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Sally Susnowitz
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Dear Dean Susnowitz,

I am writing as a member of the Students *for* Global Sustainability (*SfGS*), a student group dedicated to promoting sustainability and sustainable development in the education and research of MIT students. Our group is the MIT chapter of an international organization, the World Student Community for Sustainable Development (*WSC-SD*). I am seeking funding to support travel costs for one MIT undergraduate student who will be leading a presentation in the 2006 Annual Meeting in Rasa, Switzerland with the theme, "Mind, Knowledge and Sustainability." The meeting is hosted by students at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Zurich (*ETHZ*) and will take place March 27-April 1.

Last year, *SfGS* hosted the 2005 Annual Meeting at MIT for over 70 students from Japan, China, India, US, Canada, Mexico, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Kenya, Iran, Switzerland, Sweden, Russia, many of whom were able to secure travel funding from their home universities. In 2004, 15 MIT students attended the Annual Meeting at Chalmers University in Sweden.

Traditionally, there has been a strong tie between the *WSC-SD* and the Alliance for Global Sustainability (*AGS*), so students have attended both annual meetings, scheduled during adjacent weeks in the same location. They often obtain funding from their research supervisors. This year it is especially challenging for students to set aside travel time and secure funding from their research supervisors, because the *AGS* moved its 2006 annual meeting from Zurich, Switzerland, to Bangkok, Thailand.

We would appreciate your consideration in sponsoring the following student's attendance at the *WSC-SD* Annual Meeting:

1. Olumuyiwa Oni, Senior in Mechanical Engineering
Paper presentation: Examining the Pipeline: Why the Knowledge Base is not Getting to the Human Capital

We have included our detailed budget and the requested amount of funds for your review.

The Annual Meeting will take place in 4 weeks. We would greatly appreciate an expedited response to this request. We are more than willing to sit down with you and discuss this request at any time. Please respond via email at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Budget on a per student basis for Olumuyiwa Oni:

conference fee (includes lodging + food + transportation for the 5 day conference)

\$305

airfare: \$850

TOTAL: \$1155 per student for 1 student

Pending Funds

PSC Grant submitted request

Dean Redwine submitted request