

ASA Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
2003-10-16

Meeting called to order by President at 17:41

Present: Katie, Jason, Arthur, Katie, Kaliq, Andy, Matt, Sharon

Absent: None

Excused: Tyler, Jacob

1. Office Hours

- No groups attended.

2. Secretary Appointment

- Philip Vasquez resigned. President appointed Arthur Fitzmaurice to the position of ASA Secretary until the next election per the Constitution.
- KATIE will send email response templates to Arthur.

3. Membership

- Counterpoint staff is heavily Wellesley-membership. Can we do anything to help them increase their membership? Not sure – need to open dialogue with them. Board votes to invite them to meet with us (6-1-1). KATIE will invite two officers to meet with us at our next office hours.
- Western Hemisphere wants to know if a staff member can be financial signatory. Should this be policy? Yes.

4. Survey Results

- 230 surveys received and compiled. KATIE will send final results to the Board.
- Consensus that anyone who attends meetings is a member, Midway went well.
- Survey available at <http://junker.mit.edu/phpmyadmin>.

5. TSA Funding

- Turkish Students Association had been derecognized and ended up going to both UA Finboard and GSC Funding Board.
- TSA is a graduate group, so it will receive funds only allocated by the GSC. UA funds will be retracted.
- JASON will inform SAFO and UA Finboard of the error.

6. Judicial Review

- Steve Tyrell says that the ASA's judicial process needs to be fixed.

- KATIE and JASON will meet with Steve Tyrell the next three Fridays 4-5pm. Other Board members may attend.

#### 7. New Group Petitions

- ARTHUR will inform MIT Law Club of problems with Constitution:
  - Missing hardship clause, officer removal process
  - Incomplete definition of membership, officer election date
- Poker Club kept their name but broadened their purpose to include playing card games in general. KATIE will reaper Poker Club.
- Talent Forum will not be recognized. We have no recommendations for them – they are simply too similar to several other cultural groups. SHARON will draft an email (to be approved by the Board) informing the group why we are not going to be able to recognize them.
- ARTHUR will inform Graduate Economics Association of problem with Constitution:
  - No Treasurer

#### 8. Official Email

- JASON will send Katie funding deadlines.
- KATIE will include office space, IAP details, public postering policy, officer training.

#### 9. Project updates

- Office space proposal for student government offices in W20 Reading Room and Asian Cultural Center in W20-401.
- Board approves endorsement and presentation of petition written by Andy to the UA Senate (8:0:0).
- TYLER needs to allocate vacant group bulletin boards.
- ROB will write up formal agreement with DormCon regarding managing the fining of dormitories.
- MATT has electronic copy of Constitution. SHARON will help Matt make sure the online Constitution is error-free.

#### 10. Uber Comm

- KATIE, JASON, ARTHUR will attend meeting on 2003-10-22-20:00.
- KATIE will prepare statement to present at the meeting.

#### 11. Mandate of the ASA

- What is the purpose of ASA—to recognize groups or to protect current groups?
- Matt proposes asking our constituents for \*their\* answer to that question at the next GBM.

## 12. Case Tracker

- asa-exec emails get forwarded to UA2 which sends auto-reply to sender and asa-exec.
- For access of Case Tracker, go to <http://ua-2.mit.edu>.
- Major flaw of system: Board members receive at least two copies of each email sent to asa-exec.
- Board will hold preliminary trial for the next two weeks.

## 13. Open Floor

- KATIE will update asa-walker to reflect groups with offices in Walker. KATIE will email them to inform them about mailboxes.
- KATIE will announce office cleanup this weekend.
- KATIE and ANDY will visit Larry Benedict's Office Hours next Friday to discuss office space, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 18:50.

Minutes submitted at 18:54.