

UA Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2013

Attendance & Welcome

Introduction to the UA Council

- Agendas for Council meetings will be sent out by the Sunday before our meetings
- Please review the agenda and talk over any concerning points with your living group
- We will be inviting administrators to our future meetings to speak to everyone

Background on The UA

Statistics

- We represent all the undergraduates on campus
- We have 13 committees that focus on campus issues
- We have student representatives on over 36 institute committees
- We represent over 400 student groups and 49 living groups
- Our yearly allocation is \$301,460

Focus Areas

- Policy
- Programs - ex: Student-Faculty Dinners and Shuttles
- Projects - ex: printer on the first floor of the student center
- Events - ex: Spring Weekend and Midnight Study Breaks

Goals

- We believe that getting things done is *not* enough
- Our goals fall into three categories: Value Creator, People Developer, and Relationship Initiator
- Major Initiatives: PTAC, Orientation, Student Support, Campus Planning, and MITx
 - We collaborate with the GSC, DormCon/IFC/Panhel/LGC on many of our initiatives

The Council's Role

- You are the Board of Directors for the UA
- You have the final say on finances

Your Obligations

- Attend 5 of the 7 meetings (sending a proxy still counts as an absence but it encouraged if you cannot attend); e-mail ua-secretary@mit.edu with any attendance issues
- Meet with one of the UA student committees twice throughout the semester
- E-mail Jonte with questions you may have; he and Michael meet with the institute's administrators on a regular basis and can bring your concerns forward

Renaming Lobby 10

- Lobby 10 is a war memorial for the fallen alumni soldiers
- There is a resolution to declare support of renaming Lobby 10 in honor of the MIT war dead
 - Put forth by the GSC with ROTC
- Open Discussion:
 - What is the effect that renaming will have on students? Will it just be on maps?
 - Many buildings at MIT actually have names but are unknown
 - It remains unknown whether the names recognize only American soldiers or international fallen alumni soldiers as well
- Vote: motion carries

Presentation of Budget

- We have \$180,000 Income
- Budget expense is around \$50,000
- Money comes from student life fee and general institute budget
- We have relationships with the Princeton Review and Kaplan
 - We get ~\$9,000 in total from the two in the fall in exchange for reserving spaces on campus and e-mail advertisements
- Public Relations money goes to study break food, events, and a State of the UA study break
- Funds for special projects go to fun things on campus:
 - The snowball fight with President Reif
 - Costco Shuttles
 - Hammocks on campus
- Budgets were all sent out with the agenda
 - Please review over the next two weeks
 - We will be voting on it during the next meeting

Dean for Undergraduate Education

- Dean Hastings (Dean for Undergraduate Education) is resigning
- Nominations Committee is looking for nominees who:
 - Have been involved with the undergrads for a long time
 - Can lead a large office (260 people report to him)
 - Can serve as a public face for MIT and answer to complaints from parents, etc.
- Suggesting 3-5 candidates to Grimson
- Contact due-search@mit.edu with any nominations you have
- UAAP and Admissions falls under this dean
- Open Discussion:
 - We want someone who understands MIT's high pressure environment
 - Focus should be on quality of student life and how students at MIT feel
 - New dean should have some leadership experience outside of teaching

Coming Up

- IFC and Panhel will be attending the GLA conference
- Elections info session will be tomorrow for students interested in running for UAP/VP and class council
- E-mail will be sent out either tonight or tomorrow to announce the “State of the UA Address”
 - It will be a large study break this coming Monday at 9 pm to announce the UA’s successes and plans for the future