

UA Exec Meeting
September 19, 12

Attendance:

Anika, Jonté, Christine, Lauren, Tim, John, Nathan, Naren, Michael, George, Stephanie, Shelia, Brendan, Ravi, Jen, Laura, Patrick, Alec, Amanda, Steven (conference call), Hal

Updates and Administrivia

- Performance Reviews
 - Weekly check-ins have begun
 - Thank you for submitting your descriptions and website content to the Google Drive
- Committee Applications and Recruitment
 - We sent out an email to undergrads
 - If you would like to have a short video made highlighting your committee, speak with Jonté
- Budget
 - Was presented to council on Tuesday
 - Will be voted upon next Tuesday at council
- Others
 - Faculty meeting today
 - Students can show up, but speaking privileges are reserved for a few students (UAP, CUP chairs, etc.)
 - Michael sent out Google Calendars so you can make reservations when you need to use the office

MIT 2030 (Patrick)

- Presentation yesterday on Undergraduate View on Kendall Square presented to Faculty Task Force on MIT 2030
- Kendall is currently underutilized (parking space), non-community spaces (office buildings), high price places
- We want Kendall to be a destination for undergrads
 - Developing a sense of place and identity
 - Bidirectional connections to the MIT Campus
 - How to get there
 - Kendall should be more friendly
 - Students need it to be relevant
 - Development should be responsible

Career Fair Holiday (Ravi)

- Background: until a few years ago, there was a Monday holiday floating around in September because there was one more day in the fall semester than the spring

- Normally, there would be a Monday holiday and fall career fair would be on a Thursday
- UA pushed to have the holiday put on the day of the career fair
- 2009 – experiment approved
- 2011 – career fair and holiday on Wednesday
- 2012 – career fair and holiday on Friday
- Can't be Tuesday/Thursday because of balancing the number of class days
- Considerations:
 - Keeping calendar balanced
 - M/W and T/H teaching days
 - Religious holidays coinciding (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur)
- Alternatives:
 - Have an “advising” day
 - Alternative programming for freshmen/sophomores (ex: UROP expo)
- Opinions (Open to All):
 - Have career fair on the holiday!
 - Wednesday – for the employers so they can interview on Thursday and Friday
 - Friday – for the students so they don't have to skip classes to interview
 - This could be difficult for athletes with away games on the weekend
 - We should talk to employers! (Ravi – the career fair will do that; it will just take time)

Student Center Restaurants (Nathan and Brendan)

- Dean Humphries noted last semester that students wanted some different restaurants and food options on the second floor of the student center
- He is now looking over Lobdell's space as well as the restaurants
- He met with Brendan and Nathan to discuss what students want to see redone with the space
- They don't want to bring in traditional places with contracts from large brand-name companies (ex Chick-Fil-A); looking for a MIT-specific restaurant
 - Bon Appetit may end up owning the space
 - Eventually want to streamline it with the meal plan so students can use it as a “swipe”
- The needed student input:
 - What kind of restaurants do students want to see in the stud? Sit down? Fast food?
 - What do students want to see done with Lobdell as a student space?
- Humphries is being very pro-active about this; if we are equally pro-active, we can get this to happen by next fall
- Opinions (Open to All):
 - We want variety... don't want Bon Appetit to own it
 - We want big name companies

Fall Festival (Cara)

- Michael Ian Black and Hannibal Buress
 - October 5
 - SAO sent out
 - \$10/students; \$20/non-students
 - In La Sala and not Kresge
- If you are interested in making a poster, please let us know! We need that very soon
- Need more publicity
 - We want more e-mail blasts
 - Make a Facebook event
 - Infinite display
 - Fall Festival – make it like spring weekend as a multi-day event
 - Movie on the lawn?
 - Funding student groups?

Photos (Christine)

- We're going to be taking professional photos from the Technique
- It will go on display in the infinite
- Will happen before/after an exec meeting
- Check your e-mail and respond to the doodle for a time

Website (Stephanie)

- Ua-site.mit.edu:8080
- You can now log in
- End of next week you can put up content

Closing Remarks

- Go to inauguration!