

UA Council Meeting
October 16, 2012

Attendance: Baker, BC, EC, MacGregor, Maseeh, McCormick, Random, Senior House, Simmons Hall, IFC (3), Panhel (3), President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Secretary

Exec Update

- Fall Festival
 - We had a lot of publicity
 - Comedy show – full house in La Sala
 - IFC and Panhel put together events for the whole community
 - PR Committee had a DJ come to campus to give a concert in Walker
 - Tuesday was Movie on the Lawn by our Class Councils
- Retreat Update
 - 26 attendees
 - Cape Code
 - Sheila and Alec organized
 - Very successful
 - Topics Discussed
 - MITx
 - Student Support
 - Student Space
 - New Member Development
- Voter Registration
 - Nathan Miller from Exec organized a voter drive
 - Limited volunteers from the UA's point
 - 20-25 students registered
 - Will provide analysis for future reference
- Meetings with Dean Colombo and Hastings have begin
- Nominations committee is filling 2 more vacancies
 - Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement
 - Committee to asses the student calendar holiday around the Career Fair and on the quality of life at MIT

Discussion

CJAC (Corporation Joint Advisory Committee) Topics

- Student Entrepreneurship – Do students have the support available to pursue new businesses?
 - Resources are available but not very well known (especially for people who are not interested in entrepreneurship)

- Who are the entrepreneurship advisors who provide legal advice for starting businesses?
- Technology licensing office does tech legal advice
 - Helps with patenting as well as steps afterward
- Do students have the right type of mentorship to get advice on what they should be doing in order to get their business started?
- Do students have the skills necessary to take their plans to firms to get funding?
- Speak with residents in your living group about their experiences with student entrepreneurship at MIT
- MIT's Residential Experience
 - It's been 10 years since the freshmen living on campus rule has come into effect
 - Talking to students and administrators to talk about the whole system
 - What do we want for the next ten years?
 - What are your concerns and thoughts about the future of MIT's residential system?
 - FSILG – signing lease again with MIT demand that residents have a dining plan; this could hurt community and comradery within the FSILGs
 - Housemasters
 - Selection Process – in BC (per DSL's orders) only 2 students could be a part of the committee and weren't allowed to talk about it
 - Clear definition of their responsibilities and roles
 - GRT Selection Process – student input should be more embraced by the housemasters (Maseeh); a universal process would be helpful
 - Is standardization across the dorms of these processes what we want?
 - Students want to be involved and engaged with freedom
 - Student Bill of Rights?
 - We want *definition* not standardization
- This input will be taken from students and recommendations will be made to administration
- If you see issues on campus affecting your groups, please feel free to reach out to the UA offices or bring it up at Council

Next Meeting October 30th