

## ISAB Meeting Minutes

Feb 12, 2014: 7:30-9 PM, I-House Coulter Lounge

Minutes-taken by Akua Nkansah-Amankra

### Intro: Getting To Know You – Favorite Foods

- Akua-anything but American
- Mindy-Ice Cream
- Manuel-Oriental
- Jen-Dumplings
- Renée-yay cannoli!
- Lena-carrots
- Jaime-delicious Venezuelan dish with all the yums ^\_^
- Abdulla-chicken fried rice and noodles
- Deepa-all the noms ^\_^
- Farah-Mashed potatoes and gravy
- Tamara-anything but okra ☹
- Ketlène-a block of fried cheese and seafood
- Champ-spicy soup
- Cho-fried chicken
- Zhiliang-porridge

### Alumni Association members presentation

- Connection for career opportunities and socializing
- Represent Central Alumni (lab school, faculty member, hospital, all the other schools and divisions); certain divisions have their own separate alumni association
- Crash course website tutorial-Alumni and friends
- You have to create an account
- It's very important to have a working physical address. It's important for board members to remind their friends to update their profile in order to get relevant emails
- March 28: official opening of UChicago center in Delhi
- Look for ideas to improve connection to campus community
- Lena: bring back international event where there were opportunities to connect to others; maybe make it annually? Include a table with information
- Deepa: what is the carryover? What kinds of connections were actually made?
- Mindy: invite students to alumni events
- Ketlène: build relationships with alumni BEFORE we graduate. Show career trajectory of alumni
- Renee: connect with career advancement to help with Metcalf, Taking the Next Step
- Manuel: how do you get connected to alumni in academic fields
- Graduate convention

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- Increase Alumni House's ability to connect students to other alumni
- Akua: increase alumni connection to undergrads
- Zeynep: inculcate a culture of reaching out among the undergrads

### **Updates!!!!**

- Guide: we have 13 responses ☺ ☺
- Lena, RSO meeting: got a room (Kent 120); sent emails; forum from 7-8pm at Kent 120 on February 24
  - What kind of format are we looking for?
  - Contacted about 35 groups. Hopefully at least a third of the people show up
  - Format: keep it pretty general, but include some information about what the goals of the board and the fund
  - Jenny: have guiding questions that will loosely shape the forum
  - Tamara and Ketlène: maybe have club representatives sit on the board meetings (without being board members) to give their input
- ISAB proposal guidelines: passed!!
- We also have a list host now
- Spanish Graduate Conference: much improved application. Applying for just breakfast
  - Status: Approved for the full amount
- International women's day: poster making session (Ketlène, Jenny)