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
  o We had a lot of publicity
  o Comedy show – full house in La Sala
  o IFC and Panhel put together events for the whole community
  o PR Committee had a DJ come to campus to give a concert in Walker
  o Tuesday was Movie on the Lawn by our Class Councils

• Retreat Update
  o 26 attendees
  o Cape Code
  o Sheila and Alec organized
  o Very successful
  o Topics Discussed
    ▪ MITx
    ▪ Student Support
    ▪ Student Space
    ▪ New Member Development

• Voter Registration
  o Nathan Miller from Exec organized a voter drive
  o Limited volunteers from the UA’s point
  o 20-25 students registered
  o Will provide analysis for future reference

• Meetings with Dean Colombo and Hastings have begin

• Nominations committee is filling 2 more vacancies
  o Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement
  o 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?
  o 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