

## **UA Council Meeting 9/16**

### **Attendance:**

Matthew  
Alekhya  
Sophia  
Githui  
Sonja - EC  
Eric - Random Hall  
Obasi - IFC  
Taylor - Panhel  
Caitlyn - Panhel  
Adrianna - Senior House  
Daniel - LGC  
Meghana - Next House  
Kate - Simmons  
Trey - New House  
Mary - McCormick  
Alana - MacGregor  
Charlotte - Panhel  
Trevor - IFC  
Sam - IFC  
Jacob - IFC  
Reva - BC proxy  
Mandy - Baker

### **Minutes:**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

### II. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2015

Motion to approve (Unanimous)

### III. State of the UA Report

Matthew: "... as you may have heard, the big thing that happened this summer was when we resolved our account in June, we were informed by Colin Codner that our account was about \$55,000 in the red... we informed students... what that culminated in was a \$70,000 grant from DSL... and a \$10,000 line to cover reimbursements from the past.

And, taking a little bit out of chronological order... I sat in a meeting with Leah Flynn... Colin Codner... David Bow (sp?)... and there we found out about an additional \$15,420 that we will move into a holding account and will pay that down using the \$10,000 from DSL and using the incomes from Kaplan and Princeton Review so that it doesn't affect our... student groups...

we're effectively covered for all of our past liabilities. The budget today is set... Alekhya will go over that later.

In response to the budget... the first thing we did as officers was... set the retroactively end date for FinBoard reimbursements to the receipt date. We passed a set of internal funding guidelines that effectively did the same thing for our organization... I think we are capable of living up to the commitments that we made in the past...

The other thing we had that we just came out of was the retreat. We had the retreat Saturday and Sunday just past... we went over values and goals... and on Sunday we went over trainings for the committee chairs... The committees each have goals... You may have seen an announcement around commencement that the minimum wage was being raised to \$11.50...

... An email from personal problems from a student called Ivan... currently, the financial aid given is according to the conversion rate of the country you're from... which means that it can put a student very easily into the hole if they're international. So we're working with Israel Ruiz... to work from moving this fixed currency rate to a dynamic currency rate that is adjusted throughout the year... that MIT costs about \$60,000 and you will get \$60,000 US dollars...

The Mind and Heart Initiative...MIT Medical, specifically the mental health part...

Recently we were informed that the Costco card is not available... and it is my hope that at the very latest by the next Council meeting we will have available...

As for our committee chairs, we have 15/16 of our committee chairs... Wick Egan resigned from Alumni Relations and Tammy sat down with me and Sophia and also left... An announcement was made with a conversation about Shivangi that happened very early in the summer.

Internally, I would say our organization is doing very well... we had an awesome recruitment cycle... and interviews are happening this week to fill them.

...in terms of internally, we have the bylaws amendments that will be discussed by the bylaws committee this semester... One thing I'd like for you to think about is if the term for president should be from May to May or from January to January, as it is for other groups.

Our big goal as an organization moving forward is to continue to raise as much money as possible for our student groups...

Are there any questions that you have for me?"

Q: Audience: "What are the repercussions of the grant and the \$10,000 line of credit?"

A: Matt: "No, there is no strings attach. But, you remind me of something I left out which is very important. Initially the review committee that I was going to... was going to be chaired by Sophia... but it made people uncomfortable... it wasn't external enough... we agreed... Eventually, we... asked Dean Colombo to charge a committee to... look into what happened during the financial deficit of the summer... it will be jointly chaired by myself and Dean Colombo... We also... requested an audit from the MIT audit office... and they are looking into if there was any wrongdoing with the accounts and what kind of processes might have led to the deficit. I wanted it to be distributed as broadly as possible, but the MIT audit office did not feel comfortable with that... my hope is that that report can be shared with Council and the broader

student body... that is completely separate from the \$70,000. That was a no strings attached \$70,000 grant."

Q: Obasi: "Did the audit committee share reasons as to why they did not want to disclose?"

A: Matt: "... they were worried that they couldn't be as honest... worried about internal MIT information that... they may not want people outside MIT to necessarily know."

Q: Charlotte: "So if it's not going to be shared by the student body as a whole... I initially thought it was a sort of accounting to the student body as to what happened..."

A: Matt: "...with the review committee, it's definitely all students... with the audit, if it can't be shared with all students, we'll at least send out a summary... I'm sure we can take parts of the report that are applicable to us and distribute it to the student body... and then, with the Government Accountability Committee, I would hope they would be able to have a copy of the entire report and read that, as well."

Motion to accept the State of the UA Report (Unanimous)

#### IV. Independent Review Committee Overview

Matt: "Although the charge for the UA Committee has not been formed... we will have 2 undergraduates on the committee... the inspiration for this was how we did JudBoard... I think that went pretty well and allowed everyone to be involved. This basically follows the same process. The applications are sent to the entire undergraduate body. Interested members interview with members of Council, with myself... JudBoard, you don't have to come, you can if you're interested... we make a slate of 5 candidates to Council... Council has 2 days to think about it... **[see Appendix 1]** The reason that we're sending 5 and they're sending 2 is because we don't want it to be seen as us having our pick."

Q: Mandy: "... if a candidate is objected to... does the whole process repeat again?"

A: Matt: "If 5 councilors object... that candidate cannot go forward..."

Q: Kate: "So if any 5 councilors object that person can't go forward?"

A: Matt: "It's a typical process for expediency... we don't do majority... but we could if we want to..."

Q: Obasi: "It's my understanding if 5 councilors object... they get moved to group A and require a vote..."

A: Matt: "That's true, would you want to do this?"

Council: murmurs of "...yeah..."

Motion that an amendment for the Independent Review Committee approval process (Friendly)

Matt: "If 5 people object, then we vote."

Mandy: "What if 5 people object to different people?"

Matt: "If this follows the Group A process, it's just 5 people in general, and the whole slate goes towards a vote..."

Motion to approve as amended (Unanimous)

#### V. Summer Officer Decisions Review

Matt: "Decisions that officers make outside of council are... [need to be] approved by Council... I mentioned that there's a FinBoard amendment and that doesn't fall under here because the bylaws allow officers to make amendments..."

There's two things that we passed... one was the internal reimbursement policy. What that does is set a calendar for when expenses made internally in the organization has to be turned in... previously people from two years ago would submit receipts... we need to set some sort of calendar for that... **[see Appendix II]**... set because fall well outside academic terms...and what this is also is the reimbursement is submitted; it doesn't have to be approved or anything else and then it goes through. That way, the UA can't do anything like we just won't approve this reimbursement... that's why it's the submission. We figure it's the lowest bar.

And the second one, that I would actually like you to vote down is the decision to pass the Independent Review Committee on Financial Affairs that would be chaired by Sophia, the Vice President... the reason I'm asking you to vote it down and instead of the officers to vote it down... I would have to bring it to you anyway... so I figured I would just bring it to you now and not do additional work..."

Motion to ratify the reimbursement policy (unanimous, Obasi)

Motion to approve the Independent Review Committee on Financial Affairs (unanimously 0-15-3 (for, against, abstaining), Sam)

#### VI. Fall Budget Review

Alekhya: "My name's Alekhya, I'm the treasurer. I gave each of you a copy of the budget... I just wanted to split my time up into three segments... income sources... expenses... measures that we have taken against things we think can go wrong, and that's where I'd like everyone's input... **[see Appendix III]**

Our budget was based on ½ of what was given to us this fiscal year... DSL Grant... These two primarily make up our sources of income... in addition to that... committee fundraising... and ASA funding... we gave a policy for our committees to fundraise their expenses before incurring expenses... they're essentially funding their own expenses... In addition to that, GSC has promised us the \$6,700 that we were going to give to the ASA...

The \$22,000 comes from the \$16,000 + \$6,000 and that's what's gonna net even... the officers will be fundraising for the \$600 for snacks for the office... to talk about committee expenditures, the way that we're ensuring that committees actually fundraising the amount they're spending is that they're not allowed to make purchases before they have that money in their account... and that's why we implemented the project planning tool...

Going on the next line items... we have student-faculty dinners and fresh fund... last year, the funding for student-faculty dinners the funding for that was \$12,000... reduce it by \$2,000 to \$10,000. This \$10,000 has the possibility of being funded by the Dean of Undergraduate Education which we will keep you updated on... Fresh Fund is for new student groups... we decided to include that, as well...

Really the only UA expenditures we're incurring each semester is the \$14,000 from student-faculty dinners and fresh fund, with a side note that we might get the student-faculty dinners paid by the Dean of Undergraduate Education...

Moving to FinBoard, the reason why it's highlighted in yellow... we found out recently that it's the summer cycle and the fall cycle... we took the percentage of what groups spent in each cycle... because spending in the summer is much lower than spending in the winter... which amounted to about 33.2% of total FinBoard funding... and we took that times what we allocated before times the percentage of allocation the groups actually spent... what we mentioned previously was on FinBoard we would grant student groups funds and they would only spend a percentage of funds, and that was 62%. The reason why it was highlighted in yellow was because we made the switch to the summer and fall cycle instead of winter and fall."

Q: Kate: "So it says the balance in the umbrella is 0 but is it not -50k? How did we pay that off?"

A: Matt: "So when we got our money from the student life fee... it brought our account to 0... and we counted the rest as income..."

Q: Obasi: "Having committees fundraise is a change, right... how confidently do you expect them to fundraise?"

A: Alekhya: "... the project planning tool, investigating where they can get funding from and how critically their events are..."

Sophia: "...we also have a fundraising committee that can support committees..."

Q: Obasi: "... how do we monitor committee spending (paraphrased)...because they go through Colin..."

A: Alekhya: "So we want to have as little involvement with the SAO for spending... and Matt has offered his personal credit card..."

Matt: "The project planning tool will help them plan... they're not going to go through Colin, they're going to go through us... we're the only ones that can approve the reimbursement... Otherwise, I am encouraging people to use means that we can keep track of... so we're working to offset that for our committees..."

Q: Charlotte: "I'm honestly worried about this being a sustainable model if it's that the president fronts all the money... as a mechanism to change how committees change their spending..."

A: Matt: "It's short term..."

Alekhya: "This is a very conservative budget... it's not meant to be a long-term solution..."

Q: Megana: "MIT is starting a round of capital funding... if that would interfere with committees going out for funding... I'm concerned about the viability of committees getting fundraising..."

A: Matt: "I haven't heard that from the people in charge of the capital campaign... \$5 billion dollars... we only need \$16,580... we've had some success raising money from company partnerships..."

Q: Mandy: "So you mention that it's a short-term thing... so we won't need to have committees fundraise to sustain themselves or is that something that you want to keep?"

A: Alekhya: "I think that's something that we'll have to reevaluate next semester..."

Q: Eric: "So in the past the Special Projects committee has spent \$3000 on the Costco shuttle and \$4000 on other things..."

A: Matt: "No, GSC is keeping the shuttle running..."

Alekhya: "Okay, great... so a couple of measures that we think could possibly go wrong. As Matthew mentioned before, we have a \$10,000 additional grant from DSL and we're going to apply that to the \$15,000 that we owe right now which leaves an additional \$5,000 that we're going to fundraise for... it's going into a separate account so it will not affect this budget... any additional RFPs not processed this semester will also be covered by DSL..."

In addition to that we have made some changes to our FinBoard policies. We are limiting funding for groups that have \$3000 in their account... for groups... they will have to appeal for their funding, as well... we want to make sure that groups that have the money to make the expenditures can do so as well as the groups that don't have as much money will, as well.

We're only funding events and operations this cycle (no more publicity and capital because publicity can be done via free services on campus and capital are supposedly long-term that can be delayed to the future).

Our account balance left over at the end of the semester is this \$200,000 number. This only has room to increase..."

Matt: "In addition to that, the liabilities that we have are covered..."

Motion to approve the budget (unanimous, Obasi)

## VII. Elections Commission Approval

Matt: "So, via the Constitution the Election Commissioner is chosen by the outgoing president each semester, that did not happen... but we have the freshmen elections coming up... what you have in front of you is a proposal on how to make that happen... **[see Appendix IV]**... we're gonna need an amendment on this, as well... What actually needs to happen is on the evening of Tuesday, September 22, I'll send out a vote to you, it'll require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  approval vote to pass... once that list is passed, it'll go to the Judicial Review Board which makes the final decision."

Q: Mary: "Will the vote to 3-5 people be on the group or each person individually?"

A: Matt: "Probably individually... because we have a timeline..."

Q: Kate: "... How long will they have?..."

A: Matt: "... About 5 days... I'm just going to be frank and Grace has mentioned her interest... but you are free to say no to that... if not, Leonid Grinburg is still very much in touch with the elections commission and is very good at getting them up to date and up to speed very quickly... logistically our technology group and anything they need from us secretarily to make that happen."

Motion to approve as read- the members will be submitted to Council the evening of Tuesday, September 22, Council can vote on each member, list goes to JudBoard for final approval - (unanimous, Obasi)

#### VIII. Constitution and Bylaws Amendments Discussion

Matt: "The bylaws committee met on Monday night... we had 4/6 members... out of the 4, it was unanimous for every one of these... we're discussing them now and the next meeting we vote on them... by-and-large inconsistency amendments... and then, at the end, some general amendments...we'll just do this amendment by amendment... **[see Appendix V]**"

#### IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 PM

## Appendix I



### **Undergraduate Association (UA) Independent Review Committee Undergraduate Selection**

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## Appendix V



### Undergraduate Association Amendments to Bylaws

September 16, 2015

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

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**Bylaws, Article V, Section B, Clause 3**

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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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**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.

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President's Questions (Optional)

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### **Independent Review Committee on Financial Affairs**

#### **Name**

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#### **Purpose**

To review the past and present budgetary and monetary practices of the Undergraduate Association (UA), identify areas of improvement, and recommend changes to the UA President and the UA Council for their improvement.

#### **Principles of Operation**

This committee will publish a final report, pursuant to its purpose, by the first Council meeting of November 2015. This deadline may be extended at the will of the committee up until the last day of the Fall 2015 semester.

This committee shall have full access to all records of the UA. All members of the UA must fully comply with a request for information from this committee. Moreover, upon request, all members of the UA must make themselves available to be interviewed by this committee. If a member has reason to object, they may appeal to the UA Judicial Review Board for arbitration.

All information obtained or generated by this committee, and all of its proceedings, will be considered fully confidential until the final report of the committee is published. No person or organization may request or be provided information from this committee, unless the committee as a whole decides that it is necessary to carry out its duties. The only exception to this, is the UA Judicial Review Board, in pursuit of its constitutional duties. In the event that the UA Judicial Review Board requires information, they may only release such information as is directly relevant to their duties until the publication of the final report from this committee.

This committee will have full ability and authority from the UA to communicate with or collaborate with other entities at MIT in the pursuit of its duties.

Recommendations of this committee will be decided by general consensus. In the event of disagreement, every effort must be made to understand the root cause of the disagreement and resolve it; if this is not possible, all views concerning a recommendation must be included in the report, with an understanding of which parties favoured which perspective.

The final wording of the report must be approved by a general consensus of the committee.

A schedule of meetings for this committee will be determined by the committee at its first meeting.

The final report of this committee will be distributed by the chair to the UA Council and the UA President via email. The chair must also distribute the report to the student body via email. A copy must also be placed on the UA website.

### **Membership Provisions**

The chair of this committee shall be the UA Vice President. The primary purpose of the chair is to facilitate the scheduling of meetings, discussions and decisionmaking, to provide access to all information needed by the committee, and to act as a liaison for the committee to others. The chair is also responsible for gathering any information needed by the committee to carry out its functions. The chair may not make recommendations for the committee in relation to its purpose, and has no vote in any decision or consensus of the committee. However, the chair may provide information relevant to the committee for its consideration.

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The final membership of this committee will be presented to the UA Council via email, and considered approved unless five or more members of the UA Council object to its membership. In such a case, it may either be modified and presented again, or approved via a majority vote of the UA Council. The proposed membership will be given privately to Council members for approval; once approval is received, it will be announced publicly.

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#### Proposed:

#### 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. Approval of new Officers will require a 2/3 vote of the full voting membership of the Council
  - ii. Approval of Institute Committee representative nominations shall require a

person vote of the Council as outlined by the bylaws of the Nominations Committee

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

iv. 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

v. Suspension of the Council Bylaws will require a 2/3 majority vote of the full voting membership of the Council

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

### **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.

Proposed:

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.A.3.a.vii of the Council Bylaws.

### **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.

Proposed:



7. This budget will then be presented to the Council for a vote as prescribed by V.A.2.b of the Council Bylaws.

**Bylaws, Article VI, Section A**

1. UA Committee on Alumni Relations
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
11. UA Committee on Public Relations
12. UA Committee on Space Planning
13. UA Committee on Student Life
14. UA Committee on Sustainability

Proposed:

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13. UA Committee on Involvement
14. UA Committee on Space Planning
15. UA Committee on Student Life
16. UA Committee on Sustainability

**Constitution, Article II, Section C, Clause 5, Subclause c**

c. At no time shall an officer of this Association or the Council collaborate with a member of this board on business of the Undergraduate Association with exception of committees as described in Article II, Section C, Item 2. a. iii. Additionally, officers may seek advice on constitutional issues from Judicial Board members.

Proposed:

c. At no time shall an officer of this Association or the Council collaborate with a member of this board on business of the Undergraduate Association with exception of committees as described in Article II, Section C, Item 3. a. iii. Additionally, officers may seek advice on constitutional issues from Judicial Board members.

**Proposed:**

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

**Constitution, Preamble**

The name of this Organization shall be the Undergraduate Association (UA) of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In order to ensure that the Undergraduate Association continues to work on our behalf and in our interest, we have adopted this constitution to govern this Association.

Proposed:

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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.

Proposed:

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