

11/20/2019 -- ASA Executive Board Meeting

**Group Approvals!** Vote to approve Tamid *funded*, Microprojects unfunded, PlanEAT unfunded

- Both re. unfunded: no concrete reasoning for funding given, open to groups coming back for future semesters for us to reconsider this.

Greater China Vision:

- Clarify it's a student organization in the mission
- Additional coverage of culturally related regions beyond China makes us view more favorably - potential name change to reflect their specific purpose
- We are dubious about their concerns re. merging with another group, will have them reach out directly to do discussion with existing orgs.
- *Tabling*

United Towards American Progress: due to drastic changes, have them resubmit completely during the next application cycle

**Words from the ASA Treasurer: GSC Funding Training**

- Funded vs. unfunded distinction, ASA groups only
- Any group is able to apply to LEF/ARCADE, including non-ASA umbrella groups
  - Guidelines for this discussed at length in presentation
  - Addition: conferences/hackathons/new events, meet with SAO 6 months in advance to talk space, contracts, sponsorships, etc.
  - Exceptions: more apps than funding, spouses/families, some groups grandfathered in to non-MIT A/V but we want to encourage MIT A/V, "late applications subject to additional fees"
- What we wanna see with LEF/ARCADE: expected size, breakdown, event description, past funding
  - \$10/MIT is event total, not food total
  - USE THE ENGAGE FORM

**Operating Guidelines - discussion**

- @everyone read the changes!
- Derecognition: formalize the appeal process in the guidelines + discussion of necessary steps. Maintain the ability of a GBM to derecognize a group, but give ASA appeal-granting power
- Exec board being students, i.e. space signatories having to be students
  - Position of SAO: should be students because responsibility falls on them for the fate of that space, worried about alumni influence of a group. Potentially opens up a rabbit hole for alumni members being channeled to do other things.
  - Students designate space reservation signatories that are not students - potential way to inhibit alumni-controlled group prospects

- This already exists. Groups lean on space signatories to perform administrative tasks, and it's often easier to give this to somebody who knows what they're doing. This still presents problematic potential...
  - New operating guidelines mention: 50% of exec board must be students and members of a current group
  - Solution: "strongly recommended that these be current students". We can't establish whether this is correlation or causation, so we'll address this in the future, leaving this up to groups for now.
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- Membership requirements
    - Can non-MIT students be members of a group? We say **no** with the exception of intercollegiate groups via mission.

**Surfrider Foundation** - potential conflict with MIT Insurance policies, need to follow up with this and make sure things are in order prior to going forward.

**ASA Official being sent out!** Check poster space, LEF/ARCADE notification, CAC opening of the books. With the completion of LEF/ARCADE form, we are sending this out today.