UA Council Meeting
December 11, 2012

Class of 2016 Budget
  o Sent to Council before meeting
  o Previously presented estimates
  o New figures are more precise
    o Removed retreat
    o Added $ to Iron Man tickets
    o Added “2016 Swag” category for general items
  o Allocated more money for study breaks
  o Will stay within budget – using study breaks as a buffer
  o Vote: Budget Passes!

Class of 2015 Budget
  o Changes were submitted and sent out with the Council agenda
  o Vote: Budget Passes!

Presentations from Exec Members
  o Slides to be sent out after the meeting
  o Cara – Events Committee
    o Fall Festival
    o Planning for Spring Fest
      ▪ Revamping the event
      ▪ Getting support from class council and student groups
      ▪ Lots of advertising and logistics planning
    o 6 committee members
  o Hal – Public Relations Committee
    o Third study break is tonight in the Coffeehouse after Council!
    o Study breaks had around 300 people at the past two events
    o Student Center Restaurants Project
      ▪ Bonfire launch has given us student feedback
    o 6 committee members
    o Next semester, will increase musical (bands) presence at the study breaks
    o Evaluating ways of branding the UA
  o Alec – Engagement and Member Development
    o Organized the UA retreat
    o Campus Policy Leaders program
      ▪ Paired up freshmen and sophomores with mentors to make projects and present
      ▪ Will bring some of the presentations to Council
      ▪ Programs over IAP
    o Will transition in the next Council
    o Community events
- Re-inventing certain aspects of MIT through workshops
- Patrick – MIT2030 Working Group
  - MIT2030 entails all the changes to MIT over the next 12 years; affects spending of billions of dollars; Patrick’s committee is looking into what students want to get out of the changes
  - Presentations to the faculty task force on Kendall Square community engagement
  - Study breaks in dorms to gather student input
  - Focus groups over IAP
  - Will meet with administrators to find out how they view 2030
  - Will write a report to detail findings regarding what students want and need in the next 18 years on campus
- Lauren – Working Group on Orientation
  - Looking at data over the past few years as well as the FYRE program report
  - Gathering student opinion through forums at multiple dorms
  - Sending out survey to the undergrads about different aspects of orientation
  - Communicating with administrators (Elizabeth Young and Julie Norman) to discuss what they view as successes and room for improvement
  - Communicating with Panhel, IFC, ILC, and DormCon
  - Will have a report made up next semester on their findings
- Christine – Secretary
  - Orders food, takes minutes and attendance for Exec and Council
  - Organized UA Exec portraits for display in the Infinite Corridor
  - Will improve data through the DropBox and GoogleDrive
  - Will ensure attendance at Council can have a vote

Approval of the Spring Fest Budget
- Sent to Council before
  - Publicity is $4,500; artists will be $100,000; giveaways will be $10,000; production will be $20,000; carnival equipment rental will be $10,000
    - Anticipating $5,000 of outside student group funding
    - Total expense of $149,500
    - Breakdown of the costs is in the spreadsheet that was sent out
  - Source is to come:
    - $105,000 from the Spring Weekend Fund
    - $30,000 from the UA (What we’re voting on)
    - $14,500 from ticket sales
  - Vote: Funding approved!

“Bad Ideas” Funding Request
- Last year had 2,000 students
- Now reaching out to more dorms and increasing publicity
- It’s a weekend during IAP for students to relive stress and have fun in a creative way
o Tomorrow at midnight is the deadline for project proposal
  o After then, they will judge which ones are feasible and what funding will be allocated towards each
o Requesting $2,500 from the UA
o Vote: Funding approved

Reflections and Transition Plans
  o Enforce the attendance policy
  o Next semester – each council rep will be paired up with a committee to be a “visiting pair” and go to their meetings once or twice a semester and speak with the committee chairs so Council stays engaged in the works of the rest of the UA