



UA Executive Meeting

Minutes from October 14, 2009

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2 Report

The report is done and finalized. It's being distributed to administrators. There will be an email to undergraduates.

80 to 90 percent of the cuts may be outside of the Task Force report entirely, what can we do about these cuts, especially if they affect undergraduates?

- Up to fifty percent of the cuts might be provided by the Task Force.
- Try to get input on working groups
- Liz is writing a resolution to get representation and transparency in decisions which are not affecting personnel early in the process.
- We need to be vigilant about responding when decisions that are made, not too long after. We need to be part of the conversations.
- We need to keep advocating our positions and coordinate who is connecting with who.

Our position is very clear. If administrators cut things from the budget that will upset students, they will already know that those cuts will upset students.

We need to also take it back to undergraduates. Both with an email to undergrads@mit.edu and more personal outreach. Students also respond better to summaries than reports, unlike administrators.

3 Student Life Fee

We will recommend that no increase occur unless a very pressing need is noted, and if so, then it should only increase by the amount to fix that very pressing need.

We likely cannot decrease it.

4 Announcements

Fill out your personal information in the GoogleDoc.



If you want to add events to the W20-401 and W20-400 calendars, email ua@mit.edu. Look for an email to ua-exec@mit.edu from Liz.

No Exec Meeting next week (October 21, 2009). Email ua@mit.edu if you have any problems or need anything, and Mike will send out a brief report of what is going on.

5 How Are Committees Going?

History could use more members.

SCEP has hit a lot of issues, such as exam regrades not being mandated.

Sustainability has a lot of projects in mind, and we may not get to touch on them yet. We will be contacting current FSILG presidents to encourage them to join FSILG recycling. Also, looking into making the Course Catalogue be exclusively electronic.

Expanding IT back into a committee, so that we can better distribute tasks.

Dorm Storm is November 2 to 6. We will have signup for attendance. We really want to show everyone how much we've been doing, especially with the Task Force report, and the best way to do this is by showing up and talking about it personally. There will be no surveys this year.

Nominations Committee is looking for a student to fill the vacancy on Institute CSL.

6 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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UA Secretary General