

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.