

UA Council

April 2, 2013

Exec Update

- UA Elections - we have a new UAP/VP, Sid and Devin!
- Dorm Electricity Competition
- Planning a celebratory event for Dean Hastings on May 13th
 - UA and Class Council reps are helping to plan the event;
 - If you have any suggestions please e-mail them to ua@mit.edu
- Finished Q3 - members of Exec will be meeting with Jonte and Michael to discuss their goals and performance (required in the UA bylaws)
 - The objective is to keep you informed about what is going on within the organization
- Patrick Hulin, chair of the MIT2030 Committee, requests that you submit ideas regarding the future of the campus planning to future.mit.edu.
 - There will be an event tomorrow discussing them
- Applications for Institute Committee representatives is opening now
 - If you know students
- Focus Group on enrollment management
 - [Friday, April 5th 2:00 - 4:30](#)
- Monday at 8 pm there will be a UA working group group - you are welcome to come and discuss *What Undergraduates Want from MIT2030* as well as *Student Stress and Procrastination* .

Sustainability Committee on Dorm Electricity Competition

- Dorm electricity competition is happening this month!
- Some dorms didn't have anyone apply - *please* find someone on your dorm's exec team to be a point of contact for the sustainability committee that will provide input
- If you don't find a point of contact, the dorm president will be put down as that person
- There will be a \$1000 grand prize for the winning dorm as well as other cash incentives
- Kickoff event will be 10 pm - 12 am tomorrow night
 - Catering from Chipotle
 - Giving away reusable water bottles, energy-efficient light bulbs, and tips on how to lower electricity usage
 - Please tell your dorms about the event

Committee on the Undergraduate Program

- There is a push now to provide every freshman at MIT with a faculty advisor
- Turnout operations are very effective: if you know faculty like your housemaster or professors who are friendly and engage students, *encourage them to attend the next 2 faculty meetings—or at least the one in May.* (April 17 & May 15)

Wellness Week Proposal

- Student Support and Wellness Committee runs the annual event
- When: Last week of April/First week of May
- Working with many groups to provide the event for undergraduates
- Budget request was sent to Council before the meeting
 - Request for \$1,110
 - Budget Approved! :)

Poems for MIT Students Proposal

- Students will be able to submit poems about the MIT experience
- Will publish a book for students
- There will be cash prizes for the top winners
- Requesting \$300 of funding from the UA to go towards publication costs
- Budget Approved :)

Student Center Restaurants

- Speaking with Dean Humpfreys, he would like “concept locations” like coffee, pizza, etc. to be run through Bon Appetit; this would allow students to use their dining swipes there
- Contracts with outside groups are difficult; Bon Appetit would be able to switch out locations more easily
- Discussion:
- Why can't chains use the meal swipes?
- How would pricing work if you're not on Bon Appetit's meal plan but you eat at the student center?
- Jamba Juice was previously in the student center unsuccessfully
- Game room arcade
- Administrators and grad students probably wouldn't like a Bon Appetit run place
- The goal should be to keep prices similar to how they are now
- There is no reason not to use a chain since they know how to run themselves
- Should we consider adding more food trucks? That doesn't have a 5-year contract issue
- Pricing control should be considered- Verdes raises their prices all the time! Their contract should have a limit
- Prominence of food trucks on campus is a symptom of the bad food options on campus
- People on west campus are concerned with only MacCon available to them
- Charging stations could be beneficial to students
- You can't select vendors that directly compete with each other
- We could speak with Dean Humpfreys to influence potential changes to hours of operation (staying open later)
- Cambridge Grill closes since DD has to stay open at the same time whenever CG is open

Dinners with Administrators

- If you're interested in attending the dinner, send an e-mail to ua-officers@mit.edu
- We are in discussion with Dean Columbo and Dean Hastings for the dinners

Closing Remarks

- We'll be at the Activities Midway at CPW if you want to come! Let us know, and we'll get you a t-shirt :)