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Email Minutes

October 16th, 2013 – 8:13 a.m. – 11:54 a.m.

Emailed To: Nandini Bajaj (President), Ryan Thalari (Secretary), Jacob Rock (Treasurer), Anna Kosmyrina (President Emeritus), Stephanie Fehon, Nigel Khine, Lachlan McGrath, Dhanya Mani, Rochelle Amys.

Omitted: None

Subject: 2nd Worlds Team Allocated

Nandini – 16/10/2013, 8:13 a.m.

Hi guys,

We've been allocated a 2nd Worlds team overnight. For those who don't know, the process of team allocations this year was done over several rounds. We have 1 week to accept or decline the offer. We need this done over email because it may be some time before our next exec meeting. We currently have 1 team and 2 adjudicators, and considering how late this is after our Worlds Trials, and since three of the five people who trialed already stated they could not afford to go, it seems unlikely we will be able to gather interest.

Please only send ONE email in this chain (replying to everybody, obviously) on whether you think we should accept or decline the spot and your reasons why. You may ask questions if you feel you need to in up to THREE emails. Is everyone ok with this?



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Ok, so I think we shouldn't accept the spot because we won't be able to fill it and we will lose the 350 euro deposit.

Stephanie – 16/10/2013, 8:19 a.m.

Hi all,

I don't think we should accept this team, because unfortunately the only people who have expressed interest in debating are unable to afford the \$2000 it will cost (unless by some miracle cheap flights are discovered, I can vouch for mark and myself). The only way to attend would be through a high subsidy. I don't think, given our fiscal position, that this is something MUDS is capable of offering. We will not be able to fill the team, and therefore there is no point accepting.

Jacob – 16/10/2011, 9:09 a.m.

I agree, don't accept it. I think that most of the people who trialled have already decided not to go, so we won't get people. Maybe next year if the uni actually agrees to subsidize our tournaments too

Ryan – 16/10/2013, 10:06 a.m.

Hey everyone, I agree and vote not to accept the 2nd team.

While it would be great if we could send 2 teams, the people who are interested in going aren't able to make it, and the people that might be able to make it aren't interested in going.



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Anna – 16/10/2013, 10:33 a.m.

I also vote against accepting a second team - see everyone's reasoning above.

Dhanya – 16/10/2013, 11:19 a.m.

Hi all,

Agreed as well that we shouldn't accept the second team. As much as it would be lovely to send people through, it just doesn't seem practical when those others who trialled can't afford it.

Hopefully next year!

Nigel – 16/10/2013, 11:54 a.m.

I completely agree with everything everyone said.

7 votes for

0 votes against

Motion passes