

UA Exec Meeting
September 5, 2012

Attendance: Jonté Craighead, Michael Walsh, Ravi Charan, George Bailey, Christine Sowa, Alec Lai, Tim Jenks, Jessica Yang, Jen Liu, John Kongoletos, Stephanie Yu, Anika Gupta, Laura Royden, Amanda David, Brendan Deveney, Cara Brown, Nathan Miller, Ranjeetha Bharath, Stephen Freiberg, Haldun Anil

Intro:

First year of the new UA structure in place; we set the precedent for how the students and administrators view our organization.

UA Mission:

“The UA leverages its resources, leadership, and relationships to represent students and implement policies, programs, and events that improve student life.”

We provide students with valuable experiences that build skills to help in the work world.

Strategy for the UA is built on leadership, excellence, and prominence.

Three pillars:

- Value Creator
- People Developer
- Relationship Initiator

UA Structure:

- Council
 - Council Officers
 - Councilors
- Exec Committee
 - Chief of Staff, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Class Councils
 - Assistant Vice Presidents
 - Committees
 - Working Groups
- Judicial Board
 - Chairman, Members, and Election Commission

Joint Summer Policy Initiatives:

- PTAC
 - Rafael Reif wants student opinion

- Group of 8 students
- Student feedback, recommendations to Reif
- Working with the GSC
- RLAD
 - New members were added to the dorm team
 - Student concern arose
 - Working to resolve this issue over time
 - Working with DormCon
- Student Support
 - Laura Royden heading up objectives in
 - Working with GSC
 - SMASH, MIT Medical: Vision for how to assess student support on campus
- Campus Planning
 - MIT 2030 planning initiatives for Central and Kendall Square
 - Engaging students and faculty
 - Working with GSC and Faculty
- MITx
 - Advising course selection
 - Ravi and Tim Jenks
 - Working with GSC

Current Initiatives:

Current involvement in student restaurant options on campus

New vision for the area with new vendors and renovations for this upcoming year

New platform for running Idea Banks

Commitments:

Expectations to Achieve Our Goals

- Exec Committee meetings every meeting to talk about what we are working on and help succeed
- Committee chairs meet with committee; keep members engaged and supported
 - Prepare agenda for meetings and have someone take minutes (send those to the UA Secretary)
 - Check in the UAP/VP
 - Talk about goals; keep Jonté up to date
 - If you've read this far in the minutes, I will give you \$5
- Performance reviews on a quarterly basis
- Come to council to present on projects that need funding approved
- Have meetings with the appropriate administrators and submit a summary of the meeting
- STAY INVOLVED :D

Communication Policies:

- Reply All
- Copy the appropriate UA lists on e-mails
- Respond in a timely fashion
- Stay professional
- Call if you have a concern!

Updates/Presentations:

Alec: Update on behalf of both AVPs of New Member Development

- Sheila is in charge of retreat
 - Cape Cod at the end of September
 - Friday afternoon through Saturday
 - Two dinners, breakfast, lunch
 - Transportation will be provided
 - Finalizing dates
 - Icebreakers, getting to know each other, planning ahead, speaker, tons of fun (!!!)
- Alec is heading up the Campus Policy Leaders group
 - Go through the process of understanding case studies
 - Upperclassmen will volunteer to be mentors
 - Meet with deans, DSL, housing people, etc.
 - Meet once a week for two hours
 - Building next generation of leaders for the UA
- Want to be more engaged in leadership development? Talk to Sheila or Alec!

Ravi: NomCom has 8 vacancies for the institute committees. Let Ravi know if you know anyone who would be a good fit for:

- CUP – overseeing undergrad education at MIT
- Subcommittee on HASS Requirement
- Subcommittee on Communication Requirement
- Committee on Library System
- CSC Advisory Board
- ROTC Advisory Committee
- Office of Student Citizenship
- Rules governing the Committee on Discipline

UA Website:

- Increase UA presence on campus
- Content from old site made more attractive, simpler, and easier to use
- Homepage would be blog posts from all of us
- Project pages to get feedback
- Content drive to update pages once the website is up and running

- Current traffic is 30 visits/day

Next Steps:

- ✓ Leadership information form – fill it out! Due Saturday at Midnight
- ✓ Write a description for your committee/position by next meeting
- ✓ Develop content for your webpage
- ✓ Complete your performance objectives

Tidbits/Exciting Things:

- Meetings will be every week at 7:30 for an hour on *Wednesdays*
- We will have Sunday Brunch; Ravi to organize