



Undergraduate Association Council Meeting Agenda October 7, 2015

7:00PM - 7:30PM

President's Questions (Optional)

7:30PM

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2015
- III. State of the UA Update
- IV. Secretary Confirmation Vote
- V. Committee Chair Confirmation Vote
- VI. Bylaws Amendments Vote
- VII. Budget Amendment Overview
- VIII. Budget Amendment Vote
- IX. Government Accountability Committee Overview
- X. Adjournment



Undergraduate Association Secretary Confirmation

We had a total of 14 applicants for positions, of which 10 applications indicated an interest for Secretary.

We performed group interviews with all applicants, with the exception of 2, for whom a time did not work out. We interviewed them individually.

For Secretary, we took candidates of interest and interviewed them individually before making a final decision.

The traits we are looking for in a Secretary are organization, outgoing nature, passion and leadership potential.

After this process, we are nominating **Alexandra Zele '18** for the position of Secretary. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, where she is also a National Correspondent. She is a part of lightweight crew, the Debate Team, and an Associate Advisor. Her five core values are Honesty, organization, kindness, competence, thoughtfulness. As Secretary, she hopes to improve undergraduates' knowledge about the UA and its activities/goals, increase awareness and understanding of equity and equality during and post- students' time at MIT, and to aid students in augmenting their awareness of current events.



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We had a total of 14 applicants for positions, of which 10 applications indicated an interest for committee chair.

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Further, we are nominating **Keertan Kini '16** for Chair of the Alumni Affairs Committee. He has always been very interested in the UA, having come to all of our Council meetings in the past, as well as serving as a Council Representative for Simmons Hall before spending last semester abroad at Cambridge, England. He is involved in many groups around campus, and has lots of leadership experience.

Finally, we are nominating **Adam Theriault-Shay '19** for Chair of the Involvement Committee. Adam is a clear stand-out facilitator, which was well-demonstrated during his interview. He is also a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. His passion for the work of the committee, coupled with his proximity to freshman excitement and idealism, makes us hope that he will bring a fresh new perspective to how students can be involved in student government.



Undergraduate Association Amendments to Bylaws

September 16, 2015

Bylaws, Article V, Section 1, Clause A, Subsection 3:

3. Person vote:

a. Votes will be taken according to the prescribed qualifications below. In person votes, each Council Representative shall have one equally weighed vote.

i.

ii. Approval of new Officers will require a 2/3 vote of the full voting membership of the Council

iii. Approval of Institute Committee representative nominations shall require a person vote of the Council as outlined by the bylaws of the Nominations Committee

iv. Votes to Censure will require a 2/3 vote of the full voting membership of the Council

v. Amendments to the Council Bylaws and Committee Bylaws must be presented one meeting before they are voted on and will require a 2/3 majority vote of the full voting membership of the Council

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vii. Votes to elect a temporary Chair will require a 2/3 vote of the full voting membership of the Council

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Bylaws, Article V, Section B, Clause 3

3. The voting Council Representatives may elect to have a temporary Chair for a specific agenda item or for the duration of the meeting if the Chair cannot attend the meeting. This vote follows the prescribed method in V.B.b of the Council Bylaws.

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Bylaws, Article V, Section C, Clause 3

3. The agenda may be edited during a meeting as prescribed by V.A.b.h of the Council Bylaws.

Proposed:

Remove this clause.

Bylaws, Article V, Section E, Clause 7

7. This budget will then be presented to the Council for a vote as prescribed by V.A.b of the Council Bylaws.

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Bylaws, Article VI, Section A

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2. Association of Student Activities – joint committee with the Graduate Student Council
3. UA Committee on Athletics
4. UA Committee on Dining
5. UA Committee on Education
6. UA Events Committee
7. UA Finance Board
8. UA History Committee
9. UA Housing Committee
10. UA Nominations Committee
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Constitution, Article II, Section C, Clause 5, Subclause c

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Proposed:

Change all he/she to gender neutral pronouns, they/them/theirs, in Bylaws/Constitution/Election Code.

Constitution, Preamble

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Constitution, Article 2, Section B, Clause 10, Subsection b

b. The President and the Vice President shall be elected by the Association in a process governed by the Election Code.

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Undergraduate Association Council Committee on Government Accountability

Name

The name of this committee shall be the Undergraduate Association Council Committee on Government Accountability.

Mission

To regularly review the operations of the Principal Officers and committees, to ensure that they are operating in a responsible manner that is consistent with all applicable governing documents and acts of Council, to review information that Principal Officers believe to be sensitive and not released to Council, and to make Council aware of any issues or information it deems relevant at Council meetings.

Structure

The chair of this committee is elected by each Council at its first meeting in the Spring semester.

The membership of this committee will be as follows:

Three (3) members of Council, including the Chair, to be elected at the first Council meeting in the Spring semester.

In addition to these members, the following positions will meet with the committee as required by the Chair:

The UA Principal Officers.

The members from the UA Council will be elected via the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the first meeting of the Spring Semester, and voting will occur by ballot.

Committee members may leave the committee via resignation or removal. For a committee member to be removed, a motion for removal must be made in a Council meeting, and a majority vote of Council is required. A new member will be chosen according to the election processes specified herein at the meeting when removal occurred.

At the discretion of a majority of Council, members may be further sanctioned for

General Operating Procedures

The committee will have direct access to any and all internal documents and records of the Undergraduate Association, including those considered confidential. It may review such records at any time. It may also request information related to the UA from Principal Officers and committee chairs, which must be provided in a timely fashion.

Information presented to the committee may be released outside of the committee, via a unanimous vote of the committee members. Otherwise, if a member shares confidential information, the removal of that member will be considered during the Council meeting following the revelation of the sharing.

The committee will meet at least once in the period between Council meetings.