

Attendance

- Present: BC, EC, MacGregor, Maseeh, McCormick, New House, Next House, Random, Senior, Simmons, IFC, Panhel, Living Group Council, Off Campus, President, VP, Secretary General
- Absent: Baker, Treasurer, Chief of Staff

Announcements from Amanda/TyShaun

- Presidential search report released to the public
 - Can't release candidate names
 - Check it out!!!
 - Feedback is appreciated
 - Overall, 60-70 people came to the forums
 - 160 responses to the online survey
 - Good material!
- UA Newsletter
 - Out on May 1
 - Comments and suggestions, please e-mail them to Christine Sowa:
cmsowa@mit.edu
- Elections are on Wednesday
- Transcribe minutes through a professional third party company
 - Question: benefits? Cost?
 - Answer: unknown cost but benefit is having consistent minutes
 - Alec Lai: "Very beneficial"
 - Summaries are helpful because minutes could be cumbersome if they're verbatim
 - Paul K: example – orientation verbatim meeting minutes were very helpful
 - Role of secretary: make summaries of word for word minutes
 - Patrick: suggestion – record the meetings ourselves for future reference (don't transcribe until they're needed)

Budget Approvals

- Movie on the lawn event
 - **CSL wants to host a movie night on Kresge Lawn**
 - Date: during spring weekend
 - Options: Muppets, Up, or Wall-e
 - Movie selection changes price
 - Money comes out of our discretionary budget
 - Between \$1500 and \$2000
 - Ryan Normandin – this is the kind of thing we should be advocating

- Regina – how much is in the discretionary budget now?
 - Answer: \$5000
- **Vote: motion passed**
 - Money will be moved for the movie on the lawn
- BBQ during Spring Weekend with SaveTFP Need *food*
 - Need approval of spending for them to have enough food for the BBQ
 - SAO has agree to pay around half, approx. \$650
 - **From us, they would need \$709**
 - In the past, SAO paid for it
 - They're not usually eligible to get their money from the UA
 - Why not? Rachel - Because they're not a recognized student group
 - Rachel - Usually they get their money from DSL
 - Ryan – good for making Spring Weekend better (towards goal)
 - Patrick – want to know precedent for future Spring Weekend (making it bigger) plans
 - Rachel – concern about giving more money to spring weekend and events because spring weekend and fall festival get \$135,000 combined
 - **Role call vote: motion passed**

Rachel – FinBoard Allocations

- Explanation for groups with “low” allocations:
 - Asian Dance Team and ATS – events covered by other organizations
 - Bhangra – not heeded our remarks that we can't cover \$2,000 for travel
 - BSU – have not written appropriate budgets
 - Cheer – not eligible because they don't get funding from us
 - DanceTroupe – guideline for costumers is 500/semester; we usually go under that for groups, but we stuck to it with the basis they have other income
 - Fighting world hunger – we don't do that
 - Habitat for Humanity – we can't fund so much travel
 - IDC – funding asked for is more than the event would make
 - Natya – asked for capitol with no storage space, but it is our policy to ask for storage space or the costumes will not be safe for the year
 - Paks – didn't give details
 - Rocket Team – asked for things we already funded and things we don't fund
 - Smart Women Securities – ineligible and not recognized
 - StearLeague – funded for events and operations that are more personal items
 - Questions and Answers:
 - Kyle – have we looked into the groups with the highest budgets?
 - Rachel – see below
- Explanation for groups with “high” budgets
 - Luca – high number of events
 - Korean Student Association – high number of events

- Komaza – encouraging them to take steps to reduce cost; no longer paying 600 dollar professional layout and design
- Hillel – large number of events; food costs are higher for kosher
- GaMIT – large number of events; large capitol is not regular
- Debate team – registration at tournaments
- Concert Band – two events that require A/V in Kresge
- Logs – A/V in Kresge
- CVD – large number of events
- Caving Club – large capitol; need new rope – essential for health; asked them to raise prices for outing
- Casino Rueda – tripled in size last semester and need new capitol for a one time thing
- Brain trust – large number of events
- BWA – large number of events
- BBMES – large number of events
- ACF – multiple weekly programs with food
- AAA – large number of events
- Anime – large capitol; not giving all
- Amnesty – large number of events
- Active Minds – wellness campaigns with higher publicity costs than normal
- Two weeks behind schedule, hence the reason it is now presented to Council
 - A lot of the funding is for CPW so very time sensitive
 - Budgeted \$60,000 here
 - \$70,000 previous allocation cycle
 - \$5,000 medium events
 - \$25,000 left over
 - \$10,000 on appeals
 - Rest for special initiatives/late applications
- Amanda – thank you Rachel for going through all these application because there are so many student groups
- **Vote to approve: passed**

TyShaun – Forming UA Council Mission Statement

- Current online form in the GoogleDoc – visit it and leave input!
- Paul - Innovate, consult, marketing
- Questions, comments, concerns:
 - Ryan – adding to Paul’s input – brand ourselves to the students so they understand we are acting in a brainstorming/advising capacity. Students felt senate should be doing something but it was all done in the exec. To be successful, students need to know what it is we’re doing
 - Paul – worried that a committee chair would be charged to do something when council has more control over certain aspects; charging exec to do certain projects is fine, but small-scale things don’t need command.

- Ryan – council should talk with committee chairs if they hear things from students that they think should be implemented
- Eli – role *was* misunderstood by students, and it is good that we’re aiming to fix that
- Amanda – committee chairs want brainstorming ability, outreach (going to dorms/living groups), semi-regular updates on what is happening
 - Interaction is as-needed but you can still filter brainstorming ideas through exec in general
 - Ryan – agree with that statement; chairs want to run committees, not come to council meetings; regular knowledge of what they’re doing through an e-mail would be helpful
 - Committee chairs should decide if they need to be here or not
- Katy – council is a way to have student leaders in every part of campus and communicate what’s going on with them individually; it would be nice in every group started the meetings with two sentences or so to update the council in what is going on elsewhere around campus
 - Regina – agree with Katy; mission statement should state what we can uniquely do as leaders of our groups
- Ryan – UA Council should serve as a place where dorm president can come and develop leadership skills (adapted from three running tickets)
- Tommy – IFC/Panhel deals with many complex systems in addition to UA; come to UA Council directly to know issues that address the entire student government regardless of where you live
- Amanda - do we want faculty to come and give opinions/ideas at council meetings?
 - Ryan – that’s tough; when there’s an issue going on that administrators should be present for, that is useful. Usually it’s too far out to effectively plan who should come and when
 - Jante – brining administrators in and talk about Kendall Square, MIT 2030, MITx, etc. was nice because council knew about the issues before they broke to the public.
- Christine Lai – leadership skills should be how people here take advantage of their position
- Regina – how does each rep convey news to their living groups?
 - Can do over e-mail/GoogleDocs
- Summary: information (being informed about what is going on around campus as a group), sharing information, being informed about what the committees are doing, advising/guidance to committees, communication *both* ways – into and out of the UA
 - Will create rough draft over e-mail
 - Will vote on in the next meeting
 - Affi – need to get opinion from the living groups so it’s not individual’s vote but an accurate representation of the group.

Meeting Adjourned!