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Describe the concept. If already in use here or elsewhere, please indicate this.

Provide support and structure to student groups who are organizing events and activities to promote their origin and culture as part of the campus community. In particular, a group of Indian origin students, IGSA, approached me to be an advisor for a festival they were putting on. There is no formal structure for the group, and therefore, they feel unsupported which can lead to feelings of marginalization.

How would this affect cultural change on campus?

These groups would feel supported, and they would have a structure within which to operate.

For new ideas, how would you propose piloting this idea to see if it would work? If the idea is already in use at UW-Madison, how would you propose expanding or altering this program for greater impact?

I believe ASM provides some support, but perhaps these groups are not even registered student orgs, how do we address that and support them?

What resources would be needed to implement your suggestion?

Support for a structure for these organizations would be needed. Encouragement of faculty to become advisors and take up a call to action.