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Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2008  
8:00pm-3:15am  
Senate Chambers (W20-400)

1. Roll Call, 8pm
2. Special Guests: Stu Schmill and Betsy Hicks, Admissions and Financial Aid
  - a. Martin introduces guests:
    - i. Stu Schmill – new Dean of Admissions
    - ii. Betsy Hicks – financial aid, worked extensively w/MIT, Executive Committee to put together Financial Aid package, involved in politics in DC regarding whether or not universities should be required to spend certain portion of endowments each year
  - b. Stu Schmill (SS)
    - i. Introduction: year split up into recruitment and selection
      1. MIT's image in world is quite strong, number of applicants increased over last 3 years (pretty significant margins)
      2. Students have been very high caliber, decisions very difficult
      3. What they're looking for
        - a. Engaged – appreciate science and technology, want to use it in their lives to make the world a better place; looking to graduate students who will influence world in a number of years
          - i. MIT's relevance in world more so than in previous generations, technology embedded in world's problems, good analytical base and technological understanding critical for future leaders of world to have
        - b. Variety of backgrounds
          - i. Students learn from dissimilar backgrounds, problems are global and students need to know how to solve problems different from their own backgrounds
      4. Yield over last several years has been quite high, records for MIT, among highest in country
      5. Challenges over next 3-5 years
        - a. Ability to attract students from all backgrounds will be important, but challenging; some other schools now recognizing importance of engineering and technology, trying to build their programs, competition from other schools will increase
        - b. National trend has been for students from larger number of wealthier backgrounds to enroll, but we need to make sure we explore students from all backgrounds
  - c. Betsy Hicks (BH)
    - i. Active in student government while in university
    - ii. Been at MIT for 8 years
    - iii. Focused on making improvements with financial aid
    - iv. MIT merged bursar operation with financial aid operation, unusual for peer institutions, but a great idea to ensure partnership and synergy
    - v. Focusing on lowering student debt in early 2000s
    - vi. Self-help: amount student will finance during term through working or borrowing → high

in late nineties, made number of reductions at MIT

- vii. Process
  - 1. Starts with people getting feedback on behalf of parents, students and families, share CUAFA (Committee on Undergraduate Affairs and Financial Aid), includes faculty, students, and others
  - 2. Deliver series of recommendations to EMG (administrators, provost, chancellor, DUE, DSL, Dean of Admissions, Budget, Planning)
    - a. Decide on financial aid
  - 3. Recommendations go to Academic Council (Deans of Schools, Provost, Chancellor, DUE, DSL)
  - 4. Recommendations then go to Corporation
- viii. This year wanted to reduce both pressure on students and parents
  - 1. Parents
    - a. Discussion: One way to reduce is not to include evaluation of assets they own, elimination of home equity (Princeton had done in 2000?)
    - b. Harvard's declaration of setting number of
      - i. Lower self help
      - ii. Elimination of home equity
    - c. Yale and Stanford followed
- ix. Size of endowments caught attention of US Senate Finance Committee
  - 1. Legislation under consideration regarding taxing endowment, mandating certain payout
    - a. One way to mitigate is to spend more on financial aid, probably motivated some schools to change financial aid system
- x. Large percentage of undergrads that are needy – Enhancements
  - 1. Almost 60% of undergraduates get scholarships, at peers institutions can be up to 20% less needy undergrads
  - 2. Realized any student coming from family making < \$75K would be guaranteed scholarship from all sources would equal tuition and student activities fee, primary responsibility on MIT
  - 3. Thoughts about eliminating home equity from families earning over 100K
  - 4. Reduction of self-help to 4750 for those whose families have combined income of above 75K
  - 5. Reduction of self help to 2850, for those families having combined income of < 75K
  - 6. Maybe eliminate self-help one day?
- xi. Want to make sure that those who want to come to MIT have financial ability to
  - 1. Hope to expand those enhancements into higher incomes
  - 2. Engaged in quiet phase in campaign to raise money for students
- d. Hans: providing assistance in looking for external scholarships?
- e. BH: issue is more that it's difficult to actively research scholarships out there and match students, do have information on websites that help in search for outside scholarships
  - i. Many embedded in local/community scholarship
  - ii. Suggestions? Particular category of awards?
- f. Hans: maybe a decent database would be helpful
- g. BH: challenging to keep updated, but would be a good idea
- h. Itai: admissions for international students 3%, are there changes planned? Is there a quota per country?
- i. SS: do limit to 8% international citizens (diff from residency), do that b/c of expense of international students (higher than domestic)
  - i. While we are global university, we are a US university

- ii. Talking about expanding cap, but haven't decided yet
- iii. Quota: none in regions, countries; look for best students across world, but different educational systems in diff parts of world so profiles will look different
  - 1. Will have to take that into account
  - 2. Looking for best students in each regions, those that will take skills learned here at MIT and make a difference in the world
  - 3. Received applications in over 130 countries, but didn't admit all of them
- j. Vrajesh: self help, why is it dependent on what family makes if it is on the individual?
- k. BH: ideally wouldn't have drawn line in sand, but reality is that they can't afford it for everyone
  - i. Obvious place was to start with lowest income
  - ii. There is evidence to support that students from higher incomes receive help to repay loans
  - iii. Personally a little uncomfortable about it, but needed to draw a line
  - iv. Some schools have said that disassociation between students portion and family
- l. Rajesh: Seems like there's a movement to eliminate self help, is that true?
- m. BH: national context, all of a sudden loans have become bad
  - i. Private companies got involved in making loans, subprime mortgage has affected student loans
  - ii. Some people believe students need to earn some to be more invested in their education
  - iii. Doesn't think self-help will continue to decrease; trend is decreasing, but some people place great value on self-help
  - iv. Perhaps hinging self-help on %age of education would be a good idea
- n. Vrajesh: does self-help take away from those who are from higher income get less?
- o. BH: no, students do not benefit at cost of others;
  - i. Tuition, payout from endowment, research money
- p. James: talk of increasing class size, how many do they want to increase by?
- q. SS: right now class size of around 1000 determined by housing
  - i. When W1 comes online, will give more options
  - ii. Study going on now that looks at ramifications of increasing of about 10% more
  - iii. Specifics not sure, but probably around 10% (1000 → 1100), which was around class size when SS was here in mid-eighties
- r. Vrajesh: would love to see more people here at MIT
  - i. What about overflow rooms for major lectures
  - ii. Would quality of education of MIT students go down?
  - iii. What about holding tuition for next couple of years?
- s. SS: nobody wants to drop quality of MIT students
  - i. Want to maintain quality of education, is a problem we'll need to solve
  - ii. Will probably cost more
  - iii. Issues include classrooms and resources
- t. Vrajesh: admissions need-blind? What does that mean?
- u. SS: we don't communicate w/financial aid office, judge students against own opportunities
- v. Shreyes: when Phil Clay was here, talked about measuring quality of students against peers; how are we doing on quality of students
- w. SS: that is one way to measure quality, where a student chooses to enroll
  - i. Look to admit student who would take advantage of education at MIT, better match
  - ii. Hard to quantify quality, look also at students who led in student groups but not always applicable to students, other distinctions
  - iii. Trying to quantify something that is inherently unquantifiable
  - iv. Want to have as painful of a selection process as possible
  - v. Some identified by coaches, visual arts faculty
  - vi. Markers are imperfect

- x. Bo Zhao: competitive pressures facing recruiting and enrolling – issues?
- y. SS:
  - i. money sometimes matters – students will compare how much it costs in comparison to other schools (we don't offer merit)
  - ii. not all students interested in an MIT education (e.g. MIT is unique - density of students highly engaged in academics)
  - iii. need to education some students out there regarding what MIT is
  - iv. some misconceptions
    - 1. some people think we're solely an engineering school
    - 2. doesn't have much in humanities, extracurricular, student life
- z. Cyril: how do you take context into consideration when evaluating need?
- aa. BH: method developed by College Board
  - i. Some adjustments made for cost of living
  - ii. But probably don't want to go to income threshold
  - iii. Oftentimes cashflow statement give indication
- bb. Riley: Some of our peer intuitions have made changes to admission requirements/deadlines
- cc. SS: Princeton and Harvard eliminated programs
  - i. No plan to change early action program; don't think dropping program would be helpful
    - 1. Don't give preference to students who choose either deadline
- dd. Paul: increase in enrollment, will international numbers increase too?
- ee. SS: 8% will probably remain
- ff. Paul: do you still plan to increase admissions office? Increase staff?
- gg. SS: would love to get more staff, will put together plan to address what needs to be accomplished in back
- hh. Unnamed student: Marilee wanted to broaden students MIT targeted, is that still something MIT's focused on?
- ii. SS: think there's real value in having broad cross-section here at MIT, but student admitted must have appreciation for science and technology and wants to use it in some fashion
  - i. Would not want to broaden with someone who's not interested in science and technology
  - ii. MIT students much broader than we get credit for, not sure we need to change what we're doing
- jj. Unnamed student: no fin aid for international students?
- kk. BH: not true, there is, taking into account currencies and packages offered
- ll. BH: one way to gauge quality
  - i. Surveys of satisfaction of education at MIT
    - 1. Important in seeing if match is right
  - ii. What faculty tell us
  - iii. If right match (financially too) people will make sacrifices to come

### 3. 10 Minute Recess

### 4. Welcome and Announcements

- a. New Business?
  - i. Ainsley
  - ii. Bennie
  - iii. Martin
  - iv. Hans

### 5. Call to Order

## 6. Report of the Executive

- a. Martin: semester is winding down, transitions are going smoothly
  - i. Priorities for rest of school year: dining, DSL search (meeting today, narrowed 50 to 8 applicants), Task Force on Student Engagement (Dormcon, Panhel, IFC presidents)
  - ii. Smaller things to take care of: Advising Report w/SCEP, Transition Report (from this year to next), Committee reports
  - iii. Reminders:
    1. 8pm tomorrow: several faculty members coming (review Martin's email) Sheila Widnall, Paul Lagace, John Belcher, Patrick Winston, Diana Henderson, Anne McCants
    2. Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 President Hockfield
      - a. 7:30-8:30 – Larry Benedict (will bring along members of his staff)
    3. Please be courteous to guests and limit laptop use

## 7. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Nomination Committee Slate of Candidates
  - i. Ada Lipkin, vice chair of Nom Comm
    1. Process changed this year: sent online application in March requesting preference/interest and then talked about
      - a. Simplified online process
      - b. 80 applicants, nearly 2x as many as past years
      - c. 2 on 1 interviews with all nominees (past years people asked specific questions for particular chair positions)
      - d. Committee nominated students based on interview and applications
      - e. Received confirmation from students regarding interest and acceptance of nomination
  - ii. Paper copies of ballot made
  - iii. Hans: this is not what we asked for
  - iv. Ada: I have notes from committees if you have specific questions
    1. Thought this was process was for next year
  - v. Martin: wanted to set a precedent
    1. Maybe we should talk about specific people
    2. Vote now or postpone until next year
  - vi. Motion to vote on slate: not passed
  - vii. Ada: why would we vote on slate when committees have been submitted to depts?
    1. Understanding was that we want to improve communication between UA Exec and NomComm
  - viii. Hans: concerned that this will set a bad precedence for future years if we don't vote
  - ix. Ada: expectations were made unclear
  - x. Hans: we should just approve this next time
  - xi. Nana: what are we doing? can we even reverse this?
  - xii. Martin: we can reverse whatever has happened; Senate has this power
  - xiii. Motion to postpone to next meeting: approved
    1. Vote: 7 approve, 4 oppose, 5 abstention
    2. Hans: need descriptions and vote totals; class year, major, living group
    3. Ada: we don't have vote totals, discussion based and basically unanimous

## 8. Review and Vote on Proposed Committee Chairs

- a. Daniela Cako for Class Council Coordinator
  - i. Junior in 6

- ii. General Questions
  - 1. Time commitments: Treasurer for Undergraduate Math Association, writer for Tech
  - 2. No past UA experience
  - 3. Improve/change: would like to keep incoming classes in touch with what's going on in UA
  - 4. Top goals: class council more involved w/UA, more activities (e.g. Wellness Week)
- iii. Hans: what is your opinion regarding class council finances
- iv. Daniela: think it's important for class to be responsible for their finances
- v. Hans: what if you saw something suspicious? Course of action
- vi. Daniela: talk with the person and talk with UA President, Treasurer, and Senate and let everyone know what's going on
- vii. Closed discussion
- viii. Motion to extend discussion for 2 minutes: passed
- ix. Motion to extend discussion for 5 minutes: passed
- x. Motion to vote: passed
- xi. Vote: 6 approve, 5 oppose, 3 abstain
  - 1. Not approved (not 2/3)
- b. Christopher Whitfield as Chair for Resource Development
  - i. 2009
  - ii. Ideas: connections are important
    - 1. Corporate contacts
    - 2. Can act as information hub for UA – can leverage those connections
    - 3. Act as hub for student groups – maybe help leadership of organizations on campus
      - a. Transparent, learn from other student groups
  - iii. Goals:
    - 1. Provide direction for committee
    - 2. Deliverables
    - 3. Transition effectively
  - iv. Experiences:
    - 1. Currently co-president of SUMA (will be continuing next year)
      - a. Have developed corporation relations in past
    - 2. Past Chairman of Ring Committee
    - 3. Freshman year chaired committee on clearing house system
    - 4. Have no UA experience but can learn quickly
  - v. Hans: past problem was committee had no goals
  - vi. Chris: part of position is defining goals for this committee through
    - 1. Connections: can add values to certain events
    - 2. Acting as information hub: synergies that can developed here
    - 3. Leadership structures in student groups: can help each of groups individually (can be done actively such as seminars or linking)
  - vii. Hans: what is appropriate relationship w/company and UA
  - viii. Chris: forming connections
  - ix. Motion to extend discussion for 2 minutes: approved
  - x. Hans: what should company be doing for UA, UA for company
  - xi. Chris: company to reach students
    - 1. Can come through sponsorship of events
  - xii. Closed discussion
  - xiii. Motion to vote: passed (10 approve, 5 oppose)
  - xiv. Vote: 14 in favor, 3 oppose

1. Approved
- xv. Motion to open discussion on procedure
  1. Akash: discussion appropriate in this case because issues regarding previous leadership positions of candidate
  2. Hans: point of closed discussion is to talk about candidates candidly
  3. Akash: discusses candidate's past experiences
  4. Motion to reconsider previous motion: passed
    - a. Noah: Lukmann created to get more funds to UA; want to bring industry leaders in
    - b. Steve: not appropriate to do this because candidate has left
    - c. Vote: approved to reconsider candidate
      - i. Motion to postpone reconsideration: approved (discussion continued 5/12)
- c. Vote to consider Josh for JudBoard member: approved
  - i. Martin introduces Josh Slarsky from class of 2009, involved in many previous campus activities
  - ii. Q&A:
    1. Josh: adds worked on IFC JudBoard for a couple of years
    2. Hans: have you read UA constitution
    3. Josh: have looked over it briefly
    4. Hans: what do you anticipate to be most likely cases to come up in JudBoard
    5. Josh: not sure who decides what kinds of cases come forward for consideration for JudBoard
    6. Paul: how has your experience helped you prepare you for this position
    7. Josh: has had experiences with arbitration, interpreting history, precedents
    8. Motion to extend discussion for 30 seconds: passed
    9. Hans: will you be on IFC next year?
    10. Josh: has not been asked, kind of falling apart
  - iii. Closed discussion
  - iv. Vote: 15 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstention
    1. Approved
- d. Ian Tracy for UA General Secretary
  - i. 2011 Course 2
  - ii. Commitments: XC and Track, MechE activities such as Solar Car
  - iii. Interest in politics, want to serve UA
  - iv. Leadership experiences
    1. Time commander of high school ROTC program: 250 cadets
    2. Eagle Scout
    3. Senior Patrol Leader: responsible for 60 boy scouts
    4. Founded and President of school's Science Club
    5. National Honor Society President
  - v. Wants to strengthen leadership experience
  - vi. Improvements:
    1. Transparency: don't provide a means for communication
      - a. Websites
    2. Expand positive image, posting of email/calendars
  - vii. Motivated, some leadership skills,
  - viii. Q&A:
    1. Hans: what is primary function of Secretary General
    2. Ian: to summarize information and forward to MIT community

3. Hans: can you provide us a sample of minutes you've taken
  4. Ian: has not done personally, but knows how to take minutes
  5. Paul: priorities?
  6. Ian: very interested in politics and decision making
  7. Keone: ideas of improving website and public opinion are good, but hard; what steps would you take to do this?
  8. Motion to extend discussion for 1 min: passed
  9. Ian: set up timeline and set goals
  10. Motion to extend discussion for 2 min: passed
  11. Akash: how to get minutes to everyone?
  12. Ian: talk to people to get them interested and allow people to get excited
  13. Itai: have you thought about a more active role, e.g. Senator?
  14. Ian: wants an executive position, but would be interested in Senate as well
- ix. Closed discussion
  - x. Motion to vote: not passed
  - xi. Motion to extend discussion for 2 minutes: passed
  - xii. Motion to vote: passed
  - xiii. Vote: 10 approve, 1 oppose, 4 abstain
- e. Liz Denys for Publicity Chair
- i. Freshman
  - ii. Currently involved in AXO (3 non-exec positions)
  - iii. Goals:
    1. Continue good relations
    2. Strengthening relations with Tech
    3. What the UA can do for you to students
- f. Charles DeRobertis for Publicity Vice Chair
- i. Founders group for W1, SHPE, lucha
  - ii. Goals:
    1. Fortify relations with Tech
    2. Stay on top of things
    3. Improve communication with committees
  - iii. Q&A
    1. Nana: how well do you work together
    2. Liz: we used to work on W1 together
    3. Nana: how much experience do you have for PR
    4. Liz and Charles: have both worked for their high schools in PR capacities
    5. Cathy: new ways to publicize?
    6. Charles: have discussed developing section in Tech for UA
      - a. Make better use of Infinite border
    7. Liz: need publicity section for website
    8. Paul: How to go about changing newsletter?
    9. Liz & Charles: maybe have a quick overview and then more detailed section letter
    10. Riley: frequency of publication and distribution?
    11. L & C: bi-weekly, electronically available
    12. Martin: would have been good to have an active and proactive PR committee this year; how do you feel about taking the initiative to the next level?
    13. Liz: plans to come to Exec and Senate meetings
    14. Motion to extend Q&A by 1 min: passed
    15. Keone: discuss meetings from past year
    16. Charles: one problem this year was lack of manpower, hope to do a better job at

- recruiting
  - iv. Closed discussion
  - v. Motion to vote: passed
  - vi. Vote: 12 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstention
    - 1. Approved
- g. Danielle Wang for Finboard Vice Chair
  - i. 3 changes in mind
    - 1. Update the website
    - 2. Provide people with summation regarding when receipts are due, deadlines
    - 3. Clear up guidelines and wrote stuff down
  - ii. Time commitments: NSUW, Student Ambassador
  - iii. Q&A
    - 1. Hans: how do you get website updated?
    - 2. Danielle: information first, then aesthetic
      - a. Knows HTML to change words on website
    - 3. Riley: have you thought about rolling appeals system?
    - 4. Danielle: have tried that this year, will see how it works out with each allocation
    - 5. Paul: do you have experience as Treasurer?
    - 6. Danielle: in HS, not at MIT
  - iv. Closed discussion
  - v. Motion to vote: passed
  - vi. Vote: 16 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
    - 1. Approved
- h. Evan Broder for Assistant Vice President of Information Technology
  - i. Introduction
    - 1. No UA experience, but member of Student Information Processing Board, helping w/UA scripts, an RCC and OLC, has insight regarding how things work at MIT
    - 2. SIPB – knows history, how things got to be the way things are
    - 3. Mason’s done a good job at setting up an infrastructure
    - 4. Maybe a way for UA members to edit website
      - a. Website faces a social issues: show people how things work
    - 5. Printing at MIT: looking into test server to replace what MIT is currently using
    - 6. Future of Athena cluster: UA should be involved in discussions and aware of
  - ii. Q&A:
    - 1. Hans: what is future of cluster?
    - 2. Evan: not really sure, some people support removing
    - 3. Akash: have you thought about other schools’
    - 4. Evan: most schools use hold and release system or paying for printing, but not sure that fits MIT style
      - a. Go to printer to release the printer
      - b. Paying would be hard b/c so much information is digital at MIT
    - 5. Akash: what about energy initiatives?
    - 6. Evan: some people want to do authenticated printing, maybe move towards that without hold & release and payment would be great
    - 7. Steve: internal computing w/UA?
    - 8. Evan: see a lot of computers that aren’t used, would like to set that up
  - iii. Closed discussion
  - iv. Motion to vote: passed
  - v. Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed
    - 1. Approved

- i. Cathy Melnikow (Chair for Athletics) and Zach Rose (Vice Chair)
  - i. Introduction
    - 1. Course 15/2, both 2010
    - 2. Cathy plays Volleyball, Zach plays football
    - 3. Hope to do Athletics Weekend in fall again
      - a. Want to get non-varsity sports involved too, club and IM
    - 4. Other initiatives
      - a. Locker room complaints: no one ever sees results of discussions; want to implement system so that they can be liaison to administrators
      - b. Facilities: maybe get a mural up in front of Johnson
    - 5. Have a lot of connections with people in Z center
  - ii. Closed discussion
  - iii. Motion to vote: approved
  - iv. Vote: 14 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
    - 1. Approved
- j. Erin Munsell for Chair of Dining
  - i. Introduction
    - 1. Co-Chair of DormCon Dining
    - 2. Member of Dining Committee, attended all meetings
    - 3. Helped out with fall and spring surveys in dining halls
    - 4. 3 goals:
      - a. Making sure something comes out of Blue Ribbon Committee
      - b. Continue with current Dining Committee's initiatives: agreement with Rich Berlin to get 2 restaurants to accept TechCash
      - c. Continue Dining Hall surveys and talk to Bon Appetit
    - 5. Other ideas
      - a. Broadening survey process to Lobdell, Stata, Forbes Café
  - ii. Closed discussion
  - iii. Motion to vote: passed
  - iv. Vote: 16 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstention
- k. Maggie Delano for Chair of Housing
  - i. Introduction
    - 1. 3 goals
      - a. W1 – work with DormCon on this
      - b. Working with Dean of Student Life to make sure they understand housing at MIT
      - c. Some dorms don't have proxy card readers
      - d. Housing renovations
    - 2. Time commitments, EC VP and Senate Vice Chair
  - ii. Hans: can she be committee chair if she is Vice Chair?
  - iii. Steve: yes, but Senate must make exception (can pass bill)
  - iv. Steve: deferred maintenance?
  - v. Maggie: will do what she can
  - vi. Closed discussion
  - vii. Motion to vote: passed
  - viii. Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
    - 1. Approved
- l. Yi Cal For SCEP Chair and Sukrit Ranjan Vice Chair
  - i. Introduction
    - 1. Yi - Student member on SCEP 2 years ago, was rep this year on Committee on

Undergraduate Program

2. Sukrit - Was on COC (Committee on Curriculum) this year, Associate Advisor
  3. Goals:
    - a. Increasing student input on revision process to GIRs,
      - i. transition to double majors
      - ii. increasing quality of advising at MIT
    - b. increasing student outreach – want more members on committee
    - c. d’Arbeloff grants – faculty meeting interdisciplinary needs
  4. Yi: student rep for CUP
  5. Sukrit: SGS, SPS exec
  6. Martin: most recent report? How would you work to move this forward?
  7. Yi: Meet with Julie Norman to talk about gaps and which need to be addressed
- ii. Closed discussion
  - iii. Motion to vote: approved
  - iv. Vote: 15 approve, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
    1. Approved
- m. Amanda Maguire for Events Committee Chair
- i. Introduction
    1. Took care of Events Chair this year
    2. Main goals
      - a. More cohesive weekends
        - i. Maybe outdoor concert next year? In talk with Harvard Spring Weekends Chair
      - b. Student Rewards system
    3. Other time commitments: Social Chair for Simmons in Fall
    4. Senator for 2 years, Vice Chair of Dining, Chair of Events, on PR and ElectComm for a while
  - ii. Q&A
    1. Hans: future role of Events Committee
    2. Amanda: run more by SAO, wants to make students and student groups more involved
    3. Hans: financial burden moving to UA?
    4. Amanda: don’t see that happening right now
  - iii. Closed discussion
  - iv. Motion to vote: approved
  - v. Vote: 16 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstention
    1. Approved
- n. James Ostrowski for Chair on Student Space Planning
- i. Introduction
    1. Plans
      - a. More Athena stuff, quickstation in BCS
      - b. Walker renovation?
      - c. Work with Phil Walsh
  - ii. Q&A
    1. Steve: have you read space planning report?
    2. James: didn’t know there was one, but will read it
  - iii. Closed discussion
  - iv. Motion to vote: approved
  - v. Vote: 15 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain
    1. Approved

- o. Vrajesh Modi for Chair of Sustainability
  - i. Introduction
    - 1. Course 2 Freshman
    - 2. New initiatives
      - a. Event during Orientation b/c cancelled FPOP
      - b. Reinstate Recyclomania
      - c. Composting initiatives
    - 3. Time commitments: may be student advocate for Baker Foundation, on Robocup Team
    - 4. On Sustainability Committee for this year, worked with Austin (current Chair)
    - 5. Right now committee provides a lot of support to other groups
    - 6. Goals
      - a. Get Sustainability booklets out
      - b. Orientation events
      - c. Sustainability Coordinator at each dorm
  - ii. Q&A
    - 1. Paul: ambitions for UA beyond Sustainability?
    - 2. Rajesh: would like to run for Senator, unsure
  - iii. Closed discussion
  - iv. Motion to vote: approved
  - v. Vote: 17 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
    - 1. Approved
- p. David Hutchings for Chair of Nominations Committee and Andrew Westerdale (Vice Chair)
  - i. Introductions
    - 1. Goals
      - a. Improve communication between NomComm and UA and NomComm and student advocates
      - b. Empower the committee to do more
      - c. Improve advertising or people knowing about these positions
    - 2. Time commitment
    - 3. David IFC as Risk Manager, Andrew on dorm government
  - ii. Q&A
    - 1. Hans: presentation of slate of candidates to Senate?
    - 2. Should have been better communication, will move up deadlines to accommodate Senate bill
    - 3. Steve: engaging people?
    - 4. Town Halls may/may not be successful
      - a. Need to get student advocates more involved
      - b. Get basic information of time, those present, discussion topics communicated to UA, maybe create a basic form
    - 5. Martin: can you make committee active in communicating between UA Exec and student advocates?
    - 6. Andrew: these forms can be given to UA Exec
    - 7. Martin: what role should greater UA play in overseeing NomComm process? In past (not this year), a lot of things weren't working
      - a. UAP and UAVP guide? Should Senate approve?
    - 8. David: oversight/safety net is good
      - a. Day to day operational level, UAP/VP/Senate would be good to provide resources but need to empower committee, avoid micromanaging
  - iii. Closed discussion

- iv. Motion to vote: approved
  - v. Vote: 15 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
    - 1. Approved
  - q. Riley Brandt for Treasurer
    - i. Introduction
      - 1. Time commitment: plays hockey
      - 2. Serving as Interim Treasurer
      - 3. Goals
        - a. Be dependable and accountable
        - b. Present for Senate and Exec meetings
        - c. Being available for groups
        - d. Maybe Senate shouldn't be funding groups, meeting with groups before Senate and then bringing to Senate for approval (save time)
        - e. Increase communication between other funding groups
    - ii. Q&A
      - 1. Hans: what is perfect funding solution?
      - 2. Riley: separate into big events and smaller initiatives
        - a. Large groups: LEF, apply by certain date at beginning of term w/budget
        - b. Rolling appeals for changes in semester
      - 3. Hans: how to implement rolling appeals?
      - 4. Riley: set aside money from original FinBoard amount and money in Discretionary Fresh Fund
        - a. Maybe monthly rolling appeals
      - 5. Hans: Senate/Finboard relation
      - 6. Riley: Senate should focus on legislation and Finboard should focus on allocation
    - iii. Closed discussion
    - iv. Motion to vote: approved
    - v. Vote: 16 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
      - 1. Approved
  - r. Ainsley Braun for Electcomm
    - i. Introduction
      - 1. Currently electcomm chair
      - 2. Changes in new business today
        - a. Rewrote Election Code
        - b. Modifications to Constitution
        - c. JudComm has approved it, worked with Martin, Ali, Bennie, Noah
    - ii. Q&A
      - 1. Hans: Do you plan to report Senate vote totals?
      - 2. Ainsley: new UA Tech person will be able to help w/elections and voting
    - iii. Closed discussion
    - iv. Motion to vote: approved
    - v. Vote: 17 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
      - 1. Approved
  - s. Chair of Finboard, CSL, Class Coordinator for next meeting
9. Nominations for UA Finboard Rep to Exec (to replace Riley, who will now be UAT)
  - a. Paul nominates Kate: accepts
  - b. Paul nominates Itai: declines
  - c. Paul nominates Cyril: declines
  - d. Keone nominates Dylan: declines

- e. Keone nominates Sun: declines
- f. Hans nominates self: accepts

10. Review and Approval of 38 UAS 11 Minutes

11. 39 UAS 11.1

- a. Hans: how much is left in Fresh Fund?
- b. Riley: 1900 in Fresh Fund and 4000 in Discretionary
- c. Hans: 1000 more appropriate
- d. Maggie: how many people sending?
- e. Jason: 2 undergrads, but overhead expenses too
- f. Hans: funds can't be used for student expenses b/c they are used salaries
- g. Hans: proposes delay of allocation or decrease amount funded
- h. Riley: maybe fund transportation, stipulate what it's used for
- i. Cyril: last meeting at 4K, enough discussion on costs, should just go ahead and pass
- j. Hans: concerned about amount of impact
- k. Friendly motion by Riley to amend to UA Discretionary Fund
- l. Hans motions to amend to \$500: not passed
- m. Hans motions to amend to \$1000
  - i. Hans: cost to impact ratio is really high
  - ii. Riley: other funding sources?
  - iii. Jason: happening in October, already received 1200 from DUE and 2500 from PSC
  - iv. Cyril: high initial cost is not a reason to not fund
  - v. Akash: where they in IDEAS competition? Many similar groups in IDEAS competition looking for same kind of funding
  - vi. Keone: agree w/Riley regarding appropriateness of arguing funding here at Senate
  - vii. Steve: asking for future cost or past costs?
  - viii. Jason: future – this fall
  - ix. Motion to vote on amendment: passed
  - x. Vote on amendment: all in favor
- n. Akash: bad precedent to give large sum of money to one group, esp given context of other groups IDEAS competition
- o. Allen: think about how we want to spend our money,
- p. Paul: many of these points have already been discussed
- q. Motion to close debate: passed
- r. Vote: 7 in favor, 3 oppose, 3 abstain

12. 39 UAS 12.1

- a. Hans: attached bylaws incomplete, discusses bylaws
  - i. III. 3.: Hans wants to contribute to Wiki when he graduates
- b. Kate and Sun added as co-sponsors
- c. Brief review of bylaws
- d. Cyril: how to retrieve this?
- e. Kate: figured out how to structure archiving s.t. it's Wikipedia-like
- f. Steve: committee is a good idea
  - i. Should strike "Andrew Lukmann" -
  - ii. Secretary General should take care of this
  - iii. Hans: Secretary of Information Technology should be in charge of Wiki
- g. Martin: maybe have Secretary General chair this committee
- h. Kate: nice to have redundancy

- i. Motion to extend debate for 5 minutes: passed
- j. Motion to postpone bill to next meeting: passed

### 13. New Business

#### a. UAS 12.2 Bill to Clarify the Campaign Rules

- i. Hans:
  - 1. "goals" are vague from first that clause.. whose goals?
  - 2. "Hack" unclear
  - 3. Vague "visibility"
  - 4. Not Executive Board, perhaps Invested Reserve for last that clause
- ii. Paul: clarification: candidates pulling hacks, visibility pretty obvious
- iii. Steve: hacking shouldn't be in here, where do we draw line between skills (e.g. graphics designing)? How do we know who pulled the hack , if it's not the candidate?
  - 1. Isn't not turning in a form kind of harsh?
- iv. Ainsley: only way to enforce
- v. Motion to extend debate by 5 minutes: passed
- vi. Hans: suggest a number limit for funding; specify how we know if limit exceeded
- vii. Martin: should change to not impede/hinder goals of undergrad association
- viii. James: what if a person pulls a hack "on behalf" of opponent?
- ix. Steve: maybe have provision saying that paperwork must be maintained
  - 1. Election Comm can audit them
- x. Noah: add no laws can be broken in aid of publicity
- xi. Friendly motion to amend: remove all references to hacking
- xii. Paul: friendly motion to remove Section IA, Article II (first that clause)
- xiii. Motion to extend debate by 5 minutes: passed
- xiv. Steve: anyone else have concerns about funding forms?
- xv. Motions to amend 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet of last that clause to: "All candidates must maintain proper documentation of all campaign expenses. Funding forms must be furnished to the Election Commission upon request. Request can be made within one week of the conclusion of the election cycle."
  - 1. Ainsley: concerned about disrespect for Election Commission
  - 2. Vote on amendment: 8 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain
- xvi. Friendly motion to strike final that clause from this bill
- xvii. Motion to form adhoc subcommittee to deal with funding forms
- xviii. Motion to vote on bill: passed
- xix. Vote: unanimous passed

#### b. UAS 12.3 Bill to Modify the UA Constitution

- i. Should be UA Constitution in 5<sup>th</sup> whereas clause, not Election Code

### 14. Motion to call Emergency Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30

- a. UAP's power to do so

### 15. Motion to close nominations Rep to Finboard

- a. Motion to white ballot: fails
- b. Motion to vote on Kate: passed
- c. Vote: 13 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstention

### 16. Motion to bring Larry Benedict Advocacy Award to the table

- a. motion approved
- b. Will be a piece of paper for Wednesday, will be plaque in future

- c. Maybe make a resolution by Senate and in future write a bill that dictates selection details
- d. Friendly Motion to amend to “given out by UA once a year to be recommended by Executive Committee with the approval of UA Senate”
- e. Motion to vote: passed
- f. Martin will decide who is cosponsoring
- g. Vote: all in favor but 2, passed

17. Send Jason legislation

18. Motion to adjourn