

Meeting Minutes April 21, 2011

New Groups

- International Coalition of College Philanthropists
 - Seems disorganized with no specific cause and no real plans for events to raise money
 - Appears to not have talked to SAO financial about donation restrictions
 - Concerns about target audience due to breadth of cause
 - Next steps: talk to PSC/Alicia/Kerri to develop specifics
 - Decision: **tabled pending specifics**
- Universities Fighting World Hunger
 - Follow up with PSC to get impression of group viability
 - Collaborate with GPI, Baking Volunteer Club, and Food and Agriculture club
 - Distinction from GPI in more regular structured events
 - Future events: hunger week, work for project break, walk for hunger
 - Talked with Harvard people and got more people involved
 - Hunger in relation to international development
 - Registered and supported by national organization with advisor and will attend national conference
 - Decision: **approved as funded**
- Bulgarian Club at MIT
 - Expect some collaboration with other groups like Greeks and Serbs
 - Decision: **approved as funded**
- Smart Women Securities
 - Targeting specific group with audience
 - Funded status hesitant due to possibility of company sponsorships
 - Talk with Traders@MIT and NSUW
 - Decision: **tabled pending meeting with group**
- MedLife: unfunded public service and public health group
 - Attached to national organization with chapters at other schools
 - Focus on clinics in South America and would send money and some volunteer groups
 - Do periodic fundraisers and outreach on campus
 - Fund trips from own money and fundraisers
 - Organizing trip this summer to see if sustainable
 - Recommendation of national organization to bring back local arts for fundraising opportunities
 - Would like funding for things on campus
 - Follow up with PSC about group
 - Decision: **approve as unfunded with startup funding from Fresh Fund**
- Chinese Undergraduate Student Association
 - Focus on undergraduate international students only
 - Would like to help other international students with adjustments
 - Events such as traditional Chinese festivals and conference calls with other Chinese universities
 - Talked to CSSA about being more undergraduate friendly but did not feel welcome
 - Talked to CSC but problem of Westernization of involved students
 - Would like to see name change to make focus more distinct and apparent (i.e. International Chinese Undergraduate Student Association)
 - Decision: **approve as funded**
- Chinese at Tech Magazine

- Published first copy already
- In return for sponsorship, will allow for company advertisements
- Started as subdivision of CSSA but want to be separate in order to be able to focus more fully on publication with need for separate accounts
- Connection to MIT China program with Victor Zhu interview, but clear that student group does not represent the program
- Next steps: talk to publication news office, meet with Tech Review for funding and possibly licensing office (approach Leah/Kerri)
- Decision: **approve as funded**
- China Crossroads
 - Main intent and focus similar to CDI (China Development Initiative) but with more structure weekly programming events (discussions/panels)
 - Considered to be more informal and higher student involved compared to CSSA or China Forum
 - Would like recognition for publicity, use of MIT name, and funding resources
 - Not convinced that group is unique enough in purpose to recognize → small events do not need student group status, larger events can be supported by MIT China program
 - Decision: **not recognized**
- Amphibious Achievement
 - Have good structure and funding support so far with largest cost being food
 - Academic and athletic sides of group are separate with crew and swimming as the only current sports involved but some involvement with local sports team as well
 - In terms of sports, would like to stay solely with water sports → varsity women's crew coach committed and varsity swimming has service precedent
 - Decision: **approve as unfunded**
- Challah for Hunger
 - Sponsored by Hillel chaplaincy
 - Supported by a central foundation organization that will help with start up costs (similar model at Harvard)
 - Use of facilities in W11 Hillel Dairy Kitchens and in talks with Marietta at Bon Appetit
 - Decision: **approve as sponsored**
- Ethiopian-Eritrean Students Association
 - Unique in focus on Ethiopian culture
 - Decision: **approve as funded**
- Synthetic Biology for Undergraduates at MIT
 - Just recognized similarly named group Synthetic Biology Society (more research discussion based) → would like to ask for name change or pointed publicity on both sides
 - Already organized IAP class with corporate sponsors and course 6 and 20 internally
 - Space usage supported by iGEM advisor although could have safety issues for class
 - Purpose to introduce people to field of synthetic biology with possibility of IAP for credit class
 - Decision: **approve as unfunded**
- Academic Teaching Initiative
 - Spinoff from Educational Studies Program's SATPrep program
 - Composed up mainly of teachers
 - Revenue goes towards travel, other programs, student recruitment, logistical costs, paying teachers, publicity with audit process with PSC and SAO
 - Submit financial reports each semester to ASA and SAO to ensure funding status
 - Decision: **approve as unfunded**

- RC Flight Club
 - Concerns that current composition is mostly made up of friends from same fraternity
 - Would like recognition for space and funding resources → concerns about consuming lots of ASA resources for this group when could be self-funded
 - Would like to have them consider Course 16 sponsorship (similar to UAV) for space
 - Ideally would like to recognize as sponsored contingent on space eligibility for a year in order to consider funding them; otherwise, no recognition due to lack of ASA resources to support
 - Decision: **tabled pending sponsorship request**
- Interfaith @ MIT
 - More general and open than Addir Fellows and have already spoken with Ora about uniqueness
 - Decision: **approve as funded**
- Students for Daniels
 - Would like to see them restart MIT College Republicans with a focus initiative on Mitch Daniels
 - Concerns that group would not have any long term goals beyond this campaign if restarting
 - Next steps: ask for ideas on long term plans, sustainability goals and expansion in scope
 - Decision: **tabled pending more information**

LEF/ARCADE

- Next deadline: May 13, 2011 for summer cycle
- Ebony Affair
 - Has reduced budget and Kerri said that group has been able to fundraise well
 - Maximum funding at \$1700 at \$5/person due to concerns about attendance and the account going negative
 - Ask about other funding sources and at what amounts
 - Decision: **minimum between difference of (budget – other funding) and \$1700**

Tech FPOP

- Conflicting information about who is charge of FPOP Tech after talking with Julie Norman and Liz Young → would like to meet with them all together to discuss applicability of recruitment rules
- Faculty are involved and could help supervise adherence to recruitment rules but would feel more comfortable if other student publication groups (i.e. MURJ, Komaza) involved
- Would like more information on the following: motivation for program, more specifics on programming components as well as recruitment components

Transitioning

- Setting expectations on meeting attendance, project assignments, level of involvement

Database:

- Registrar and Schedules office fine with checking for signatories
- Key Card project for W20