

Minutes:

Vote: Motion to approve minutes from last week: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

State of the UA:

- Met with Suzy to discuss concerns regarding the dining presentation peter gave at Dormcon
- Suzy mentioned plans that were working really well such as the Supper Club in Senior House
- Now if you register an event in a dorm, there is a financial incentive to do so, however, this incentive wasn't expanded to Fraternities and Sororities
- A long term goal for a bias violation reporting system
- Daysi has a full final report on what every committee has done
- Alumni affairs hosted a speaker series
- Student Support and Wellness committee implemented an evaluation for S³
- Sustainability had trashion, dorm electricity, and trash to treasure
- Tea for Teachers by Special Projects and Marketing

Follow Up on Class Council:

Vote: To discuss amendment Colin proposed : 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

- Colin: Class Council is completely for transparency, we want our constituents to know what we are doing. The amendment I sent is an amendment for transparency, for classes to know and give feedback on how they are spending their money
- One part is saying Class Councils will give a report from the previous class in terms of types of events they held
- Second part is having each class council hold a meeting showing the budget for the year
- Final part is making that more clear in the constitution stating that any constituent can request to see their class's budget
- Binky: This seems like a weird translucent rather than transparent fix, this seems like a halfway
- Arjun: So say I ask someone to see the budget, what do I do if I'm not happy with it
- Person in back: In the case that people are dissatisfied, we would defer to the survey. If there are enough people they could petition for us to change it
- Arjun: I feel like that should be in the budget
- Yuge: If anyone is unhappy with any budgets from any groups, what do they do
- Binky: We serve 1000 people and before we make a budget we get input
- Jackie: I think this system is more informative, so if they actually go to a meeting and class council can explain what is going on then everyone in the room can understand what's going on
- Ayo: My only concern is why can't the budget also be sent out

- Colin: We don't want the budget published out of context
- Ayo: Can you describe what out of context means
- Colin: We want to minimize the chance of inter class rifts
- Binky: Can you clarify what you mean by inter class rifts
- Colin: I think the bigger thing is that certain classes can do things that other classes can't or choose not to. I wouldn't want the 2019s to be utterly upset that the 2018s put on an event that the 2019s then didn't
- Binky: Part A is that you're going to compare classes
- Colin: This is not necessarily a budget review of last year, this is presenting types of events they held
- Emily: Thanks for reaching out and writing this up. Are you going to make the fact that people can request their budgets more apparent other than just putting it in the constitution?
- Colin: Yes we will include this information in an email
- Rhat: Part of the issue of sending out the budget on its own is lack of context, why can't you send out minutes of discussions that occur? Is there evidence of inter class rifts because I am a bit skeptical about this?
- Liana: The main thing is the monetary differences. If we send out a budget we are showing an allocation of budget resources. Doing it this way is better to keep the information within a constituency
- Ayo: So you are saying ignorance is bliss
- Rhat: So you are saying it's better for your constituency to not know information. One of the big problems is the fact that it took some number of weeks for one person to set up a meeting. This system doesn't fix this
- Jackie: Ideally if they have this open session, then if people are interested they can come see the budgets
- Arjun: How is displaying your budget out of context to your class any different to what you're saying. Why not just display the budget, give them raw numbers, and take away their opinion
- Yuge: I think having to explain why something like senior ball is 100K
- Arjun: Anchor the people with a total number, then say we are spending X amount on each event. People just want to see how their money is being divided up
- Yuge: The average person would not know that Senior Ball would cost 100K
- Ayo: I can vouch for the panhellenic community on this end that we understand how much events cost
- Binky: I think with things like this is a bad compromise
- Sophia: If we do pass this, we can pass further things in the future.

- Allie: I would say the things proposed here look great, I'm still in favor of actually publishing the budget but I don't think that's a mutually exclusive item from passing this and passing that at a later date

Vote: to pass amendment: 9 passed, 7 opposed, 1 abstaining, passed

Email from Billy:

- I want to remind councillors of the supremacy clause
- Any amendment to the constitution or council bylaws has to go through two meetings
- Generally transparency is important, you have the right to make this a mandate for all groups
- You can make any budget transparent that profits off of undergrads
- Rhat: If we decide to exercise any part of the power we would approve these things?
- Sophia: Yes with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
- Olivia: The Tech sells access to undergraduates through its ads. Would the tech then have to do this as well
- Sophia: No because having ads is not an exclusive thing

Institute Committee Nominations:

- We will vote for all nominations in group B as one vote unless more than 3 of you have objections
- All nominations in group A must be approved individually

Vote on Group B: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Group A:

- CJAC: Corporation Joint Advisory Committee

CJAC: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

- FPC: Faculty Policy Committee

FPC: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

- CUP: Committee on Undergraduate Programs

CUP: 3 abstaining, passed

- CSL: Committee on Student Life

CSL: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

- CUAFA: Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid
- Rob: Is it common practice to have someone sit on two committees and be UA VP
- Mo: It is not necessarily common but is in order and if the applicants are qualified

CUAFA: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

- PAC: Presidential Advisory Cabinet

- Jack: It appears that you have one of the alternates is a returner, why is he not being rejoined
- Mo: He was not requested and it is not common that people return to PAC
- Ayo: What are the benefits to have turnover and not insights
- Mo: People will come with fresher and new perspective. One thing to the detriment of people who come on PAC is that they have somewhat unrealistic expectations
- Ayo: Tchelet doesn't seem to have any experience
- Mo: She has interfaced with high level admin through her student leadership experiences thus far
- Ayo: All of them will be interviewed? Will you recommend the four people higher?
- Mo: There will be a distinction between the nominees and alternates
- Jack: I think Tchelet makes sense. Going off what you said I think Joshua would make a great addition to this committee. He wouldn't have the setup cost to know what the President actually can do. My proposal is that there should be more people in Group A committees and fewer doubles so I think Josh should be put in Daniel's place.
- Mo: Daniel was in fact one of the strongest candidates we have. With a committee like CSL it is nice to have returning members, which is the main reason we want to keep him on CSL.
- Jackie: Could you talk a little bit about Citlali
- Mo: She is the incoming assistant officer on diversity, served as president of La Casa and Mujereus. She serves as a voice for underrepresented students on campus, has had experience interfacing with admins
- Ayo: Given that PAC isn't a project based committee, it's a voice based committee, I know Daniel is a hard worker and does good work, but who does he represent
- Mo: During CSL, Daniel utilizes his broad network on campus to talk to a lot of people and act as a channel for that voice. Although Daniel may not seem on his face value that he doesn't represent a lot, he will go above and beyond to ensure that he represents a large voice.
- Binky: Can you talk about Annie
- Mo: She has interfaced with the President as she runs Ebony Affair. She is also the chair of NSBE.

PAC: 1 opposed, 1 abstaining, passed

Judicial Review Board Nominees:

- My proposal for a slate is as chair Hugh Williams. He has served on the UA on the campus planning committee and has served on the ifc judicial review board as well
- Lisa Kong is a 2018 and really believes in communication and outreach
- Gabriella Zak is a 2020 and interested in law school

Judicial Review Board: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Election Commission:

- Chair would be Rikhav Shah
- Olivia: Traditionally the election commission is under a lot of pressure and it ended up being a lot of work. What makes you think that you will be able to do this
- Rikhav: I am someone who likes to plan ahead and I will maximize what can be done ahead of time so pieces fall in place at the end

Election comission: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

New Officer Team:

- Mo as Chief of Staff
- Jon as Treasurer
- Citlali as Assistant Officer on Diversity
- Kathryn as Secretary
- Jon Coden was vice chair of finboard this past year, and this past spring he's been working to look at the student life fee
- Mo is class of 2019, worked on class council freshman year and this past year served on ring committee.
- Kat is a 2020 and does a lot in east campus government and is a career fair director

Vote for the slate: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Committee Chairs:

Vote: 0 opposed, 2 abstaining, passed

Professional Development at MIT:

- What is MIT currently offering for professional development?
- What's missing?
- What should be done by students vs admins?
- The UPOP session is pretty forced
- I would have wanted to gain skills on how to have difficult conversations
- Yuge: 40 hours of your time is a lot of time, the time could be really better spent
- Emily: I did UPOP. I am not course 6, and 90% of the people at the networking event were course 6 and there was nothing related to the fields I was in
- Sophia: Where do you go to get that sort of information
- Emily: I've gotten information from transportation club emails, but basically haven't found anything that's more broad
- Sarah: I think the post UPOP stuff is really great, but as a sophomore I had to take a course for my major and I had to chose between getting access to resources and going to my classes

- Jack: After you realized what the career fair mini career fair was, did you ever speak to admins about what it should be
- Emily: No
- Jack: We have to get the non target audiences to speak up about what they're not getting
- Arjun: I BS'd the reason why I couldn't go over IAP and I could've gone to the presidents day weekend thing but it's 9-5 for three days which I just can't do
- Binky: Is this career fair effective because only 60 people are there
- Sarah: People get on email lists that are intimately valuable
- Emma: The email list is also helpful as a sophomore because when they reach out to UPOP they are comfortable with having someone with my skill set
- Jack: The question isn't whether or not there should be upop, it's how it's run. I know there's a new UPOP administrator so now is the time to contact him
- Yuge: The smaller career fairs concept is a valid thing. UPOP is effective because it is small. I'm not sure why that isn't something people pursue more heavily
- Sophia: It's confusing for companies to have to come to multiple
- Jon: Half this room has never been to GECD, we have this resources which is really underutilized. It is physically separated from students
- Sophia: The exit surveys for the senior class say that only 25% use GECD
- Rhat: I'm not sure what sort of things exist for student pursuing more research type paths. All of my jobs have come from being relatively close to professors or from friends.
- Megan: I have been doing UROP for almost two years and I think it would be helpful
- Mo: One thing that is additionally missing is general funding to send students to conferences. NESBE sends students to the NESBE national conference.
- Sophia: As the reserves increase, this may be something you look to fund
- What should admins do vs students?
- Yuge: I'm not sure how other colleges do this, but our faculty is an amazing resource that we're not utilizing
- Yuge: I support that freshmen should get the 20 minute speak on what a major is and what careers come from that major
- Jon: freshmen who walk into career fair and on campus see companies only recruiting for course 6
- Sarah: Many departments do a bad job explaining what a career in that field looks like

Final Presentation

- The UA budget will increase 50K this year
- I recommend putting this into committees. During Matt's term their budgets were significantly decreased which has caused committees to have to search for money outside the UA

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