



UA Executive Meeting

Minutes from October 7, 2009

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

2 Goals

Planned Goals:

- Publish a formal response to recommendations proposed by the Institute-wide Planning Task Force based on undergraduate students feedback (10/12/09)
- Gather student opinion and provide feedback to the Student Life Visiting Committee (11/9/09 11/10/09)
- Present motion to the faculty to make the September student holiday coincide with the Career Fair (11/18/09)
- Obtain and provide clear information regarding the allocation of the Student Life Fee (10/6/09)
- Improve communication with students, alumni, faculty, and the Corporation
- Work with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges throughout the accreditation process (October)
- Publish a report on the current state of athletics at MIT (mid-October)
- Hold a series of Community Conversation meetings between students and administrators in a casual setting
- Hold office hours to encourage communication between the UA and undergraduates at large
- Promote MIT athletic spirit through Superfan events
- Work with the Department of Student Life on the future of the dining system implementation based on the Blue Ribbon Dining Committee and UA Dining Proposal Committee reports
- Improve the process to report academic violations by creating an automated system
- Gather student input about HASS curriculum changes and assist in their implementation
- Work on improving the freshman academic packet by helping to set up and guide focus groups
- Publish a report on the state of academic advising with recommendations



- Publish a report analyzing the effects of increased enrollment on aspects of undergraduate life at MIT
- Creating historical summaries to streamline minutes and legislation for easier browsing
- Archiving UA documents electronically
- Make sure new television service over the network reflects student interests
- Work with new leadership at IST so they understand student technology needs, including telephone and email services
- Improve network infrastructure in dorms and FSILGs
- Make information about Institute Committees more readily available
- Formalize a recruiting process for Nominations Committee
- Assess mid-year Institute and Presidential Committee needs and assist chairs with filling vacancies in student representation
- Publicize the work of Institute and Presidential Committees
- Review the Financial Policy Review Committees report on UAs finances and implement a set of best practices and guidelines for spending (10/19/09)
- Constitutional Revisions: review the Constitutional Committees report on UA governing documents and implement necessary changes (10/19/09)
- Work with CAC to improve use of W20 student space such as the Coffeehouse and the old game room
- Evaluate the need for power cords on the 5th floor of the Student Center and, if necessary, implement a solution
- Coordinate student-faculty dinners (early November to IAP)
- Work with facilities to improve bike facilities on campus
- Get a TV outside of the Student Center displaying Saferide statuses
- Improve public awareness of recycling facilities on campus
- Expand plastic bag recycling on campus
- Expand the availability of reusable grocery bags in dorms

Unplanned Successes:

- Star Market Shuttle Special Projects (10/7/09)



3 Elections

Question about releasing the complete results. It's going to Judboard, and we will act after their decision. Senate can modify Election policy as well.

ElectComm's official statement is going to the Tech later tonight. Results will be in the Tech very soon.

4 Updates

UA Update: Task force report, Senate starting, information about the Student Life Fee transparency

CJAC:

Three issues for this year
Student engagement Advising This will help because otherwise we'd need to coordinate many departments
UA reps will be working SCEP
Student Government

Met the DUE Visiting Committee Chair

Since CJAC is not addressing enrollment this year, she said the UA could contact her on any academic issues that would arise from an increase in enrollment
SCEP working on current issues due to a larger freshman class: advising, test regrades, HASS classes, etc. Enrollment working on predicted issues
Increasing undergraduate enrollment and fixing graduate enrollment

Met the DSL Visiting Committee Chair: Will be in contact this week to determine what we need to do to prepare for November 9, 10

Institute-wide Planning Task Force survey feedback from the last four days:

- Summaries main page has 1,100 unique views
- Average visitor read 9 recommendations
- Over 19,000 total page views
- Over 500 comments
- Over 750 students voted on the recommendations
- Big spread on voting from -262 (Add/Drop Date) to +202 (Summer Classes)

5 Committee on Alumni Relations

Objective: to connect the past and present of MIT and tap into the alumni base resources

Committee will have four basic objectives:



- Switchboard to connect students to alumni
- Body that will identify opportunities for outreach to undergraduates
- Central resource for students/student groups wishing to connect to alumni
- Work on advocacy to/from alumni

How is this different from ambassadors/different from those that exist? Committee will act as representative, equals

What do you envision your budget/operating expenses to be?

- \$2-3K this first term for events and development of resources
- Expect this to decrease

6 Student Life Fee

Student Life Fee just increased a lot.

Would students like an increase in the fee to support more programs?

- No.
- Would it affect both graduate students and undergraduates? Yes.

There are still going to be a lot of cuts we aren't aware of if you look at what has come out of the taskforce with respect to the time frame.

Could we use it to help reinstate programs that got cut or might get cut?

7 Task Force Summaries

Cut down to 18 to write position pieces which must be into the report. The Principal Officers will be writing the report this weekend using the work from the Committees.

For the report, getting rid of registration forms might be useful.

8 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.



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Respectfully submitted,

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