UA Exec and Committee Updates

November 24, 2010

UA President and Vice President (Vrajesh Modi and Sammi Wyman)
- Accomplished:
  - Held 42 U.A.E. 9
  - Is developing ways to gather input from undergrads on the Chancellor Search
  - Is working on putting together communication to the community on dining
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will hold 42 U.A.E. 10
  - Will continue to work on the above tasks
  - Further work on online registration, advising, etc.

UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)
- No update submitted.

UA Treasurer (Ellen McIsaac)
- Accomplished:
  - Reimbursements
  - Met with SAO about UA accounts
  - Spring budget draft
- Will Accomplish:
  - Reimbursements
  - Final spring budget
  - FinBoard allocations for Spring I cycle

UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)
- Accomplished:
  - Took minutes for 42 U.A.E. 9; revised 42 U.A.E. 9 and released it
  - No minutes this past week for U.A.S.
  - Updated attendance sheet
  - Compiled Exec Updates
  - Met with the Public Relations committee
  - Submitted summaries of the meetings to the Tech as the UA Update (delayed till Tuesday)
  - Finished UA Newsletter 4; sent for publishing
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will take minutes for 42 U.A.E. 10 and 42 U.A.S. S.B. 2 and conduct normal procedure
  - Will work on attendance policy
  - 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 finish discussion/report on internal and external communication, now including the previous idea of a memo on proper forms, strategies, and syntaxes on argumentation and persuasion tactics
- 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 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)**
- No update submitted.

**Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems (Alex Dehnert)**
- No update submitted.

**Assistant to the Vice President on Resource Development (Diana Hsieh)**
- No update submitted.

**Chair of the Committee on Alumni Relations (Ashley Nash)**
- No update submitted.

**Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Riley Brandt)**
- Accomplished:
  - Held a larger brainstorming meeting with representatives and input from all of the Athletics representative bodies on campus
  - Consolidated ideas into three broader categories – things DAPER can do with more funding, things DAPER can do with policy changes, and things the UA can do
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will take these ideas and formulate two documents
    - Recommendation “white paper” from the UA Athletics Committee on priorities for athletics at MIT
    - A concise list of ideas that the UA Athletics Committee can pursue in 2011

**Chair of the Committee on Dining (Vacant)**
- Vacant – no update submitted.

**Chair of the Committee on History (Adam Bockelie)**
- Accomplished:
  - Looked through some material in Institute Archives
  - Asked CIT to update website to make data vault work
  - Wrote newsletter article
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will publish the data vault
  - Will publish the bylaws of the standing committee
  - Will update Constitution based on recent Senate legislation

**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)
- No update submitted.

Chair of the Committee on Sustainability (Raimundo Krishna Esteva)
- Accomplished:
  - Gave away roughly 960 lightbulbs
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will put up posters

Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)
- Will Accomplish:
  - Committee bonding

Chair of the Finance Board (Cynthia Bouldrick)
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will have allocations and present them to Senate

Chair of the Public Relations Committee (Janet Li)
- Accomplished:
  - Ran “Thanksgiving Dinner with the UA”
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will put up sign in the old Game Room asking for student input
  - Will discuss the best way to distribute UA documents (fact sheets, newsletters, etc.) with Phil Walsh
  - Will plan and execute UA Study Break (Dec 8)

Chair of the Student Committee on Education Policy (Liyan David Chang)
- Accomplished:
  - Finished enrollment report draft
  - Scheduled meetings for research on TA evaluation system
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will research TA evaluation system
  - Will find all undergraduate classes scheduled between 5-7 pm in Spring 2011 and email professors beforehand to try and reschedule
  - Will find recurring spring violations so that we can check the syllabus at the beginning of spring to see if violations are being repeated
Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Athena Printing (Allan Miramonti)

- Accomplished:
  - Met with Oliver Thomas
  - Formulated a basis for gathering feedback
- Will Accomplish:
  - Tuesday 11/23, the printing committee will meet to draft a questionnaire to give to senators
  - Will plan to send senators to ask for feedback by December 6th