

April 17, 2013

## Exec Meeting Minutes

- Updates from Today's Faculty Meeting
  - Discussed freshmen advising
    - CUP had a lot of data comparing MIT to its peers in terms of faculty-student engagement
    - Everyone there spoke positively about CUP's resolution
  - Gave an update on the re-zoning and Kendall Square initiative
    - Provost agreed there should be undergraduates on this committee
- Updates from Officers
  - Performance evaluations should have already contacted you - must be completed by Sunday at midnight
  - Create slide for Council and submit it to Jonte by Sunday
  - E-mail Jonte by Friday evening if you are interested in joining the Chancellor at a dinner
  - Many e-mails are in the queue to send - Alumni Relations then FinBoard then SpringFest all sent out within ~10 hours of each others over the next 2 days
  - Transitions: sync your Google Drive with the UA's Google Drive
  
- - faculty meeting, vote at last meeting: May 15th, 2013
- - next council meeting, on Tuesday w/ Chancellor Grimson. Come with questions, sign-up to join him for dinner at 6:30pm
- - Transitions: We still need your Google Drive folders added to the UA's central Drive. Begin thinking about end-of-year transitions. There are a few key questions to consider (1) What was the state of the topics/areas you worked in, (2) what did you/your committee accomplish, (3) what should be the priorities for the committee going forward?
  
- Updates from Chairs
  - FinBoard Appeals should be coming out soon
  - Betsy is working with many organizations to make Wellness Week a success
  - Orientation got feedback and is working on making changes before sending it out to the next wave of people on Friday
  - Special Projects is working with GlobeMed who wants to keep clothing in the back office for their "thrift shop" event
    - They may be planning a UA Party (potentially in McCormick Penthouse)
- Discussion
  - 1 am event ending policy
    - Ideally, students would want this to be extended to later
  - What type of environment should W20 4<sup>th</sup> Floor have (what needs to change/improve)?
    - The lighting is depressing and could fit into the renovation

- Separating the central heating lines would be ideal but a difficult renovation?
    - Student mural and painting in the offices would help appearances
    - Better signage on this floor! People keep walking in circles!
    - A public sink for the student groups to use
  - UA's Image
    - Undergrads are very impressed that the UAP&VP have not quit this year
    - It could help the UA to reach out to get more people from diverse parts of campus involved in the UA to get our image out there
    - Have relevant questions for specific groups that are already organically together (like informal sorority chapter) to reach out to more groups across campus
    - How to keep the momentum of awareness going on even after campaigning and elections?
    - Connecting to students is important and not easy - the undergrads don't see the behind the scenes work and we need to publicize that
    - If a student is interested, they'll see it; if they're not, they will disregard the message
    - Facebook pages of independent groups has proven to be effective - ex: the IAP Faculty Lectures and Events
    - Have groups we fund send us photos of their events we help fund so we can publicize
    - "We Still Exist" Campaign to get posters up in the infinite to show what we're doing around campus
      - Filling out the Infinite Display Poster with updates
    - We don't have a platform to share the information as to what is going on with the public
    - Getting information out quickly in a centralized way could be made *very* simple with drop-down options
      - It's not hard to turn one or two sentences into a paragraph as long as we are given *something* to go on
    - UA Updates in the Tech
  - Marathon Tragedy
- Office Clean up