

UA Exec: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

Senate Recap

- Confusion on Monday over constitution
 - Last year's secretary did not incorporate changes
 - Liz is working on it
 - Working on institutional memory to prevent these things
- Constitutional changes—Alex Dehnert and Mike Bennie
 - Moving committees to bylaws
 - Off-campus senator position rules
 - Other housekeeping changes
- Joint bill with GSC to make Career Fair Holiday
- Approval of class council budgets
- Bill moving financial oversight of class councils to Senate

Dining: Noah Jessop

- Blue Ribbon (BRDC) moving towards a weekly schedule
- A lot of discussion and concern about how to move forward
 - What this committee produces needs to be backed by what the students want
 - 75% of committee needs to sign off on report to be valid and >50% of committee is students
- Leaked draft was consultant's second shot at the report
 - First draft released on Stellar site for the committee—shockingly different
- Erin Munsell: The consultant doesn't seem to understand our campus as well as we do, ie. how far EC is from McCormick
- Noah Jessop: Removal of MIT moving towards the residential college system removed between first and second drafts
- Mike Bennie: Will be solidifying membership rules at next week's meeting
- Vrajesh Modi: Can someone bring up the issue of capacity? I don't think McCormick can serve all of EC, SH, and McCormick in one night.
- Erin Munsell: They looked at it, but it doesn't go too far into it.
- Keone Hon: The system isn't being built for efficiency right now, but it could be in the future.
- Mike Bennie: AYCE didn't work in MacGregor.
- Keone Hon: If you're forced to pay for it
- Vrajesh Modi: The minutes aren't posted on the BRDC site yet.
- Erin Munsell: I think they're still working on making sure that nothing people say will clearly be something that specific person said.
- Vrajesh Modi: We need to keep the transparency going by looking into getting the minutes to continue the transparency.

- Erin Munsell: We're also transitioning into meeting more regularly.
- Vrajesh Modi: Colombo wants a final report in 8-9 weeks. That's a short timeline.
- Erin Munsell: We're starting weekly meetings. We know there's only two months.
- Noah Jessop: Next BRDC meeting is likely next Tuesday.

Task Force for Student Engagement (TSE)

- Vrajesh Modi: Can you type something and send it to Senate?
- Noah Jessop: Colombo was angry about the Emergency Senate Meeting. The Student Engagement Committee (SEC) is starting. There seem to be bigger things on the Institute's mind than the TSE. We need to identify issues with the student correspondence on matters and avenues to fix them. The next meeting is around March 16. I'll be meeting with the IFC and Panhel presidents about these things as well.

Paul Baranay

- Nom Comm
 - Just finished up Spring nominations and new students on various committees
 - Nominations for next year's committees will be upcoming soon
- Discussion in the AILG about regulations for summer boarders for FSILG's
 - Meeting upcoming about this
 - Mike Bennie: Buildings are licensed as dormitories, so it is a rule.
 - Keone Hon: The ILG's are interested because MIT students tend to live in fraternities than ILG's so they need this more financially.
 - Paul Baranay: There were problems last summer with "rowdiness" in fraternities, and the ILG's are annoyed that they are getting drawn into it.
 - Mike Bennie: Dorms have high schoolers and international boarders.

Maggie Delano: CAC

- Talked about what happened with the game room
 - Cannot have food-related services because there is no water
 - If a vendor wants to come there, they'd be responsible for the renovations
- Also talked about new renovations in coffeehouse, ie. AV
 - They want people to use it for events
 - Blocking it out for student groups on weeknights and weekends for use
- Next meeting in a week or two
- I'll put minutes up on the UA wiki

Liz Denys: Pick up t-shirts!

Adjournment: 7:39 PM