UA Exec and Committee Updates

October 20, 2010

UA President and Vice President (Vrajesh Modi and Sammi Wyman)
- No updated submitted.

UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)
- Accomplished:
  - Outlets in the 4th floor lounge installed
  - Identified additional vacancies
  - Filled MIT Online Study Group spot (Hawkins)
- Will Accomplish:
  - Continue to fill vacancies on institute committees
  - Reach out to representatives

UA Treasurer (Ellen McIsaac)
- Accomplished:
  - Reimbursements
- Will Accomplish:
  - Looking into systems to make reimbursements easier for students/SAO for spring SFDs - considering organizing contracts with most used restaurants
  - Looking into creation of medium events fund (corresponds with small events fund and larger funding groups)

UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)
- Accomplished:
  - Took minutes for 42 U.A.E. 4; revised and posted 42 U.A.E. 4
  - Compiled Committee Updates for Exec – not printed due to location conflict
  - Finished main template for UA Newsletter #3
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will finish revising minutes for 42 U.A.S. 3
  - Will post 42 U.A.S. 1, 42 U.A.S. 2, and 42 U.A.S. E1 final minutes upon finishing all the typo corrections
  - Will post 42 U.A.E. 5 minutes after sending it out to the group
  - Will send UA Newsletter #3 for printing
  - Work with Committee on Communications on developing projects
  - Will work on increasing updates – as mentioned at retreat
- Will Accomplish if time permits:
  - Brainstorming for two new initiatives: UA Connections (on mapping communication lines to faculty and administration) and UA Personal (achieving personal touch with the students).
  - Writing a revised white paper for communications
  - 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:
  - Organized and Ran the Senate Retreat
  - Processed student petition
  - Held 42 UAS E1 – discussed dining
  - Held 42 UAS 3 – discussed the role of faculty in decision-making at MIT and the future of educational technology, also confirmed the chair of the committee on space planning
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will hold 42 UAS 4

Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems (Alex Dehnert)
- Accomplished:
  - Provided technical support for Student-Faculty Dinners
  - Made the UA Blog more blog-like
  - Provided general support for committees

Assistant to the Vice President on Resource Development (Diana Hsieh)
- Accomplished:
  - Monitored bus schedule for Trader Joe’s Shuttle
  - Compared Shaw's catering prices to vendors of similar quality and type
  - Set up the meeting with CAC to discuss bringing food vendors on campus
  - Follow-up on Athena Printing with Oliver
  - Worked with Local Motion to improve Trader Joe’s Shuttle
  - Met with Phil Walsh on food vendors

Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Riley Brandt)
- Accomplished:
  - Met with the committee and assigned research tasks for “white paper” on athletic funding
  - Collected past survey data and reports for History Committee
- Will Accomplish:
  - Beginning research on Club, IM, PE, facilities, and training staff for the white paper

Chair of the Committee on Communications (Janet Li)
- Accomplished:
  - Working on “__+__ does not add up” slides for DomeView and the UA comic for the Tech
  - Updated website pages on the PR committee and all people pages
- Will Accomplish:
  - Running UA Booth with Tim the Beaver, wheel of topics, and raffle
  - Putting up “__+__” slides
  - Putting up signs in the old gameroom and old ABP – “What do you want to do with this space?”
  - Figure out a schedule for UA blogs and office hours
Chair of the Committee on Dining (Paula Trepman)
- Accomplished:
  - Attended emergency Senate meeting
  - Talked informally with students on dining
  - Attending exec meetings with dining as a topic
  - Communicated with other Exec members on this issue
  - Attended RFP evaluations committee
- Will Accomplish:
  - Attend HDAG Meeting
  - Finding a smoothie/ice cream/froyo vendor for the “Game Room”
  - Getting vendors such as Flour to accept TechCash

Chair of the Committee on History (Adam Bockelie)
- No update submitted.

Chair of the Committee on Housing (Daniel Hawkins)
- No update submitted.

Chair of the Committee on Nominations (Sammi Wyman)
- See UA Chief of Staff for updates.

Chair of the Committee on Space Planning (Vacant)
- Recently filled position – updates excused.

Chair of the Committee on Student Life (Richard Dahan)
- Accomplished:
  - Met with Larry Brutti and discussed some potential additions to the MIT shuttle services.
  - Talked with appropriate admins and determined a potential plan for helping campus organizations (such as FSILGs) with taxes.
  - Worked on planning ’Wellness Day,’ which will be towards the end of the semester.
  - Researched Go Cross Campus (talked with TechWeek, among others).
  - Reached out to community service groups on campus to determine if they have any needs that aren’t being met.
  - Met with SAO and UAAP to finalize structure of PLUS this year. Sent out applications, reserved rooms, worked on curriculum, and more regarding PLUS.
  - Looking into adding plugs in Stata.
- Will Accomplish:
  - Devise a plan and more forward with Athena/printing, based on what Senate and the Phase 2 working group are looking for; continue to push current ideas for improvement.
  - Communicate with Marlena (FSILGs) to determine feasibility/desirability of provide tax support.
  - Conduct research about impact of enrollment on FPOPs.
  - Determine date of and finalize plan for Wellness Day.
  - Conduct research on desirability of a Go Cross Campus campaign.
  - Talk to PSC (Public Service Center) about the desirability and feasibility of a City-Days-like event right before Spring semester.
  - Begin PLUS program: match mentees and mentors (Wednesday night), run orientation (Sunday 10-2), and more.
  - Narrow down list of cool on-campus events to the 4-5 best, lowest cost options.
  - Talk with Lianne Scott about Stata plugs.
  - Look into "Walmart tent" to have at the beginning of the year, like at other campuses.
  - Within the next 2 weeks: conduct campus wide survey to determine student preferences about some of the projects we're working on (and to back is up when talking to Senate, admins, etc.): questions about shuttles, questions about campus events, questions about projects, and more.

Chair of the Committee on Sustainability (Raimundo Krishna Esteva)
- Accomplished:
  - Scheduled meetings with Jarrod Jones
  - Met Dennis Collins and Dick Amster
  - Did organized projects and assigned tasks – finalized set of projects and assigned leaders
  - Contacted Tide to see if they will subsidize
  - Talked with orientation coordinators
- Will Accomplish:
  - Present research to Facilities
  - Reach out to Desk Captains
  - Create Cold Wash Posters
  - Make an appointment with Rich Berlin, Jarrod Jones, and Niahm
  - Research insulting film

Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)
- Accomplished:
  - Selected Vice-Chair and Committee Members

Chair of the Finance Board (Cynthia Bouldrick)
- Accomplished:
  - Cleared up last minute appeals
  - Fixing the issue on budgeted numbers
Chair of the Student Committee on Education Policy (Liyan David Chang)

- Accomplished:
  - First meeting – administrative tasks with new members
  - Continuing Student Faculty Dinner Support
  - Met with Kerri Mills about the future of Student Faculty Dinners
- Will Accomplish
  - Schedule meeting with bio, math, Registrar, Donna in UAAP on freshmen subjects schedule, and Teaching and Learning Lab
  - White Paper on GIRs
  - Quarterly email to SCEP Chairs Alumni

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- Accomplished:
  - The calendar for social events was solidified:
    - Dorm Storms: October 13th through December 1st: Simmons first with ice cream and a ten minuet presentation on opportunities for freshmen
    - Fall Social: November 4th, Lobdell: music, costume contest, free food, and more
    - Harry Potter Premier: November 19th at midnight: determining logistics and hopefully distributing hoodies
    - Winter Lodge Social, December 10th: Johnson Ice Rink with free skate rental and skating
  - Established three hoodie version designs, tiered sale system