

# UA Exec and Committee Updates

*November 17, 2010*

## **UA President and Vice President (Vrajesh Modi and Sammi Wyman)**

- Accomplished:
  - Held 42 U.A.E. 8
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will hold 42 U.A.E. 9
  - Further work on online registration, advising, etc.

## **UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)**

- Accomplished:
  - Met with Tim Jenks, rep to Educational Opportunities Study Group
  - Met with Daniel Hawkins, rep to the MIT Online Study Group
  - Passed 42 UAS 6.1
  - Passed Exec Bylaws Amendment for Chief of Staff Responsibilities
  - Members of NomComm interviewed candidates for the Kendall Square Advisory Group

## **UA Treasurer (Ellen McIsaac)**

- Accomplished:
  - Did reimbursements
  - Did FinBoard policy updates (including medium fund events)
  - Updated Student-Faculty Dinners reimbursement instructions
- Will Accomplish:
  - Putting together spring 2011 budget

## **UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)**

- Accomplished:
  - Took minutes for 42 U.A.E. 8; revised 42 U.A.E. 7 and 8 and released them
  - Took minutes for 42 U.A.S. 7: revised and posted 42 U.A.S. 6, released 42 U.A.S. 7 for revisions
  - Sent emails to all constituencies regarding senator attendance (none this week)
  - Compiled and printed Exec Updates
  - Met with the Public Relations committee
  - Submitted summaries of the meetings to the Tech as the UA Update
  - Asked people to submit articles for UA Newsletter 4 and formulated the basic layout
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will take minutes for 42 U.A.E. 9 and 42 U.A.S. S.B. 2 and conduct normal procedure
  - Will finish UA Newsletter 4
  - Will meet with communications officers of the administration
  - Will work on increasing updates – as mentioned at retreat, and work on the other internal tasks as specified by the internal communications discussion group (Notes by Anika Gupta)
  - Will meet with more UA members about communication
  - Will finish discussion/report on internal and external communication
- Will Accomplish, if time permits:
  - Will discuss the potential of and begin creating a UA Hitchhiker's Guide

- Will continue to work on two new initiatives: UA Connections (on mapping communication lines to faculty and administration) and UA Personal (achieving personal touch with the students).
- Will develop a memo on proper forms, strategies, and syntaxes on argumentation and persuasion tactics
- Will consider meeting with area communicators (such as secretaries of admin, other student groups, other university governments) to discuss ideas

### **Speaker and Vice Speaker of the Senate (Jonté Craighead and Tim Jenks)**

- Accomplished:
  - Held 42 U.A.S. 7
  - Passed a constitutional amendment: 42 U.A.S. 6.1
  - Bill to Allocate Funding for CSL Events: 42 U.A.S. 7.1
  - Discussed constituency communication and pre-senate dinners with UA Alums
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will meet with the Special Budgetary Senate Committee (29-Nov)
  - Will hold 42 U.A.S. S.B. 2, a non-voting special budgetary meeting for the spring budget with a discussion on Kendall Square

### **Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems (Alex Dehnert)**

- Accomplished:
  - Updated the coloring of the UA blog
  - Updated vouchers for Student-Faculty Dinners
  - Encourage the previous CIT to move the Saferide TV display to the UA locker
- Will Accomplish
  - Will handle requests
  - Will possibly do early work on rewriting Student-Faculty Dinners system and adapting it to Student-Alumni Dinners

### **Assistant to the Vice President on Resource Development (Diana Hsieh)**

- Accomplished:
  - Finalized Costco Proposal
  - Focus on Dropbox and Harmonix
  - Follow up on Flour TechCash
  - Met up with PSB about MIT student business cards
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will finish Costco Proposal
  - Will contact Dropbox and Harmonix
  - Will move forward with PSB

### **Chair of the Committee on Alumni Relations (Ashley Nash)**

- Accomplished:
  - Got enough members to form a committee
  - Got a response from Alumni Office
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will schedule a meeting with the Alumni Office
  - Will hold a committee meeting
  - Will delegate tasks

### **Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Riley Brandt)**

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on Dining (Vacant)**

- Vacant – no update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on History (Adam Bockelie)**

- Accomplished:
  - Updated Senate and Exec Bylaws to reflect 42 UAS 4.1 and amjordan's exec bill
  - Drafted preliminary version of Bylaws of the Standing Committees
  - Entered all of this year's minutes/legislation/agendas into data vault
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will look through UA materials in Archives
  - Will clean up entries in data vault, make it public
  - Will pester chairs to write committee bylaws/mission statements

### **Chair of the Committee on Housing (Daniel Hawkins)**

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on Nominations (Alexandra Jordan)**

- See UA Chief of Staff for updates.

### **Chair of the Committee on Space Planning (Will Steadman)**

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on Student Life (Richard Dahan)**

- Accomplished:
  - Got funding from Senate for 2 Wellness Day events (health-promoting study break and Capture the Beaver), and finalized logistics for them
  - Met with S^3 and UAAP, and worked on our enrollment report sections
  - Met with PSC and involved students regarding a service event/competition next semester
  - Worked on proposals to Costco and Target to get shuttles to them from campus
  - Held a PLUS workshop
  - Met with Larry Brutti regarding the logistics of Boston Daytime on Weekends
  - Developed budget and goals for next semester
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will finalize and submit enrollment reports
  - Will finish and submit proposals to Costco and Target
  - Will meet with IFC regarding funding for Boston Daytime on weekends, and potentially write a bill for funding from Senate
  - Will obtain required materials and develop advertising for Wellness Day events
  - Will check in with Lianne Scott regarding Stata plugs
  - Will meet with PSC and students to finalize logistics and funding of a service event
  - Will continue with PLUS
  - Will contact LSC regarding a "Movie on the Lawn" event for the Spring

### **Chair of the Committee on Sustainability (Raimundo Krishna Esteva)**

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)**

- Accomplished:
  - Met with LMC to discuss possible event collaboration
- Will Accomplish:
  - Is waiting to hear back from the agent about the artist offer

### **Chair of the Finance Board (Cynthia Boulbrick)**

- Accomplished:
  - Decided to make 2 funding cycles for the next semester
  - Added a medium events funding category on application
  - Decided to remove caps on costumes and travel
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will hold more office hours
  - Will change the application
  - Will have allocations due on November 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Chair of the Public Relations Committee (Janet Li)**

- Accomplished:
  - Finalized logistics for and sent out an email to undergrads for Thanksgiving Dinner with the UA
  - Finalized UA blogging schedule
  - Updated committee chairs and senators on the website
  - Designed a sign asking for student feedback in the old Game Room
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will execute Thanksgiving Dinner with the UA
  - Will plan the specifics of the next UA Midnight Study Break on Dec 8
  - Will put up a sign asking for student feedback in the old Game Room
  - Will work with CAC to see if we can put up folders in the Infinite for UA Newsletters, fact sheets, etc.

### **Chair of the Student Committee on Education Policy (Liyan David Chang)**

- Accomplished:
  - Sent out a second email of the semester to undergrads to check syllabi for violations
  - Gathered notes from meetings with administrators for enrollment report
  - Posted an overview of SCEP's current work on the UA Blog
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will compile notes into a draft enrollment report
  - Will schedule meetings for research on TA evaluation system

### **Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Athena Printing (Allan Miramonti)**

- Accomplished:
  - Membership created
  - Scheduled a meeting with Oliver Thomas from IS&T
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will gather student input after the meeting