March - April 2002 Report

Hi everyone! It's been a month since our new committee came into office and I am very happy to present to you our report for March/April 2002.

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1) Vote of Confidence (March 23)

Thanks to all those who came down on March 23 to cast your vote. 61 out of 63 members cast a vote of confidence for our committee. Thank you for giving us such a strong mandate to go ahead as your SSA committee for 2002-2003.

2) Survey (Week of March 24)

We conducted a survey to find out from you what you would like to see the SSA do for you in the coming year. Here are the results. Mean scores are shown.

Activities (out of 10)
1. Sports/Leisure 8.3
2. Social Outings 8.0
3. Large Social Events 7.6
4. Small Social Events 6.2
5. Community service 5.8
6. Academic/Career 4.9
7. Singapore Promotion 4.8
8. Cultural Events 4.6

Event types (out of 5)
1. With other International SAs 3.8
2. With other SSAs 3.8
3. Within Umich SSA 3.6
4. With Americans 3.4
3) Senior's Day (April 7)

Senior's Day was our first event. Our aim was to give our seniors an opportunity to meet up with everyone one last time before they graduate. Behind our head chef Kuang, we prepared a spread created by him and his team. Karen and Vikram prepared the program as well as superlatives/prizes for our sporting seniors and were accompanied in the MC roles by our DJs Ken and Joan. The KTV and logistics support was planned and carried out by Leon and his team. We also launched the first edition of our newsletter, The MI-Sing Link, created within 2 weeks by Karen and her editorial team.

We especially hope all seniors enjoyed the CD-ROM souvenir of your Umich experience created just for you by Zhiyang and his team.

Souvenir and Video: Zhiyang, Bong, Joanna, Elisa, Cindy, Amanda, Bernard, Yang Heng, Sulaiman, Peter, Shengcheng, Xiaoqing, Vikram
Invitations: Xiaoqing, Vikram, Linli, Karen, Leon, Zhiyang
Newsletter: Karen, Jon, Linli, Yanyu, Shanthan, Junwei, Lisa, Suzy, Tienyou, Vikram, Leon
Food: Kuang, Leonard, Ann E, Liyan, Linli, Mindy, Shuming, Kim Leong, Yuesze, Peter, Guanghao, Jill, Hendi, Shengcheng, Chingyang
Logistics and Setup: Leon, TK, Bernard, Jill, Kenichiro, Elisa, Xiaoqing, Leonard, Junwei, Shengcheng

This senior's day was truly a collective effort by the community and we hope, an indication of the success of things to come. It was a seniors' day to remember and I hope all of us who were there enjoyed ourselves :)

4) Email Groups (April 8)

We restructured the email grouping structure to have three different mailing groups.

**umssa@umich.edu** - Only current members.
**singapore@umich.edu** - Everyone with connections to Singapore and Singaporeans in Umich as well as all members past and present.
**s-interact@umich.edu** - Anyone. Unmoderated emails.

umssa and singapore would be solely for the purposes of dissemination of information from the committee to everyone. Please read these emails.

In addition, we started the Weekly Email series, which highlights the important events and other information that may be of interest to Singaporeans collectively in one email.
5) Orientation Committee (April 13)

Our next event will be the Orientation Program for incoming students for the 2002-2003 academic year. On April 13, the orientation planning committee was formed and will be headed by Zhiyang and Bernard. This is the first of our 3 main events for the upcoming year. The committee will be in action from now onwards and prepare for our Orientation Program, which will begin over the summer in Singapore and carry on till Fall semester over here in Ann Arbor.

The committee chair Zhiyang will introduce the Orientation Program to us shortly.