Hi everyone! Welcome back to Ann Arbor! Fall semester has begun and I hope everyone had a great summer and are all prepared for the term ahead. We are joined for the first time by this year’s freshmen batch and I would like to welcome each and every one of you to an exciting year ahead with the college and with the SSA.

As we gear up for our Fall semester activities, here is an update and recap of what happened over the past 2 months:

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1) **SSA Logo**

After months of preparation and design, we have come up with our new logo at last. This logo will be officially launched on 21st September at our Fall General Meeting and will replace the temporary logo you now see on the web version of this report. Look forward to its unveiling on the 21st of September!

2) **Constitution**

After much discussion and revision, we have finalized a proposed revision to Article V of the constitution: Election Proceedings. This proposed revision will be presented in a separate email soon and we will hold a vote for it at our Fall General Meeting. Look out for the email within the next few days.

3) **Freshmen Orientation**

The Orientation Committee conducted a couple of activities for the incoming freshmen in Singapore to prepare them for their college education here. The first of these was the information session for students and parents held at Hwa Chong Junior College on the 13th of July. Over 100 students and parents turned up and our mentors and advisors made the event a huge success. Parents left assured and freshmen went away excited about their college education at the U of M.

The next event was the Orientation BBQ at Loyang Aloha Holiday Chalets. The Orientation Committee had many innovative games in store for the freshmen and it was a good time to get to know one another. The night was topped off with a U of M student on exchange at NUS teaching salsa to the people there. The freshmen did not stop there and they organized parties at a club in Mohd Sultan
among other outings. The Orientation concluded with a trip to Meijers when the freshmen arrived to get their daily essentials.

The Mentorship Program continues to be in place and will help the freshmen settle in within the first year of their stay here.

4) **Experiences 2002**

Experiences 2002 was held on the 27th of July at Suntec City Convention Center. A record number of people turned up at this year’s event and we conducted this year’s booth with extensive help from the Undergraduate Admissions Office. The materials they provided us and the information sheets we prepared ourselves aided us tremendously in answering the queries of the prospective students.

5) **JC Talks**

The JC talks this year, in conjunction with the Undergraduate Admissions Office, were held at 4 JCs: Anglo-Chinese JC, National JC, Hwa Chong JC, and Victoria JC. With the help of alumni from the respective JCs, we successfully completed this year’s round of JC talks. Many of these talks were held together with SSAs from other Universities in the US and different styles were used for each JC. Overall, it was a fruitful experience for both the JCs and for us.

6) **Database**

A BIG thank you to everyone who have responded to our request for emergency contact information. As of today, we have 140 out of an estimated 226 Singaporean studying here captured in our database. To those of us who have not responded yet, please do so as soon as possible. The information gathered here is for security, emergency, and demographic purposes and will be kept strictly confidential. We hope to hear from you soon.

Look out for the forecast of events to come this Fall within the next few days! Once again, welcome back to Ann Arbor!

Your President

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