



AIAS Meeting #1

November 6, 2009

First meeting - 7 current members, 2 interested nonmembers.

Initialization

- Evan informed the group about chapter status and spoke about membership
 - MIT is now a recognized chapter
 - Members should be getting their cards in the mail soon and if not, it is due to Excel not reading zip codes starting with a 0.
- Evan also handed out copies of the membership resource section of the chapter information packet and advised people to read through and see if there is an officer position that would suit their interests and goals.

Discussion of goals

- Had a general discussion about the architecture department and things that we would like to see changed (mainly about relations between studios classes and with grads and the facilities)
 - We want to focus on improving relations between undergrad classes
 - Having bake sales on review days
 - Having a pre-review for the classes below Level 1
 - Putting a lounge in their studio to make a comfortable space for discussions
- We need to maintain interested in the department after 4.101 and 4.104.
 - Build a sense of community so that there is a support system and older students act as mentors for younger students
 - Also advertise in the application so incoming students will know about the department and take an interest in the program (put sample drawings and stuff)
 - Also have an ad in the student activities brochure
- Talked about things we can do to establish ourselves on campus and within department
 - Building things, design/build concept introduced by Lis Evans
 - Gaining momentum and unity by improving the studio space ourselves (making shelves, display space, display blocks, etc).
 - The display blocks can be personalized for hall decoration and then covered up for reviews with black sheets (model stands)
 - Make t-shirts

Financial/administrative issues

- Irene had a great question dealing with who to be associated with—the student activities program (campus-wide) or the architecture department
 - Money allocations would be greater in the student activities section
 - We wouldn't be obliged to the department
 - But its too late to get funding from the student activities so maybe next year
- Making money
 - undergrad t-shirt
 - bake sales
- Need to talk to Bill to see when his review days are and have the application office tell architecture visitors which days are best to come to see the projects and attend the reviews.

For next meeting

- Make sure members have membership info
- Officer elections
- Start to consolidate goals for realistic achievement