Announcements

- State of the UA
  - Exciting announcements - Macklemore for Spring Weekend
- New chairs of the UA Events Committee are Danielle Yuschenkoff and Lindsey Osimiri
- Sustainability committee has a display in Stata
- Visiting pairs form needs to be filled out - will be sent out with minutes this evening
- Meeting with President Reif and PTAC
  - Will be releasing a report soon
  - Discussing possibilities for engagement with the president in the future
  - If you have any issues to be raised to the president, please let Jonte know
- New UA Website to be launched this weekend
  - Announcement will go out to undergrads@
- Working to recruit for all of our committees
  - If you know people who are interested, please tell them to e-mail ua@mit.edu

Budget

- Vote: Budget Approved
- Updated copy of the budget will be posted to the website

Discussion:

- Input discussion for CJAC: Objectives for Residential Life at MIT (FSILG RAs, RLADs, and Housemaster System) - brainstorming
  - Feedback system for housemasters as we currently have for professors
  - Housemaster System
    - House Masters understands students students very well - living with students helps
    - Monthly house team meals and meetings are great
    - House Masters should have final say over their dorm
    - House Master search can be long and grueling, perhaps needs more input from students
    - House Masters need to be more involved and communicate with their house team more, follow up with responsibilities
    - House Masters tend to hold monthly or biweekly events
    - Maseeh has a puppy and associate house masters
    - MacGregor sees their House Masters’ and Associate HMs during a dinner every semester
    - Next House has monthly meetings with the house and HMs
    - Some feel that they see their HMs during the events they do during finals and want that to be more distributed throughout the semester
    - Some want more support for freshmen specifically
Asking students is very important
Dorms vary widely - if you want structure, Maseeh is the way to go; if you want anarchy, check out Bexley!

○ FSILG RAs
  ■ The “mutual selection” process works
  ■ People like that they are alums of the house often
  ■ Don’t want it to become like the RLAD system
  ■ How to handle risk and mental health training?
  ■ Sorority perspective: RLADs are hired professionals, RAs are more like GRTs. They were able to speak with multiple different RAs to see who would be a good fit
  ■ ILG perspective: since ILGs are small, usually RAs are not alumnus; MIT provides them with a short list of candidates. They wish that the job were better defined and marketed so that groups have more choices.
  ■ Some are disappointed by the centralized nature of the application - applying through the office as opposed to applying for the specific living group may go against the individual nature of the living groups
  ■ What do you want your RA to do?
    ● RAs can be useful to resolve disputes between residents

○ RLADs
  ■ Senior House and EC don’t have RLADs
  ■ Helpful in running and planning events
  ■ Perform roles that have not been filled by GRTs and House Masters
  ■ Dorms did not feel that the process for selecting RLADs was transparent
  ■ The decision to select RLADs was flawed and needs to be changed to allow for student opinion
  ■ Mental Health task force started by the Chancellor (which had students on the committee, not provided by the UA) that recommended that dorms needed more of a support system
    ● House Masters’ had most of the decision if they wanted to have an RLAD
    ● RLADs were provided with a place to live within the dorms
    ● All the dorms (with the exception of Senior House) will have an RLAD
  ■ Some feel that having an “administrator” live in the dorm with them is uncomfortable
  ■ Others find their RLAD to be an advocate for the students and a great resource
  ■ Every dorm is different - many feel that their House Masters have an amazing relationship with their students and don’t want an RLAD forced upon them
  ■ Students feel it will be hard to have a shared RLAD that will represent the different cultures of their dorms
○ GRTs
  ■ Helpful with a hands-off approach
  ■ They are there when you need them
  ■ Great for baked goods and a good conversation
  ■ Love how they pick who becomes a GRT because the residents want them there
  ■ Search process is hard
  ■ Need a way to give feedback about their GRTs (currently there is no way to do so)

○ General comments moving forward:
  ■ Student input is very important
  ■ We want student input to be taken seriously by the administration
  ■ Each living community is very different - find people who respect their differences

CPW
● In the past few years, the admissions office have made a decision to apply an event registration to the FSILGs and the Dorms as separate groups during CPW
● What effect is this having on your ability to run events that pre-frosh will be interested in?
● Open Discussion:
  ○ The cap is limiting the ability to let pre-frosh understand the dorms. Ex: New House has 9 separate houses!
  ○ We want pre-frosh to feel overwhelmed (like MIT)
  ○ RBA binding dorms find CPW to be the one event to get people excited about the dorms
  ○ Dorms not on Dorm Row find it hard to attract pre-frosh to come and are upset at the limitation
  ○ We would like to see the survey data to work with admissions to fix glitches without setting the cap so low
  ○ Students felt that they were not consulted in the decision making process
  ○ If only a few prefrosh come to an event, it’s not necessarily a bad event - they can be more valuable to get more one-on-one time
● We will be inviting Admissions to an open discussion to our next Council meeting
  ○ Generally, things will not change for this year but we do have a say in what happens next year!

Ending Announcements
● UA Brunches are every Sunday at Area 4. UA does a $7 subsidy, and you are always invited! RSVP to ua-chief@mit.edu
● Chief of Staff manages over 20 institute committees - he will be running a UA Working Group on Mondays at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.
● Election petitions are due tomorrow at 5 pm
  ○ If you know anyone running for UAP/VP or Class Council
- We are having an office clean up this Friday
  - After the clean up, we are getting a couch and Keurig machine and a full-stocked fridge
  - It's a great place for you to relax as a lounge
  - If you want card access, e-mail ua@mit.edu with your student ID number