don't want to be part of the grad group…
- On another note, should we do a group audit?
c) UA Reform Committee
d) Four Consulting to come under SAO, possibly as a Sponsored Group

2) Discussion/Voting
a) Leadership Training Institute – they are (hopefully) coming to meet with us
- Comfortable with us asking ESP if they could sponsor the group?
  - Could you work with them?
  - ESP not so organized, not *so* comfortable working with them
- Check out "more MIT than non-MIT students at event" rule (concerning holding the events with high school students)
- Public service group, not student group? At least 15 MIT students, 7 exec mentors
- Similar to PSC programs on campus? Work in different areas of ?
- Target small portion of MIT population, but plan to expand
- Probably won't ask for funding anymore (we'll see…departments might not give out money like this again)
- What is all the money for? Just curious…
Motion to table
8-0-1
b) Group Name Change: MIT Cancer Society -> MIT Colleges Against Cancer
      Motion to change name

8-0-1

c) Policy on ASA Official email list
- Add Gillian to asa-midway!
- Have every email forwarded to a gmail account accessible to asa execs?
- Basically, public or private archive?
- Asa-official list, create some sub lists (pres list, treas list, undergrad, grad) for the few pertinent emails that could be sent through us?
- Set a policy for using these lists?
- Or instead of making these lists, send out an "ASA Digest" of sorts that would contain all of the information that would have passed through the emails?
- Decision: make unofficial undergrad and grad student groups lists

i) Should we create another list or two?
(1) asa-unofficial, asa-prestreas, etc.

d) Group Recognition Criteria
i) Regular groups (can we group together the group types listed in the database?)
(1) Uniqueness, sustainability, Resources (?)….must look it up. =/
ii) Project groups, are we okay with group which might only last two or three years (seemingly unsustainable)?
iii) Service groups, how do they benefit MIT? Much more benefit to their "targets"
iv) Political groups, how would (hypothetically) an extremely active mit democrats group feel about having a "mit for obama" group within their group without having a "mit for hillary" group so far? Would this upset them? Valid enough to get funding from the funding board?
iv) Other types?

e) Office/Storage Space Policy
- preamble….NOT. needs changing.
- Could we have a shortened, more simple version for times like now when there is not a huge difference between available offices and requests, but keep this complicated process for times when the requests are insanely larger than the spaces?
- James: rather than having it so that the groups appeal on the published lists, we could have them appeal the actual allocations?
- Send out old, track changes, and finalized copies of revised version, please!

3) Individual Reports
a) James
i) Starting Database project
b) Shan
i) Treasurers meeting
c) Sophia
i) Bulletin Boards – status on the audit? Did audit today, sending out emails to let those who will lose their board know. Asa's bulletin board is woah so old!
d) Brendan
i) Mailboxes – status on carpenters?
ii) estimate of $550, gave account number, emailed for a follow up…waiting. Mailboxes are here, just in the room as opposed to on the wall. Ha. Ha.

e) Alya

i) other new groups:

       MESA (sponsored by Mechanical Departments)

       Motion to Recognize as Sponsored group

       7-0-2

f) Cristina

i) Theft—trying to get answers but people aren't answering

ii) Hazing/Registration Form – project being looked at by SAO

g) Gillian

i) Midway – James to provide contacts

ii) Ask Kayla for a paragraph on 'Wellesley students for Hillary Clinton', recognized? Or not recognized? How does the group recognition system work at Wellesley?

h) Paul

i) Office/Storage space

i) Sarah

4) Open Floor