

Attendance:

Alexa Martin
Kyle Archer
Sophia Liu
Gabriella Baracchini
Daysi Gomez
Isaac Grosaf (Random)
Emily Crandall Fleischman (LGC)
William Moses (Maseeh)
Nora Enright (Next)
Meredith Benson (Panhel)
Courtney Diamond (Panhel)
Elizabeth Cox (Baker)
Jack Gordon (IFC)
Trevor Ewald (IFC)
David Dellal (IFC)
Will Popick (IFC)
Jon Coden (UA)
Melissa McGee (UA)
Yuge Ji (Simmons)
Lily Zhou (East Campus)
Colin Godwin (New)
Flora Liu (BC)

Minutes:

Vote: Motion to approve minutes from last week: 2 abstaining, passed

Speaker to Present the Engine - Anantha Chandrakasan, Head of Course 6

- Broad introduction on entrepreneurship
- Many people have great ideas and do not know how to take it out of the lab in terms of space, facilities, etc
- Capital based technology startups: want to help accelerate process
- Affordable space: around this area has a great advantage but is expensive
- As a student you get a lot of support, easy access to mentors
- The engine will provide physical space (501 Mass Ave- hopefully will scale to larger space), provide access to mentorship, be a differentiator to multiple startups as it will be on campus, virtual fabrication facilities
- Have already started working with companies

- Specialized talents- if you want to consult for one of these companies we want to create a group of expertise so you can say you're an expert on a certain company and people can find you
- Undergrads have a generous policy of owning intellectual property unless you are funded on a research grant in which MIT will own the intellectual property- we want to expedite that process
- Provide assistance for international students
- Enable to innovation nodes to be connected
- Kendall Share = engine room: equipments, experts, services, space
- Entrepreneurship program includes classroom experiences (2.009), research labs, UROPS, Super UROPS, competitions
- A lot of students apply to MIT because they want to make an impact on the world/society therefore we will include social entrepreneurship type companies
- We have already started working with companies in the boston area so we can access their facilities
- Isaac: A lot of the startups you're talking about will be marketing to large companies as customers. Have you thought about how to connect the startups to the companies?
 - Yes, we have been speaking to large companies and creating a large network
- Engine allows those who are interested, mechanism that exist without having to go through the application process, students have the idea and want to submit to proper proposal
 - will be a person appointed as CEO/director of engine
 - right now there are steps in between accelerators
- Yuge: What is the scale rn you are envisioning?
- Isaac: What if there are students who want to do a company without selling it, is there a way to have parts of this experience without other parts?
 - It wouldn't be the primary focus, but we would consider making some parts of the service available
- Courtney: If you expand physical spaces, what do you think the impact will be on the local community once you spread?
 - The hope is that this will create jobs and bring people in
 - The local community will grow, this is really an incubator

State of the UA:

- 1) Saferide
 - Want to get as much student input as possible, and getting more concrete results from surveys, if you have any ideas let Daysi know
 - Melissa: I received an email from director of institutional research, is that a part of this?

- Yes, survey goes out every 2 years, usually graduate focused
- Isaac: Looking to get saferide stop closer to random, there were a lot of comments so we will forward that onto you
- Sophia: Spoke about it last meeting with president Reif, he did not realize it was an issue and he does want to see something out of this

2) Sophia is an official rep to the ASA

- Going to lift moratorium on students group next semester
- Looking to get an admin assistant next semester for the UA

3) Last faculty meeting asked Richard Lester about getting passports for students

- Usually URMS are the most affected by this
- 100/150\$ to get passport
- Showed a plot saying that 50% of undergraduates traveled during their undergraduate experience

4) State of institute committees

- Kyle is currently collecting that information and making recommendations on how to fix the process

5) Student life fee

- First started as fund to support MIT Mental health and DAPER
- We would want \$7 increase to go straight into the UA
- 16K went into ASA database, and the rest went into things that will benefit all students
- Peter Cummings recommended doing an \$8 raise and said if we don't do this he will probably increase it by a dollar anyway
- Want to separate undergraduate and graduate student life fees and have our own \$45/student to go to UA
- Hoping entirety of increase will go entirely to undergraduates
- Not unprecedented for an increase to benefit explicitly one group over another

Two things to propose having a discussion on:

- 1) Phrasing of finboard bylaws "Positively benefiting the MIT Community":
 - Concern is that an organization should not be deciding whether another organization is positively benefiting the community or not and that should not be a metric for deciding budgets
 - Student groups apply for way more money than we have to allocate and we must decide which group gets funding and which does not

- Finboard is 12 members of a diverse group and decides who gets the funding: at the root of the discussion is how will the group benefit the MIT community
 - This past cycle in just allocations \$223,000 was asked, and we had \$100,000 to allocate
 - Yuge: it is hard for students to determine what is most beneficial because they have not been to every event
 - Jon: it's about scope, such as how many students this will actually be benefited
 - Melissa: Scope is not everything but is included in this clause, it is necessary to have some grey area to encompass what is explicitly stated and what comes up during allocation meetings
 - Isaac: it's not realistic to say finboard makes all its decisions through a completely deterministic protocol, this phrase allows finboard to make an arbitrary decision
- 2) \$1000 discretionary from ASA that we no longer have in our budget, want to propose a discretionary budget to have food at council meetings, committees, MEF fund
- If we don't vote on this it will go back to the reserve
 - **Vote:** discretionary fund: 0 abstaining, passed

Arturo Campus Planning Presentation:

- 1) Relocation of food trucks: looking into moving them into separate locations (3)
 - Isaac : having website where is says where the food trucks are and on what days/times
- 2) Outdoor furniture, idea to have more community/hangout/work outdoors
 - Right outside infinite in eastment court
 - Near kresge
 - Heavier chairs than harvard so they are not stolen
- 3) Student center (long term project)
 - Freight elevator being renovated
 - 5th floor having heating/cooling issues
 - Maximizing space that currently exists (ex. Coffee shop lounge on the third floor that can be used on daily basis and also events) (redesign of 2nd floor)
 - Storage problem: How do we make space more usable? CAC is considering an agreement with UHAUL to house club's storage
- 4) Walker Memorial
 - Epicenter of student activity and is not currently loved for its amenities
 - Lounge area on 2nd floor
 - Will have a positive effect on wide range of people

5) Dupont/multicultural space

- Introduce new multicultural center to a wider range of people
- Under suzy there's a push for a more unified spaces

- Yuge: Are committee looking into additional renovations to student center other than what you have mentioned (ex/ eating area on second floor)?
 - Yes in consideration: tried to highlight points that are more discussed
- Isaac: W20- you mentioned second floor lounge, it always felt as if the tables were grimy. Also coffee house on third floor- there are a lot of rooms in W20 that are private reservation rooms, we should consider having more of these rooms be opened up.
- Meredith: why do the elevators not have numbers on the outside anymore?
 - We are going to fix that according to Phill Walsh
- Yuge: have you heard about moving things around in the basement of the student center?
- Sarah: Part of the problem is that the spaces are in the basement and not visible and thus not accessible
 - This is in consideration and why we are moving them
- Yuge: if you're not looking at food options in the student center than who is, somebody should reach out to peter cummings about this.

- If you have an idea for a space you should talk to your committees/people so we can create a cohesive proposal

Undergrad Advising

- See slideshow for Sophia's presentation
- A good ideal would be for advisors to help with things faculty know about
- A lot of faculty have worked in industry in their lives and this is currently not focus and could have simple solutions
- No formal training for being an advisor currently, should change this
- Providing advisors with information on courses and resources and mid semester surveys
- Have a yearly breakfast to meet with advisors, fellow people in the major, and discuss information on courses
- Alumni mentorship program
- On more career oriented stuff, there should be a better link between advising and GECD
- Needs to be easier and less stigmatized to switch advisors
- Meeting with advisor on short notice for short periods of time is valuable

- Lottery system would be better than first come first serve system in terms of order for choosing advising across all departments

Vote: to adjourn meeting: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed