UA Exec and Committee Updates

October 06, 2010

UA President and Vice President (Vrajesh Modi and Sammi Wyman)
- Accomplished:
  - In the final phases of drafting memo with GSC and Chancellor to clarify best practices for student engagement in Institute Committees
  - Met with Dean Colombo to get +$500 for Student Faculty Dinners, examining discrepancy in SLF
  - CJAC met
  - HSG Doodle in progress
  - Advisory Committee successful – provided report on some changes over the next few weeks
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will be meeting IS&T about the timeline of Online Reg
  - Will be meeting Career Office on mentoring

UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)
- Will Accomplish:
  - Scheduling dinners with student representatives to establish first contact
  - Installing outlets on the 4th floor within 3 weeks
  - Continuing to fill vacancies on committees

UA Treasurer (Ellen McIsaac)
- Accomplished:
  - Student-Faculty Dinners opened – reimbursements will begin follow
- Will Accomplish:
  - Looking into systems to make reimbursements easier for students and SAO
  - Organizing contracts with most-used restaurants
  - Creating medium-events fund

UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)
- Accomplished:
  - Compiled Committee Updates for Exec
  - Created attendance documents for Senate and Exec that will be updated periodically with number of unexcused absences
  - Sent a UA Updates and Answers
  - Appointed Assistant Secretary-General
- Will Accomplish:
  - Work with Committee on Communications and attend their first meeting
  - Waiting for confirmations from dorms with October Exec meetings
  - Still brainstorming for the UA Booth in conjunction with Committee on Communications
  - Brainstorming for two new initiatives: UA Connections (on mapping communication lines to faculty and administration) and UA Personal (achieving personal touch with the students).
  - Hoping to develop a memo on proper forms, strategies, and syntaxes on argumentation and persuasion tactics
Speaker and Vice Speaker of the Senate (Jonté Craighead and Tim Jenks)
-  Accomplished:
  - 42 UAS 2 and a workshop on negotiation by Tom Kochan
  -  Held open discussion changes to Athena printing
  -  Approved 42 UAS 2.1 – Bill to Reutilize the Former Game Room Based on Student Opinion
  -  Planned the logistics of the UA Retreat
-  Will Accomplish:
  -  UA Retreat
  -  Senate mentorship program kick-off

Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems (Alex Dehnert)
-  No updates were sent.

Assistant to the Vice President on Resource Development (Diana Hsieh)
-  No updates were sent.

Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Riley Brandt)
-  Accomplished:
  -  Met with SAAC to discuss promotion partnerships
  -  Met with Athletics director Julie Soriero to discuss goals for the year and to address several student concerns
-  Will Accomplish:
  -  Create a forum for students to talk directly to Julie and DAPER with complaints and concerns
  -  Begin follow-up Athletics Report outlining student Athlete needs to DAPER in light of enrollment increases

Chair of the Committee on Communications (Janet Li)
-  Accomplished:
  -  Scheduled first meeting
  -  Will have more updates after first meeting.
-  Will Accomplish:
  -  First meeting on Wednesday.

Chair of the Committee on Dining (Paula Trepman)
-  Accomplished:
  -  Had its first meeting and discussed raising awareness of the dining plan
  -  Brainstormed additional projects, such as Pritchett and Lobdell and getting new locations to accept TechCash

Chair of the Committee on History (Adam Bockelie)
-  Accomplished:
  -  Finished Exec bylaws
-  Will Accomplish:
  -  Working on new election code
  -  Archiving UA membership
  -  Tagging old legislation and reports
Chair of the Committee on Housing (Daniel Hawkins)

- Accomplished:
  - Met with Carol Roque, Phoenix Group president, to discuss the future of W1
  - Met with Becky Kjaerbye, Phoenix Group RLA, to discuss the future of W1
  - Requested meeting with MIT Disability Services to discuss increase in enrollment and impact

Chair of the Committee on Nominations (Sammi Wyman)

- See UA Chief of Staff for updates.

Chair of the Committee on Space Planning (Vacant)

- Currently vacant – updates excused.

Chair of the Committee on Student Life (Richard Dahan)

- Accomplished:
  - Conducted interviews and met with formed “sub-committees,” each with an individual project
  - Met with PLUS admins (Paul Spangle and Alicia Erwin of SAO and Dan Chapman of UAAP) and further refined PLUS with longer orientations
  - Looked into Costco/Target shuttles, Athena/printing, tax support, Go Cross Campus, community service, community building, and Stata plugs
  - Planned Wellness Events
  - Explored Student Life enrollment questions
- Will Accomplish:
  - Finalize PLUS program and send out an application to mentors
  - Determine plans for Fall Wellness and Go Cross Campus
  - Compile a full list of possibilities for community events
  - Determine the feasibility of Stata plugs and Costco/Target shuttles
  - Division of labor for enrollment topics
  - Gather input for more Student Life projects

Chair of the Committee on Sustainability (Raimundo Krishna Esteva)

- Accomplished:
  - Finalized 13 member committee with first meeting Tuesday night
  - Contacted Dick Amster, Jarrod Jones, and Dennis Collins about projects
  - Sent an update
- Will Accomplish:
  - Meet with Dick Amster and Dennis Collins
  - Finalize projects and take first steps in completing them
  - Contact Rich Berlin to get composting language in RFP
Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)
- Accomplished:
  - Sold 400 Fall Festival tickets
  - Meet and Greet by Bo after the show
  - Taped off parts of Kresge so it looked full
- Will Accomplish:
  - Committee interviews and will decide on a Vice Chair
  - Post Mortem on Fall Festival

Chair of the Finance Board (Cynthia Bouldrick)
- Accomplished:
  - Summer/Fall 2010 Appeals have been approved and are posted.
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will send out emails to student groups.

Chair of the Student Committee on Education Policy (Liyan David Chang)
- No updates were sent.