

UA Exec and Committee Updates

February 09, 2011

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

- Accomplished:
 - State of the UA
 - UA Elections Calendar
 - Meeting with Hastings on Orientation
 - Work on Student Engagement
- Will Accomplish/Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Work on Student Engagement and associated topics

UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)

- Accomplished:
 - Followed up on Student Rep Fall Evaluation Interviews for Institute Committee vacancies
- Will Accomplish:
 - Fill vacancies
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Increase accountability

UA Treasurer (Anika Gupta)

- No update submitted.

UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)

- Accomplished:
 - Took minutes for 42 U.A.E. 12
 - Took minutes for 42 U.A.S. 9
 - Updated attendance sheet for Exec and Senate – reformatted for the new semester
 - Compiled Exec Updates
 - Submitted summaries of the meetings to the Tech as the UA Update
- Will Accomplish:
 - Will take minutes for 42 U.A.E. 13 and 42 U.A.S. 10 and conduct normal procedure
 - Will finish work on attendance and send out relevant emails
 - Will check up on communications officers and the Dean’s newsletter
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Finish Fall Semester Report 2011
 - UA Communications Review Report
 - Hitchhiker’s Guide to the UA

Speaker and Vice Speaker of the Senate (Jonté Craighead and Vacant)

- Accomplished:
 - 42 U.A.S. E2 – Emergency Meeting on Orientation
 - 42 U.A.S. 9
 - Confirmed nominees for UA Treasurer and Chairs of Athletics, Sustainability, and SCEP
 - Approved 42 U.A.S. 9.1: Bill to Create the Assistant Secretary on Information Management
 - Approved 42 U.A.S. 9.2: Fresh Fund Allocation to MIT Ohms

- Resolved to review 2006 UA Report on Orientation and define UA position
- Will Accomplish/Goals:
 - 42 U.A.S. 10
 - Will contact constituents for feedback and discuss position at 42 UAS C1 on Saturday
 - Will plan for Senate in Spring 2011

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)

- Accomplished:
 - Met with DSL and prepared a class for dorms to establish network with their alumni
 - Spoke to alumni association about additional funding for student-alumni dinners
- Will Accomplish:
 - Will have first meeting to assign projects
 - Will start dinners
 - Will meet with course administrators about Open Houses
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Help dorms and student groups reach out to alumni
 - Get alumni involved with open houses
 - Have a successful student-alumni dinner program

Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Michael Walsh)

- Accomplished:
 - Just got confirmed
- Will Accomplish:
 - Meet with DAPER and try to get a spending report
 - Begin looking at an event
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Explore ways to optimize DAPER facilities for as many students as possible
 - Communicate between DAPER and students
 - Get students to come to more athletic events
 - Hold an event to raise awareness and have fun

Chair of the Committee on Dining (Vacant)

- Vacant – no update submitted.

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 (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 (Alix de Monts)

- Accomplished:
 - Just got confirmed
- Will Accomplish:
 - Main focus on Recyclemania; will have our advertising plan finished by Monday 2/12; plan out details for data collection, coordination with event coordinators
 - Contact phoenix group regarding Maseeh Hall sustainable living practices; will ask for their input willingness to participate; will attend dorm meeting and discuss with President
 - Will discuss orientation program (wait until REX issue blows over)
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Internal:
 - Improve communication within the committee; encourage discussion on e-mail lists as well as constant updating of progress
 - Add optional second "work meeting"
 - More collaboration among committee members rather than having everyone segmented into own projects.
 - External:
 - Prioritize recyclemania; increase publicity and awareness
 - Orientation program; want this to be in place by next orientation
 - Maseeh Hall: work to set precedent for sustainable living ; employ help of Phoenix group; take advantage of the unique opportunity that a brand-new dorm presents
 - CFL exchange follow-up; possibility to turn into annual or bi-annual event

Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)

- Will Accomplish:
 - Start planning logistics of Spring Weekend
 - Full committee meeting on Thursday
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Build branding of Events Committee on campus

Chair of the Finance Board (Vacant)

- Vacant – no update submitted.

Chair of the Public Relations Committee (Janet Li)

- No update submitted.

Chair of the Student Committee on Education Policy (Radhika Malik)

- Accomplished:
 - Held our first meeting, brainstormed possibilities.
- Will Accomplish:
 - Write a brief report on the TA evaluation system
 - Start student-faculty dinners for the Spring
 - Email out to undergrads to check violations
 - Meet with the Chair of the Faculty to talk about publishing a “Guide for Professors”
 - Meet with subject evaluation team to talk about course evaluations
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Run student faculty dinners and violations smoothly
 - Write a report for the TA evaluation system
 - Publish “Guide for Professors” by summer faculty newsletter
 - Brainstorm about improving course evaluations
 - Run a survey among students regarding interdisciplinary majors

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

- Accomplished:
 - Met with Oliver Thomas
 - Created posters, updated website, and created google form all to highlight printing trials
- Will Accomplish:
 - UA Blog post on printing
 - Directly engage students for printing feedback
 - Process responses and give advice to IS&T
- Goals for Spring 2011:
 - Get the new printing system into a solid implementable state.