

## Meeting Minutes April 21, 2011

### New Groups

- International Coalition of College Philanthropists
  - Seems disorganized with no specific cause and no real plans for events to raise money
  - Appears to not have talked to SAO financial about donation restrictions
  - Concerns about target audience due to breadth of cause
  - Next steps: talk to PSC/Alicia/Kerri to develop specifics
  - Decision: **tabled pending specifics**
- Universities Fighting World Hunger
  - Follow up with PSC to get impression of group viability
  - Collaborate with GPI, Baking Volunteer Club, and Food and Agriculture club
  - Distinction from GPI in more regular structured events
  - Future events: hunger week, work for project break, walk for hunger
  - Talked with Harvard people and got more people involved
  - Hunger in relation to international development
  - Registered and supported by national organization with advisor and will attend national conference
  - Decision: **approved as funded**
- Bulgarian Club at MIT
  - Expect some collaboration with other groups like Greeks and Serbs
  - Decision: **approved as funded**
- Smart Women Securities
  - Targeting specific group with audience
  - Funded status hesitant due to possibility of company sponsorships
  - Talk with Traders@MIT and NSUW
  - Decision: **tabled pending meeting with group**
- MedLife: unfunded public service and public health group
  - Attached to national organization with chapters at other schools
  - Focus on clinics in South America and would send money and some volunteer groups
  - Do periodic fundraisers and outreach on campus
  - Fund trips from own money and fundraisers
  - Organizing trip this summer to see if sustainable
  - Recommendation of national organization to bring back local arts for fundraising opportunities
  - Would like funding for things on campus
  - Follow up with PSC about group
  - Decision: **approve as unfunded with startup funding from Fresh Fund**
- Chinese Undergraduate Student Association
  - Focus on undergraduate international students only
  - Would like to help other international students with adjustments
  - Events such as traditional Chinese festivals and conference calls with other Chinese universities
  - Talked to CSSA about being more undergraduate friendly but did not feel welcome
  - Talked to CSC but problem of Westernization of involved students
  - Would like to see name change to make focus more distinct and apparent (i.e. International Chinese Undergraduate Student Association)
  - Decision: **approve as funded**
- Chinese at Tech Magazine

- Published first copy already
- In return for sponsorship, will allow for company advertisements
- Started as subdivision of CSSA but want to be separate in order to be able to focus more fully on publication with need for separate accounts
- Connection to MIT China program with Victor Zhu interview, but clear that student group does not represent the program
- Next steps: talk to publication news office, meet with Tech Review for funding and possibly licensing office (approach Leah/Kerri)
- Decision: **approve as funded**
- China Crossroads
  - Main intent and focus similar to CDI (China Development Initiative) but with more structure weekly programming events (discussions/panels)
  - Considered to be more informal and higher student involvement compared to CSSA or China Forum
  - Would like recognition for publicity, use of MIT name, and funding resources
  - Not convinced that group is unique enough in purpose to recognize → small events do not need student group status, larger events can be supported by MIT China program
  - Decision: **not recognized**
- Amphibious Achievement
  - Have good structure and funding support so far with largest cost being food
  - Academic and athletic sides of group are separate with crew and swimming as the only current sports involved but some involvement with local sports team as well
  - In terms of sports, would like to stay solely with water sports → varsity women's crew coach committed and varsity swimming has service precedent
  - Decision: **approve as unfunded**
- Challah for Hunger
  - Sponsored by Hillel chaplaincy
  - Supported by a central foundation organization that will help with start up costs (similar model at Harvard)
  - Use of facilities in W11 Hillel Dairy Kitchens and in talks with Marietta at Bon Appetit
  - Decision: **approve as sponsored**
- Ethiopian-Eritrean Students Association
  - Unique in focus on Ethiopian culture
  - Decision: **approve as funded**
- Synthetic Biology for Undergraduates at MIT
  - Just recognized similarly named group Synthetic Biology Society (more research discussion based) → would like to ask for name change or pointed publicity on both sides
  - Already organized IAP class with corporate sponsors and course 6 and 20 internally
  - Space usage supported by iGEM advisor although could have safety issues for class
  - Purpose to introduce people to field of synthetic biology with possibility of IAP for credit class
  - Decision: **approve as unfunded**
- Academic Teaching Initiative
  - Spinoff from Educational Studies Program's SATPrep program
  - Composed up mainly of teachers
  - Revenue goes towards travel, other programs, student recruitment, logistical costs, paying teachers, publicity with audit process with PSC and SAO
  - Submit financial reports each semester to ASA and SAO to ensure funding status
  - Decision: **approve as unfunded**

- RC Flight Club
  - Concerns that current composition is mostly made up of friends from same fraternity
  - Would like recognition for space and funding resources → concerns about consuming lots of ASA resources for this group when could be self-funded
  - Would like to have them consider Course 16 sponsorship (similar to UAV) for space
  - Ideally would like to recognize as sponsored contingent on space eligibility for a year in order to consider funding them; otherwise, no recognition due to lack of ASA resources to support
  - Decision: **tabled pending sponsorship request**
- Interfaith @ MIT
  - More general and open than Addir Fellows and have already spoken with Ora about uniqueness
  - Decision: **approve as funded**
- Students for Daniels
  - Would like to see them restart MIT College Republicans with a focus initiative on Mitch Daniels
  - Concerns that group would not have any long term goals beyond this campaign if restarting
  - Next steps: ask for ideas on long term plans, sustainability goals and expansion in scope
  - Decision: **tabled pending more information**

#### LEF/ARCADE

- Next deadline: May 13, 2011 for summer cycle
- Ebony Affair
  - Has reduced budget and Kerri said that group has been able to fundraise well
  - Maximum funding at \$1700 at \$5/person due to concerns about attendance and the account going negative
  - Ask about other funding sources and at what amounts
  - Decision: **minimum between difference of (budget – other funding) and \$1700**

#### Tech FPOP

- Conflicting information about who is charge of FPOP Tech after talking with Julie Norman and Liz Young → would like to meet with them all together to discuss applicability of recruitment rules
- Faculty are involved and could help supervise adherence to recruitment rules but would feel more comfortable if other student publication groups (i.e. MURJ, Komaza) involved
- Would like more information on the following: motivation for program, more specifics on programming components as well as recruitment components

#### Transitioning

- Setting expectations on meeting attendance, project assignments, level of involvement

#### Database:

- Registrar and Schedules office fine with checking for signatories
- Key Card project for W20