Marathon FinBoard mtg debates activity funding

In a seven-hour meeting Tuesday night, the Finance Board (formerly the Student Activity Funding Board) reviewed the budgets of various student groups. The European Club, International Students Association, Islamic Students Society, the Bangladeshi Student Association, the Black Students Union (BSU), Mexican American Students Association (MASA), and the Gospel Choir were all considered MIT students in general. Finboard tabled until its next meeting any decision on the BSU's request for $4,730. The Board explained that the BSU provided an inadequate description of the goals and details of their activities. Sam Austin '82, co-chairman of the BSU remarked, "I think it's really unfortunate... it's a terrible waste of time."

Last year, Finboard gave the BSU $3,506. Austin attributed the increase requested over last year's amount to an expansion in the activities of the BSU, which this year will include a Conference on Conservation and the Rise of the Right, Black Issue Month, and Black History Month. The BSU initially requested $3,876.

At the meeting, Austin denied allegations that the BSU went into debt to buy a stereo system for the Black Student Center.

"That's a blatant lie. We've never heard that one before." The computer terminal and three phones in the Black Student Center were also discussed at the meeting.

In addition, Finboard allotted $500 to MASA, $600 to the Gospel choir, and $150 to Edavan.

Moanie paper distributed at the Institute

At its last meeting, the Alumnae Advisory Council (AAC) voted to distribute a Moanie paper to incoming students. The paper is a collection of articles, poetry, and photographs that reflect the experience of women at MIT. The AAC hopes that the distribution of the Moanie paper will encourage students to explore their identity and the challenges faced by women in the engineering and scientific fields.

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