UA Council Meeting
September 11, 2012

**Attendance:** Burton Conner, East Campus, MacGregor, Maseeh, McCormick, New House, Next House, Random Hall, Senior House, Simmons Hall, IFC (3), Panhel (3), President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Treasurer, Secretary

**Introductions**

**Fall Semester Briefing**

You are our board of directors
- Set the direction for the UA
- Provide representative opinion on behalf of students
  - Sounding board for Exec
- Final authority on finances
- Be invested in the success of the UA

Together we will achieve
- Leadership in
  - Policy development
  - Valuable projects and programs
  - Meaningful events
- Excellence in developing our members
- Prominence on campus as a trusted source for student opinion

**Our Mission**

**Short Version** – the UA seeks to improve student life
- Improve the quality of our education
- Provide ourselves with services
- Express our views and represent ourselves
- Allocate resources

**Joint Summer Policy Initiatives**
- PTAC (Presidential Transition Advisory Cabinet)
  - Collaboration with GSC
- RLAD
  - Collaboration with DormCon
- Student Support
  - Collaboration with GSC
- Campus Planning
  - Collaboration with GSC and Faculty
- MITx
Collaboration with GSC

Current Activity

- New president
  - Ask students for opinions
- New UA website
  - Deployed by the end of the month
  - Reinvent our image
  - Engage more directly with students

Still to come...

- Bonfire Idea Management Platform
- Student Center Restaurants
- Campus Policy Leaders
- MIT 2030 and Campus Planning
- UA Retreat

Q&A with Jonte

Question (Alec Lai): What is a condensed list of high ranking projects this year?

- New president
  - We have the power to influence decision making through our involvement with President Reif
- Campus planning
  - Kendall Square, Central Square, campus
- Student support
  - Working with GSC and SMASH
- MITx
  - Nobody has a clear vision for what it will be and it will change the campus dramatically over the next 10 years
  - If we hear from students good ideas and active input, this will help MIT

Question (Ryan Normandin): What are we doing in response to the RLAD controversy to change student engagement?

- We will present a clear framework
- It can be easy for the administration to say that students aren’t providing feedback for what is wrong
  - If we can consistently say what we expect from student engagement process, that will put us in a better position
- This conversation will go on throughout the year

Spring Nominations Slate for Institute Committees (Ravi Charan)

- Institute Committees have a wide influence throughout MIT
• There are students sitting on all of the committees listed in the nominations slate packet sent out earlier
• In the spring, an e-mail was sent out and over one hundred students applied to be on institute committees
  o All the candidates were interviewed
  o Some class conflicts altered the availability of nominees
• Vote: Motion Approved

Nominees for Election Commission, Judicial Board, and Committee Chairs
• Can be found in the same packet as the institute committees
• Very relevant since the 2016 class council elections will be taking place soon
• Everyone previously involved with the commission in the past has graduated or become uninvolved
  o No one in the UA has been involved in the elections
• Vote on Election Commission:
  o Laura Royden – approved
  o Kevin Yan – approved
  o Sharanya Srinivasan – declined
• Vote on Judicial Board
  o James Douberley – approved
• Vote on Committee Chairs
  o Johnathan Kongoletos – approved
  o Haldun Anil – approved
  o Stephanie Yu – approved

Movie on the Lawn
• Ferris Beuller’s Day off on 9/30/12 at 9:30 pm on Kresge Court
• Total expense is $1600
• Motion approved with an extra $100 for a larger inflatable screen
• Motion approved for $100 for publicity (postering)

TurboVote
• Recommendation from a UA alum
  o It would allow MIT students to register to vote
• Voter registration drive (in the past we have partnered with the Tech to host this during election years)
• Budget approximately $750
• Motion declined

Fall Budget Discussion
• Draft presented at this meeting; will be voted on in the next meeting
• $12,000 more is being spent this fall than last fall
Announcements

• Retreat October 8-9 at Cape Cod
  o Get to know each other well
  o Leave midmorning Oct 8 and come back around noon October 9
  o Columbus Day weekend
• UA Brunches to happen throughout the semester to encourage members of the UA to get to know one another and their roles
• Next meeting in two weeks
  o Will discuss budget
  o If you have suggestions, email them to Jonté by noon on Sunday
• Committees with Vacancies. Email ua-nomcomm@mit.edu if you or anyone you know is interested. Expect an all campus email tomorrow
  o Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement (Biweekly, Friday 10 - 1130)
  o Subcommittee on the Communications Requirement (Biweekly, Wednesday 9 1030)
  o COD Rules Committee (Probably biweekly, Tuesday 1130 – 1)
  o Student Citizenship Grants (Time TBA/Flexible)
• MIT 2030: The UA is presenting on Tuesday. If you have comments, questions, concerns, or, in particular, ideas about what Kendall Square should look like, email ua-mit2030@mit.edu