

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 move 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 Marlina (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

Class of 2014 Class Council

- 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