Hi everybody, over the past month, our committee has been working on a workplan for the upcoming year. I am now happy to present to you the SSA workplan for the year 2002-2003.

2002 – 2003 Forecast

SSA Report May/June 2002
Vision
Objectives
1) Spring/Summer
2) Fall
3) Winter

VISION

To create cohesion among Singaporeans and for the Singaporean community to reach out to the wider University community.

OBJECTIVES

1) To create an understanding of one another between Singaporeans
2) To find common interests among Singaporeans and create a sense of belonging in SSA
3) To reach out to the school community to share what being Singaporean is about and to learn about other cultures.

We have structured our workyear around three main events to achieve our three objectives above. They are listed in bold and underlined below. Other major activities are listed as well.
1) SPRING/SUMMER

Orientation Program - To create an understanding of one another between Singaporeans

Committee Formed (Late Winter)

Event (Summer-Early Fall)

Our aim is for the Singaporean community at Umich to come together to work on this orientation program for the incoming students from Singapore. It is our intention to involve as many people as we can in this first effort to foster a greater understanding between all of us here at Umich. The Orientation Program preparation begins now and will be executed in different phases throughout the summer holidays, carrying on into the first few weeks of Fall Semester.

SSA Logo

Our old logo can no longer be used and we intend to create a new logo for the SSA.

Website

We intend to build a website that will cater to the specific needs of the Singaporean community here and act as a gateway for other people to reach the Singaporean community here as well as for Singaporeans here to reach out to other people in Umich and the world.

Newsletter Fall Edition

Our fall edition will complement the Orientation Program to welcome the freshmen to Umich. It is to highlight the different kinds of lifestyles that Singaporeans/Americans lead, and to generate a buzz among the Singaporeans for the exciting year ahead.
2) FALL

Telematch - To find common interests among Singaporeans and create a sense of belonging in SSA

Committee Formed (Late Summer)

Event (Late October/ Early November)

Our aim is to find the common interests among Singaporeans and to generate a sense of belonging through games, sports, and various other competitions among members and non-members alike. The Telematch series will comprise of IM sports and other competitions culminating in a Telematch Day sometime in the middle of the Semester. The structure of the competition is planned for inter-batch level competition but may be changed as deem necessary by the Telematch Committee. Again, we intend to get community-wide participation in the committee to foster greater understanding among all of us here.

Mid-Autumn Festival

This annual event will be held within the first couple of weeks of Fall semester. It is the transition between the Orientation Program and the Telematch Series and a first social event for the freshmen in Umich.

Social Night/Day-Trips and activities/Halloween

We intend to make use of the excellent Fall weather as a complement for our Telematch series. This series of social outings and activities have the aim of bringing members and Singaporeans together outside of the academic and competitive circles.

Course-Evaluation Guide

There are plans to create an inter-disciplinary online course evaluation guide for Singaporeans by Singaporeans to help current and future batches in charting out their academic paths.
3) WINTER

**Chinese New Year Celebration - reach out to the school community to share what being Singaporean is about and to learn about other cultures.**

Committee Formed (Late October)

Event (Late January/Early February)

Our aim is to build on the cohesion created within the Singaporean community and use it as a platform to reach out to the wider university community here. This Chinese New Year Celebration will include the traditional reunion dinner followed by a day of showcasing the talents and personalities of the Singaporean community here. The CNY Committee will push this effort. We have a variety of ideas for how this event will be carried out and it will be come clearer as the date of the event draws nearer.

**Ski Trip**

It is now time to make use of the winter weather. We intend to build on the success of this year's ski trip to make this an annual event for the SSA.

**Commemorative Video**

This will be a yearlong effort and will culminate in a commemorative video for all members as well as documenting the first year of the freshmen. We intend this as a 3-year effort for every batch starting from the incoming freshmen batch as a remembrance for their 3 years in Umich.

The above are the main plans we have for SSA this upcoming year. We are excited to begin our journey and we hope that together with you, we will create a better community for everybody.

Please feel free to email me at lowj@umich.edu if you have any questions or suggestions or if you want to get involved in the journey with us : )

Your President

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