

UA Council Meeting  
December 11, 2012

### **Class of 2016 Budget**

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

### **Class of 2015 Budget**

- Changes were submitted and sent out with the Council agenda
- Vote: Budget Passes!

### **Presentations from Exec Members**

- Slides to be sent out after the meeting
- Cara – Events Committee
  - Fall Festival
  - Planning for Spring *Fest*
    - Revamping the event
    - Getting support from class council and student groups
    - Lots of advertising and logistics planning
  - 6 committee members
- Hal – Public Relations Committee
  - Third study break is tonight in the Coffeehouse after Council!
  - Study breaks had around 300 people at the past two events
  - Student Center Restaurants Project
    - Bonfire launch has given us student feedback
  - 6 committee members
  - Next semester, will increase musical (bands) presence at the study breaks
  - Evaluating ways of branding the UA
- Alec – Engagement and Member Development
  - Organized the UA retreat
  - 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
  - Will transition in the next Council
  - 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

- Tomorrow at midnight is the deadline for project proposal
  - After then, they will judge which ones are feasible and what funding will be allocated towards each
- Requesting \$2,500 from the UA
- Vote: Funding approved

### **Reflections and Transition Plans**

- Enforce the attendance policy
- 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