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Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6pm

1. Mantra for this year:
2. Lucas Felts was our guest! About Revolving Loan Funds
  - a. Revolving Loan Funds are a sum of money that starts at a certain amount.
  - b. Want to improve Green Technology; go to people with loans to do their projects, the projects get audited between years. The amount saved goes back into the revolving fund to provide funding for more green technology. Harvard has shown a 9% rate of return on average. It's an effective way to spend money and provide a continuous flow back into the fund. The project would have to pay itself back over a certain amount of time and, if you "default," you pay back the excess.
  - c. Where does MCSA come in?
    - i. We currently have a significant amount of reserves from Tech Fee. We could use the excess reserves to get it started and in future years, anything that exceeds what is allocated from Tech Fee would flow into the Revolving Funds. Tech Fee proposals first, then Revolving Fund proposals. It's better to be spending our reserves than holding onto it.
  - d. Other ideas: Issuing Green Fees [We would set the amount via surveys, etc.] instead of shifting Tech Fee money.
  - e. Other schools [and the way we are proposing] govern the fund with a committee comprised of many students as well as faculty and staff.
  - f. MCSA, MPIRG, and GreenCorps all have interest to do this and would help during the proposals. Governing structure would be determined by MCSA.
  - g. Talk with Coleen Miller and Lowell Rasmussen to determine where we *could* do it under the new fee structure. Basically, figure out how Crookston does it and how we could do something similar.
  - h. MCSA can't do much until we have more information. Bringing it forward to Forum at this point is not good. But it's fair to say this project has our initial interest.
3. Placing Freshmen on Committees
  - a. Conflicts are everywhere. It's a process, and Manjari's working on it.
4. We need a new member on Executive Committee from Forum.
5. Stipends for SSLC
  - a. MCSA has carryforward to create the line item by shifting our own funds, but we need permission from AFRC to do so. Executive Committee approved of this action provided Forum is informed of the decision at the next meeting.
6. Henry Fulda would like to come to Forum and talk about something for 3-5 minutes. If we can contact him, we'll put him on the agenda.

7. Anyone interested in being part of the Alumni Networking Website Webinar?
8. Committees: possibly meeting after Forum.
9. For Monday's Agenda
  - a. For Information: Campus Assembly Feedback (10 minutes)
  - b. New Business: Green Revolving Fund: Soliciting Interested Individuals who are in for the long haul
  - c. For Information: SSLC Stipend Creation from MCSA Budget
  - d. For Information: Henry Fulda
  - e. For Information: Jim Hall
  - f. Election of a new Member on Executive Committee
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.