



AIAS Meeting #5

February 25, 2004

Agenda

Updates on ongoing projects, discuss new dean and results of first lecture series event.

T-Shirts

- We have a slogan. See Steve for details.
- Steve will make a mock-up design
- The theme may be a problem for department funding
 - This brings up the fact that we need to find other sources of funding in general besides the department.

CPW

- Steve has come up with a prototype building activity
 - Participants can build something, we photograph it and email photo back - a way to keep up correspondence
 - Should buy inexpensive materials like a bag of junk from the Children's Museum for \$1
- What is the purpose?
 - Maybe have a site and a specific design task?
 - Maybe emulate a well-known structure?
 - We should probably leave room for creativity so participants are not turned off by constraints
- Potential date: Sat 4/17, 11-2:00.
 - Lis suggests that this may not be a good time because of BBQs and other lunchtime activities
 - Can we have it at activities or academic fair?
 - Can have it in the Stellar room or bldg 7, but how to get people here?
- Can put the event in the class-viewing schedule (during a studio)
- Maybe we should have some kind of "studio crawl" listed in this schedule
- People can go to web.mit.edu/admissions/www/cpw for more information

Barkitecture

- Design idea (recycling) and ad for program were submitted
- Probably Lis should come up with a basic design, and the actual building can be the community event
 - Should remain at a small scale because we are a small group
- Build the weekend of the 6th (13th is right before midterms)
- Materials
 - MIT Recycling provided info on drop-off points where we can find

- materials
 - Can also sign up for reuse@mit.edu (Evan: go to web.mit.edu/moira, "reuse")
 - Look in N51
 - Should have all materials pre-gathered before building
 - Discussion of materials: concrete, tires, cans, computer parts, javalogs (J. Ochsendorf) etc.
- Design is due Mar. 21st – beginning of spring break weekend
- People should contact Lis if interested, lisevans@mit.edu

Lecture series

- First event was a great success; we need to make sure that people keep coming
 - Numbers might drop if Wellesley girls don't come
- The amount of food ordered was exactly right (good job Briar!)
- Going to continue postering for each event
 - Lis: upload advertisements to /aias
 - Tom: needs to make sure he prints and posters on time

Website

- Continue submitting things for showcase
- Jim emailed archunder about plazma - good
- The department likes our website, they want to link to it

N51

- We should postpone this issue - deal with higher priorities first
- Leon should provide us with suggestions
 - Map out areas of the 3rd floor that could be changed
 - Some ideas - painting, constructing, posters, reference images
 - Can go to "The Wall" (?) on Newbury for posters
 - Briar suggests projecting sketches on the wall (ex. Corbu's) and trace
 - Lis suggests using iron-on fabric
- Non-pinup walls can be used as display space (ex. for body drawings)

Studio Exchange

- Bill Hubbard's class is enthusiastic
- Need to publicize the studio 7 sign-up sheet more
- We should definitely swap within levels, but the first exchange should probably be between Level 1 and 4.101
- Evan: print out another sign-up sheet and put it in Meejin's section

New dean

- Evan invited Adele to our lecture series but she was out of town

- We should invite her to an AIAS meeting (Wed at 12:00 seems good for the members at the meeting)
- She is trying to link architecture with other departments, especially urban planning and the media lab
- She also wants to improve pinup space and create more community space in the studios and more gallery space

Things to do

1. *Lis*: design/build for Barkitecture, weekend of the 6th
2. *Lis*: upload lecture series advertisement to /aias
3. *Tom*: print, poster for lecture series
4. *Leon*: bring suggestions for N51 improvement
5. *Evan*: post sign-up sheet in Meejin's studio
6. *Evan*: invite Adele Santos to a meeting of the AIAS
7. *Steve*: come up with mock-up design for t-shirt
8. *Members in general*:
 - a. email Steve with images for showcase
 - b. sign up for studio exchange
 - b. encourage peers to attend the lecture series