

# ISAB Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2014: 7:30-9 PM, I-House Coulter Lounge

## Recap on international Women's Day-

- Ketlen talked about the poster making session tomorrow. Slots have been filled.
- Tamara expressed the importance of participation in the Women's Day Parade.
- The opportunity to perhaps lure milkshake buyers to get involved in poster making, members should mingle and try attract people to help. Purple milkshake perhaps for next year!

## First thing on agenda: Funding Proposal

Shiro Wachira presents her grant proposal regarding social entrepreneurship. She expressed how their grant is particularly relevant to the international student community.

- Questions posed about how critical is the boards aid to their project.
- Questions posed about other sources of funding that they are going for.
- Questions posed about interest in the program, advertising and outreach.
- Shiro and Kenny, talked about why the project is important to them.
- Shiro talked about how the ISAB could help in publicizing the event throughout its resources.

\* Tamara poses the grant for discussion on the table, after Shiro has left.

- Decision made to excuse Kenny from voting.
- In agreement that the amount requested was not exorbitant, it is a student initiative, and our budget is in good shape, so we can spare.
- Ketlen said it would be a good opportunity for the exposure of ISAB.
- Ketlen made a motion to fund fully. Jaime seconded the motion.
- A vote was made, the vote was unanimously in agreement.
  
- Question raised- Should we get a treasurer? How do we track the expenditures? Should we keep credibility books, to compile a history of our funding as a board.
  
- Kenny made aware of the move to fund. An email will be sent to him in follow up.

## The second agenda: the upcoming new board selection.

- Tamara asks that the board publicize to the international community, as well as identified individuals.
- Try to get applications reviewed before the next meeting. The application batch should be gone through thoroughly, will be considerable work.
- After board meeting we should notify successful applicants. Then have one last big meeting.
- Akua proposed that the deadline for applications be pushed after final's week, for the convenience of the students.
- Zeynep proposed we put together a google doc discussing the applicants. Tamara in response posed that for --Jamie proposed we have word limits, to cut the selection workload.
- Kenny volunteered to create a score sheet format for the selection process.
- Akua posed the question- why do we need the student's ID number.
- Tamara explained the logistics, how it is just a formality for record's sake.

### **The third agenda: Updates**

Lena raised points below, about the RSO forum the group held:

- They got 4 RSVPs initially. KSO, ACSA, SASA, Thai Students and Chinese Grad Students Association showed up to the forum.
- RSO's seemed excited about the funding opportunities the ISAB can provide.
- We have always had a history of not being able to reach RSO representatives.
- The university's RSO database should be updated.
- It was a successful first meeting. A suggestion was that a big event be thrown for an RSO gathering.
- The Chinese Grad Students Association suggested that a formal event would be great, a social event.

**Tamara:** How can we create a preferred RSO status? How do we know which RSO are doing what, RSOs in active status.

- There is a sense in which the RSO are segregated, discommunicated from each other- it would be helpful to take on the role of recovering a solidarity of sorts.

**Champ:** Perhaps we place some RSO on a priority list based on their participation, keenness to work with us.

**Akua:** Should we invite some RSO heads to the ISAB table as encouragement to get involved?

### **Jamie gives updates on The International Student's Guide.**

- 17 new points brought up.

**Akua:** Should we put up an OIA table for publicity, gather information.

**Tamara:** Perhaps place 'ideas request' banner on tables.

**Tamara:** Do the groups present now, or on next meeting?

**Tamara:** Women's Day update. This year's Women's Day celebration will be used to inform planning for next year as well.