ASA Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Attendance
Present: Katie, Jen, Janet, James, Hannah, LaRuth
Excused absences: Artis, James, Mike, Ken
Unexcused absences: --

New group recognitions
Office hours were not held at today’s meeting, and no new groups were recognized.

Motions
No motions were proposed at today’s meeting, and no votes were taken.

Agenda
1. Update on the progress of the Bylaws
   - What will we gain by updating the bylaws? (a) ability to make slight changes (recognition procedure, allocations), without going through a GBM to get it done, while maintaining appropriate checks and balances (b) support of the GSC and UA
   - Suggestions from Barun (noted in the following bullets)
   - criteria for different groups may not be the same for all groups, there are diff categories of groups, needs to be specified in the operating guidelines
   - having amendments not take effect until subsequent semester – may not be a great idea, defeats purpose of making changes quickly, we may want to specify that operating guidelines will not go into affect until two weeks after the amendment was approved to give time for student groups to petition if that may be the case
   - standard of one third at both GBM and for petitions; not taking away power from GBM
   - need to explicitly state that both senate and council need to approve for amendment to pass; to move away from status quo, both groups need to approve
   - need to post updated operating guidelines on website
2. Read through the Constitution and the Operating Guidelines to search for inconsistencies and references to the Constitution
3. Modify wording of phrases in Operating Guideline