4/29/03 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jenn, Arthur, Katie, Andy, Mike, Matt, Soojin
(Phil, Mike, Kaliq, Jason)
Absent: Hiral, Parul, Tao
(Tyler, Sharon)

1. Introductions of incoming officers

2. Discussion of petitioning groups

Asian Student and Scholar Association (cheng00): small funding needs, Talent Forum, propose merging CSSA with ASSS, delineate differences and meet next week, invite CSSA
Vote: (5:0:1)

Francophone (brenard): appeal previous decision, people who speak French natively, primarily undergraduate, forum and exchange, cuisine, speakers, films; ASA Needs: space, funding, publicity; sustainability – leadership for few years; not country specific; MIT France: abroad, science exchange; French House: undergraduate, little community events; Language department: teach non-native speakers
Vote: (4:1:1) seek funding from department

National Student Partnerships – Cambridge (cchuang): client continuity, chapter of national organization, Public Service Center or Cambridge Social Services
Vote: (5:0:1) tabling and meet with PSC for sponsorship, speak with other philanthropic groups

Social Justice Class (maywa, ebast): Sweatshops, target student groups ordering shirts / caps, ASA support and official e-mail, (FLA and WRCA), QRSTS.com
Vote: (4:1:1) include two lines in the next official

Mock Trial (mkaufman, helenb): sustained and unique, room and little funding
Vote: (5:0:2) change acronym to something more recognizable

Chinese Christian Fellowship (kho): once ASA recognized, require room reservations, Asian Christian Fellowship, informal and “dorm-based”
Vote: (0:6:1) ACF corporation

KATIE: e-mail groups

3. Paperwork review of provisionally recognized groups

Origami club (watters): hardcopy support letter, officer election process, officer election date, officer removal process, meeting decision making process, amendment procedures, quorum needs to be specific fraction or number of people

MIT Haitian Alliance (drouilla): definition of membership
CAST (zhenya, castcore): 5/50, non-discrimination, hardship, president treasurer distinct students, meeting frequency, meeting decision making process

Warehouse Apartments (rtraggo): ASA God Clause

Armenian Student Organization (makhachat): 5/50, non-discrimination, hardship, president treasurer distinct students

Mystery Hunt (zoz): 5/50, hardship, not distinct students

Ashdown House (bsingh): president and treasurer distinct MIT students, ASA God Clause

How to Get Around MIT (zoz): 5/50, hardship, president and treasurer distinct students, ASA God Clause

Project Serve (alvin): president and treasurer must be distinct MIT students, need treasurer

Ballroom Dance Club (yana1024): non-discrimination clause, hardship clause, president and treasurer distinct MIT students, officer duties, officer election process, meeting decision making process

Eastgate (breea): please follow sample constitution

Engineers without Frontiers (ked26): hardship clause

VaNTH, Chamak - reaper

4. Project updates
Office space reallocation: proposals for more space, prioritization of groups and space designation in January
Bulletin board: police boards, fine violations (windows, too many per board)
Group bulletin boards: reallocation in spring, monitor usage
Small Activities Locker: reallocation in January, minimal ongoing allocations, continual inspections to clean
Finboard representatives: ASA treasurer and a UMAL
Mailboxes: ongoing checks and distribution
Club Sports Council liaison: ASA recognized group
Committee on Student Life liaison: housing ideas, allotment of space
Stata Center Committee liaison: advocate for activity needs, space (KATIE)
Sloan liaison

5. Project delegation
Next week
6. Summer projects and schedules
Present in summer: Andy, Mike, Phil, Jason, Matt, and Kaliq
FYSM (First Year Summer Mailing): organize a day to package envelopes to incoming students, mail services – charge per flyer
SAD (Student Activities Directory): obtain advertisements, lay-out, and print for distribution by Midway
Activities Midway: summer organization, day events, athletics, performances

7. Early returns
Phil, Katie, Tyler (?)
KATIE: e-mail UA Executive Committee concerning early returns

8. Open floor for anything I have forgotten
Prometheus: Tech wants thorough reporting, still no sustainability, protect current groups
Vote: (1:5:0) deny recognition, stick to initial purpose, benefit through cooperation with the Tech

A capella studio / Logs Proposal: listen to groups tonight, ASA Board position: Logs maintain permanent ownership of equipment, room allocated to Logs, preferably an agreement will be reached among groups

Postering: no tearing down of other group’s posters

Next meeting: 5/6/03; office hours at 4, meeting at 5