Hi guys! Hope everyone is enjoying the holidays! Spring semester has just ended and almost everyone should be on holiday now. These past two months have been a time for the SSA to regroup and refocus on the year ahead. In this report, I will talk about the following things:

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1) SSA Logo
We have come up with an interim logo to be used for letterheads and such until our official logo is launched. The interim logo can be viewed on the top right corner of the online version of this report at our website www.umich.edu/~singa

We are still open to interested members who want to design the logo. We want to play around with the letters: S, S, A, U, and M. We will have a special section on our website to showcase our new website and its creator when launched, hopefully be the end of July. Contact us at ssa@umich.edu to find out more.

2) Treasury
We have been aggressively sourcing for funds to enable us to hold better and larger events for SSA this year. To date, we have secured more than US$1000 in spring/summer funding from MSA, OAMI, ONSP, etc. We will use these funds for our spring summer activities as well as fall activities. More details on these activities in the coming week.

3) Website
We have begun the website revamp process. Our current website is being hosted on the University server. CGI scripts are not allowed on the university server and we are currently working with some SSA members to work around this and come up with a fully functional and useful website for our organization. To visit our skeletal revamped website, go to www.umich.edu/~singa
4) Constitution

In response to the issue of voting by proxy in the last election, we have come up with an amendment to clarify voting by proxy issues during elections. This will be released nearer the Fall GM where this amendment will be voted upon.

In addition, for long term stability in the constitution, we have drawn up a new constitution. This constitution includes every clause in our current constitution and builds on it in an attempt to patch up the many loopholes we have. However, we will not push for the constitution to be implemented in a one-time launch. Instead, we will release it section by section to this mailing list so that everyone will be able to get a better idea of what it is. Thereafter, a decision will then be made on whether or not it will be implemented and how we will go about doing it. More on the constitution in the months to come. Contact us at ssa@umich.edu to find out more.

5) Database

We have decided to do away with the elaborate list in favour of just getting the name and contact number of members and other Singaporeans studying in Umich. The database’s primary aim is to create a system of registering our members as well as non-member Singaporeans for effective communication in case of emergency. So far, response has been expectedly poor and we will thus shoot for having just a collection of names and emergency contact numbers. Xiaoqing will send an email requesting for:

   a) Your Full Name
   b) Your contact number in Emergency (Ann Arbor)
   c) Next of Kin (NOK)
   d) NOK contact number in Emergency (Anywhere)

We will begin with the incoming freshmen batch to collect a full profile in order to build up a demographics database for SSA. Demographic information is useful to any organization when reporting to official bodies such as Michigan Student Assembly and Singapore Embassy or other bodies like recruiting firms.

Rest assured that any information captured in our database will be kept strictly confidential unless the user has indicated he wishes to share his information. Demographic information released will only be a compiled summary of total figures.

6) UMAS Collaboration

We have met up a couple of times with UMAS and have established firm contacts with them. A couple of initiatives have been proposed, including how UMAS and SSA can collaborate with the University Undergraduate Admissions Office (UGAD) to support the application process for JC students applying to Umich. This is in effect at other US
Universities and UMAS has expressed a strong interest to create a strong University-Alumni link worthy of a great university like the U of M.

In the short term, UMAS will be supporting the New Students Information Session to be held on the 13th of July. More details of this in the coming week.

7) **Student Leader Conference (SLC)**

The Student Leader Conference is held bi-annually, once at LINKS and once over the summer holidays in Singapore. We attended both meetings and established a strong presence at this summer’s SLC.

One of the issues discussed were LINKS 2003. Currently, LINKS 2003 may not be held as no school has put forth a proposal. However, Stanford and UC Berkeley are looking into a possible collaborative effort together with Upenn. This unprecedented move is being explored with the advisory of Cornell University. We have also offered to advise along with Cornell.

This year, SLC elections will be held at Experiences 2002 on 27 July. Each region will elect 1 rep. Umich is in the Midwest region and the current rep is from U of Chicago. Any Singaporean studying in North America is eligible for this post. Being part of the SSA committee is not a pre-requisite. If you are interested to find out more, please contact us at ssa@umich.edu