

UA Exec and Committee Updates

March 03, 2011

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

- Accomplished:
 - Continued working on main topics (Walker, etc.) and Student Engagement
- Will Accomplish:
 - CJAC and Corporation Meeting
 - Continued work on the above projects

UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)

- Accomplished:
 - Committee met to discuss several new vacancies, committees, and role of UA NomComm in Institute nominations process
 - Requested applications for 8 committees (either new or with vacancies)
 - Arranged for CRD to visit Senate
 - Collecting information from all Institute Committees in preparation for Spring nominations process
- Will Accomplish:
 - Interviewing candidates for 8 committee vacancies
 - Continuing to collect information from committees for Spring nominations

UA Treasurer (Anika Gupta)

- Accomplished:
 - Submitted reimbursements for committees, senate, and faculty dinners
- Will Accomplish:
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UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)

- Accomplished:
 - Took minutes for 42 U.A.E. 15 (approval of 12-15 soon)
 - Took minutes for 42 U.A.S. 11 (approval of minutes for 10 postponed)
 - Updated attendance sheet for Exec and Senate
 - Compiled Exec Updates
 - Finished Newsletter 7
- Will Accomplish:
 - Will get out of backlogged situation
 - Will take minutes for 42 U.A.E. 16 and 42 U.A.S. 12 and conduct normal procedure
 - Will finish work on attendance and send out relevant emails
 - Will thank communications officers and the Dean's newsletters – continue to push for another
 - Work on finishing Fall Semester Report 2011
 - Work on UA Communications Review Report
 - Work on Hitchhiker's Guide to the UA

Speaker and Vice Speaker of the Senate (Jonté Craighead and Janet Li)

- Accomplished:
 - 42 UAS 11
 - Passed 42 UAS 10.4 and 11.1
 - Selected a Vice Speaker – Janet Li
- Will Accomplish:
 - 42 UAS 12

Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems (Vacant)

- Vacant – no update submitted.

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

- Accomplished:
 - Follow up on Flour
 - Follow up on MIT Business Cards
 - Coordinated Kaplan Practice Test
- Will Accomplish:
 - Start some new projects!
 - Continue monitoring Kaplan and Princeton Review requests

Chair of the Committee on Alumni Relations (Ashley Nash)

- Accomplished:
 - Sent out announcement e-mail last night for student alumni dinners.
- Will Accomplish:
 - Creating Feedback form for Alumni Dinners
 - Working on improving blurbs on alumni association website

Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Michael Walsh)

- No update submitted.

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)

- Accomplished:
 - Met with Janet Sonenberg about Walker.
 - Met with Dean Colombo about new study space for enrollment increase. No new study space outside of W1 planned for the immediate future.
 - Met with Dennis Collins and Daniel Martin about Brigg's Field. We will work to install lighting across Brigg's Field.
- Will Accomplish:
 - Meet with Martin Schmidt about Walker.
 - Have a committee meeting.
 - Meet with Michael Foley about Student Center

Chair of the Committee on Student Life (Richard Dahan)

- Accomplished:
 - Wellness Week: kickoff meeting; determined a schedule; made some reservations.
 - PLUS: Meeting with mentees/ mentors.
 - Cooking: determined feasibility and pros/cons of several options for on campus cooking classes.
 - Developed Rate Your Driver advertising, Driver of the Month award.
- Will Accomplish:
 - Finish the next Rate Your Driver report.
 - Meet with admins regarding Cooking Project to determine concrete steps moving forward.
 - Meet with CAC regarding Stata plugs/water fountain.
 - Adjust Weekend Boston Daytime according to data; begin working on proposal report.

Chair of the Committee on Sustainability (Alix de Monts)

- Accomplished:
 - Meeting with Jarrod Jones regarding recyclemania and logistics for dorm competition
 - Committee meeting with Shanker Sahai of GreenBeanRecycling to discuss GreenBeanMachine
 - Follow up meeting with Jarrod and Shanker to sign business agreement to bring GreenBeanMachine to student center
 - Meeting with Steve Lanou of EHS regarding funding for dorm competition portion of recyclemania
 - Progress on orientation recycling pamphlets
 - Discussion regarding publishing new Guide to Sustainability at MIT
- Will Accomplished:
 - Follow up meeting with Claudette Palmer of CAC, Shanker, and Jarrod to finalize date for installation of GreenBeanMachine
 - Begin poster for recyclemania week now that funding and dates are set for March 6 – 12
 - Follow up with Dennis Collins regarding window film
 - Interview with The Tech regarding GreenBeanMachine
 - Follow up with John DiFava regarding data from CFL exchange

Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)

- Accomplished:
 - Full committee meeting
 - Ticketing site is up
- Will Accomplish:
 - SW announcement coming this week
 - Prep for tickets sales opening next week

Chair of the Finance Board (Emily Zhao)

- Accomplished:
 - Vrajesh and Emily collected 18 applications for Finboard Members at Large. Interviewed 17, picked 6 to nominate.
 - Finboard meeting Sunday to go over applications that groups submitted early.
 - Gave new members allocations experience and face-time.
- Will Accomplish:
 - Finboard Members at Large are up for approval, Monday Senate (9:40pm). – 4 were approved.
 - Spring II student group funding applications due Friday 11:59pm.
 - Allocations meeting starts Saturday 11am and goes as long as necessary.

Chair of the Public Relations Committee (Janet Li)

- Accomplished:
 - Held first UA Booth of the semester; collected useful feedback and increased awareness on UA initiatives
 - With committee, decided on next Midnight Study Break dates: 3/16 and 5/4
 - In process of developing UA Facebook page (be on the lookout!)
 - In process of collecting pictures of new UA members and updating them on UA website
- Will Accomplish:
 - Will officially "publish" UA Facebook page
 - Will continue updating people on UA website
 - Will brainstorm with committee how to increase attendance at UA Office Hours for Principal Officers

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

- Accomplished:
 - Finished survey on TA evaluation system and sent to ua-admin for review.
 - Sent e-mail to undergrads to check syllabus for violations.
 - Started brainstorming preliminary guidelines for professors.
 - E-mailed speaker of senate to put guidelines for professors on agenda for UAS.12 3/7
 - Started conversation with chief of staff for collaboration between SCEP and institute committee reps to conduct survey on interdisciplinary/overlapping majors
- Will Accomplish:
 - Finish brainstorming preliminary guidelines for professors- to be discussed in senate 3/7
 - Email ua-senate to talk to constituents regarding projects
 - Continue conversation with chief of staff for collaboration between SCEP and institute committee reps to conduct survey on interdisciplinary/overlapping majors.

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

- Accomplished:
 - Hung posters
 - Collected more feedback
 - Asked Senate to collect feedback
- Will Accomplish:
 - Bigger push for feedback (talking to people, email, etc.)

President of the Association of Student Activities (Rachel Meyer)

- Accomplished:
 - Had first Board meeting of the semester
 - Made progress on transitioning to a partially new Board and leadership
 - Met with applicants and considered new group recognition applications
 - Completed bulletin board assignments
 - Made decisions on numerous issues that had been pending a meeting
- Will Accomplish:
 - Have another Board meeting (weekly instead of biweekly meetings for now)
 - Continue to work on filling empty Board seats
 - Meet with remaining new group applicants
 - Clear and re-tape bulletin boards
 - Continue discussion regarding Walker and student group space in general