

UA Exec Meeting 10/10/12

### **Attendance**

Laura, Sheila, Michael, Naren, Nathan, Christine, Jonté, Anika, John, Stephen, Lauren, Alec, Jen's Substitute, Amanda, Ranjeeta, Ravi, Tim

### **Updates & Administrivia**

- Long weekend and retreat at Cape Cod with 26 UA members
  - Well done, Alec and Sheila!
- Working to get 3 of the cabinets from the back office removed
  - Friday at 1:00
  - Space can be used by your committees in the coming semester
- Sheet back on the glass outside the UAP/VP office – put your name and ID number up if you do not currently have card access to the UA Office
- Resources page exists
  - How to videos and contact book for everyone in the UA
- Voter Registration drive this week
  - Sign up for shifts!
- First meeting with the Chancellor tomorrow at 4:00
  - Rebuilding relationships with the administration
  - They are interested in our leadership development goals
  - If you have anything you want Jonté and Michael to bring up at the meetings with the administration, please let them know

### **Retreat Update**

- We went to Cape Cod
- Went over slides and what we want to accomplish
- Went over how MIT is organized
- Went through faculty and student reports on dining and orientation
- Discussion: what do you want the organization to accomplish? Focused in on specific topics
- Session with Leah Flynn

### **Committee Chairs Updates**

- Jonté – engaged with retreat planning and PTAC; cleaning out office; voter registration drive; welcome dinner for the class of 2016
- Ranjeeta – working with Katie Maloney (alumni association) to send out information on the new infinite connection accounts; developing video on how to use the new system; restarting alumni-student dinners
- Alec – retreat; CPL – still looking for recommendations
- Anika – Movie on the Lawn; Class of 2014 secret event; UGC partnering
- John – met with group to discuss appeals, sent to council and officers
- Laura – getting a committee; peer ears

- Sheila – retreat
- Walsh – asana (how to organize the UA) to let people know what everyone is working on
- Amanda – senior class work
- Stephen – DAPER for 3-on-3 basketball tournament; SAC to set a good date for athletics weekend
- Naren – MITx work; subject evaluations (provide perspective and think about how this is done on the student side); truth in advertising (classes with different number of units than work); SFD website is broken
- Lauren – committee met to determine important issues of orientation; ideas to get student feedback; report from 2006 suggestion improvements
- Nathan – voter drive; committee selection finalized; goals for the year to be determined next meeting (student center and reasonable changes to the dining plan)
- Christine – Google Docs for the UA; newsletter
- Karen (for Jen) – recruited 9 new members; trashion show planning
- Stephanie – working on the last piece of the website so that we can all log into the UA website with certificates or a username
- Cara – fall festival last weekend; comedy show filled up La Sala; IFC and Panhel set up events branded as “Fall Festival” as well; EDM had concert which was co-sponsored by the UA; Movie on the Lawn
- Ravi – IAP classes; proposal is that the GIRs stay the same but if it does not fulfill a requirement then it has to be pass/fail and if it is a requirement, there has to be an equivalent version during the semester

### **Voter Registration**

- Booths set up in different locations today thru next Wednesday
  - Student center, Stata, Lobby 10
- 3-4 hours every day in high traffic times
- Two goals:
  - General voter registration
  - Absentee ballot request forms
- Stamps and envelopes for those who fill out the forms
- Since this weekend is parents weekend, there will be large traffic in the student center with the hopes that more students register to vote
- Study break on Wednesday night from 9:30-11 in the coffeehouse
  - Last chance to get the forms
  - People can fill out the forms while waiting in the line for food
- Ad spread in the Tech on Friday
- E-mail out to undergrads next week to advertise the booth times and the study break
- SIGN UP FOR BOOTH SHIFTS IN THE GOOGLE DOC NATHAN SENT OUT! 😊
- Have a computer with you at the booth to look up the county address to request the absentee ballots

- If you have suggestions for the study break, please let Nathan know
- Print out the flyers and put them in the common areas of your dorm for visibility

### **Peer Ears**

- Endorsed by students trained by mental health
- Currently not working with the MedLinks (problematic)
- What do students need to know about it to make it useful?
  - Need to determine when Peer Ears need to refer the students to mental health professionals
  - Would it be more beneficial to put those resources towards expanding MedLinks student support to mental health?