

39 U.A.S 13  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2008  
9:00pm-12:15am  
Senate Chambers (W20-400)

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. New Business?
  - a. Hans has a few items
3. Last Wrap-Up on Projects!
  - a. Senators give updates on projects (recorded by incoming UA Secretary Ian Tracy)
    - i. Dennis – did not work on project, completed thesis
    - ii. James – spoke w/Rich Berlin, not going to happen
      1. DSL: developing summary of data
    - iii. Keone - Frustrated with Macgregor: not cooperating with reading room
    - b. Rose - Haven't received much more info about dining committees
    - c. Grace - putting boards up, working well with housemasters
    - d. Cyril - Paper shaving: working to become ASA recognized and get funding
    - e. Riley - w/Cathy on athletics committee: nice framework for getting things done next year
    - f. Ye - LCD screen idea: talked w/McCormick—most people against the idea. But shouldn't be a problem; will probably be reconsidered. Needs 600-900 dollars to get it completed.
    - g. Kate - Committee sent out survey - need numerical data. History committee needs more legislation to post online
    - h. Maggie: platinum thing looks cool?
    - i. Itai: Dining in East campus not passed; other project w/shows at building ten at 22:00 on Fridays; will happen next year.
  - j. Irina commends board project, athletics
4. Roll Call (9pm)
5. Call to Order
6. Review and Approval of 39 UAS 12 Minutes
  - a. Vote: all approved
7. Review and Approval of 39 UAS 12 (Extension) Emergency Meeting Minutes
  - a. Vote: all approved

## 8. Report of the Executive

- a. Martin: have accomplished this year, laid a foundation and framework to be more successful than us this year
  - i. Saferide, Advising, Blue Ribbon Dining, Reform of NomComm procedures
  - ii. Student Engagement – biggest and most comprehensive issues addressed
    - 1. First meeting on Task Force today and went well
    - 2. Chancellor and VP open to suggestions, may be getting allies they didn't expect
    - 3. Will be presenting petition later tonight showing that students support this
    - 4. Getting message out to students, making clear to administration that we're serious about this issue
  - iii. Noah and Mike have some great ideas: reorganization, student engagement
    - 1. Dining and new DSL
- b. Ali: commends Martin's leadership and direction
  - i. Important things accomplished:
    - 1. Voter turnout: one of the highest in MIT history (over 50% voting, up 13% this year)
      - a. Sets precedent at MIT, great in comparison to other schools
    - 2. UA is considered more seriously by other people
      - a. More people know about UA, know about what we're doing
      - b. A lot of great things to come in the new year

## 9. Report of the Standing Committees

- a. NomComm not here to present slate of candidates

## 10. Remaining Exec Confirmations

- a. Class Council Coordinator – Itai Turbahn
  - i. Plans to work during the summer to define position, relationship w/class council presidents, UAP, UAVP
  - ii. Priorities:
    - 1. Take care of class council interests
      - a. Offer new idea, be a point of contact, coordinate resources between them, make sure aware of each other's activities
  - iii. Q&A
    - 1. Keone: does your most recent class council bid influence this?
    - 2. Itai: no, trying to work with class councils, not against
    - 3. Hans: how offensive of a stand are you willing to work with them?
    - 4. Itai: don't think it's an offensive position, but Coordinator would be signing off on their money
    - 5. Hans: what if you see something suspicious
    - 6. Itai: would sit down with them to see what issues is about and find an alternative

7. Maggie: will you make class council presidents go to exec meetings?
8. Itai: under current bylaws, they are supposed to
  - a. Want to see if class council coordinator can be the rep to these meetings
9. Paul: will you attend all class council meetings?
10. Itai: will at the beginning of the year, and then decide during the term
  - a. Will do it for a couple of months to see if necessary
- iv. Closed discussion
- v. Motion to extend debate for 2 minutes: approved
- vi. Motion to vote: approved
- vii. Vote: All in favor except 1 abstention
  1. Approved
- b. CSL Chair and Vice-Chair - postponed
- c. Election Commission Slate of Members – Ainsley presents slate (passed around)
  - i. Has spoken to Noah and Bennie about these
  - ii. Q&A
    1. Hans: is it okay to have someone on NomComm and ElectComm?
    2. Ainsley: didn't see a rule against that
    3. Keone: if no rule, makes them even more qualified
    4. Paul: have you discussed with these candidates to inform them that they can't run for those UA positions?
    5. Ainsley: yes, they are aware
  - iii. Closed discussion
  - iv. Motion to extend debate by 30 seconds: Passed
  - v. Motion to break slate into 2: Not passed
  - vi. Motion to divide body: not passed
  - vii. Vote: All approve except 1 opposition
    1. Approved
- d. Election Commission VP – Amanda Maguire
  - i. Introduction: was on ElectComm in fall
    1. Experience on both sides, running and being on electcomm
    2. Ideas
      - a. Electing people sooner
      - b. Issues w/where people are voting (right constituencies)
  - ii. Closed discussion
  - iii. Vote: 17 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 abstain
    1. Approved
- e. Dining Committee VC – Brienne?
  - i. Introduction
    1. Involved in Dining committee this year
    2. Nominated by Erin
    3. Helped to draft surveys distributed at dining halls throughout the year

ii. Q&A

1. Keone: what are your ideas for next year?
2. Brienne:
  - a. one of the things we did this year was distribute surveys which were distributed
  - b. Improve breakfast options on campus, has been Baker Dining Committee Chair – talked to chefs about possibly having breakfast options on weekends, different options
3. James: what about people who don't live in dorms or belong to dining hall?
4. Brienne: maybe think about breakfast options in student center
5. James: how much of your planning is based on this year's surveys
6. Brienne: haven't really surveyed on breakfast yet
7. James: what about late night options?
8. Brienne: would have to conduct surveys, but from what she's gathered, people are more interested in late-night options and breakfast
9. Paul: what kind of interactions have you had w/Rich Berlin? What is your opinion of him?
10. Brienne: hasn't had personal interactions w/him; some of the things he's tried to institute haven't been taken favorably by Dining Committee

iii. Closed discussion

iv. Vote: 13 in favor, 4 oppose, 0 abstain

1. Approved

11. Fall Finboard Allocations

- a. Keone: what is going on with CDI? Applied for \$28K, got \$0
- b. Han: doesn't know
- c. Bennie: didn't come to office hours, requested \$15k for food
  - i. Alex removed them for total allocation percentages
  - ii. Didn't apply in correct manner
- d. Ye: what was other \$13K?
- e. Bennie: Finboard's rule – must attend office hours, or zeroed out; reason is b/c budgets usually improve when attending office hours
- f. Sun: What is Group 0?
- g. Bennie: we don't know who they are
- h. Paul: for next year, maybe indicate w/asterisk to let us know who didn't attend office hours
- i. Jason: no stipulations on document that he was sent
- j. Motion to extend debate for 30 seconds: Approved
- k. Ye: CDI is taking trip to China; do they have a chance to reapply for funding?
- l. Bennie: yes, appeals
- m. Ye: do they know about office hours?
- n. Bennie: unless they're not on list, at least 10-15 emails sent out
- o. Bennie: a couple new policies this term

- i. Eliminated DomeView – student groups
- ii. Don't fund honorarium
- iii. Referred many to LEF, b/c couldn't fund
- iv. No thank you gifts
- v. No freshman packages
- vi. Don't fund family weekend brunches
- vii. Zeroed out group that said they didn't have income when they clearly did
- viii. No final packages
- p. Alvin: why didn't EMS get funding?
- q. Bennie: didn't show up to office hours
- r. Dylon: NSBE didn't receive funding?
- s. Bennie: not sure, come back to it
- t. Motion to extend discussion by 30 seconds: Approved
  - i. 8 approve, 5 oppose, 0 abstain
- u. Motion to table until info on NSBE found: Approved

#### 12. Election Committee Timeline for Elections

- a. Want to have a Senate by September 20
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting by 1<sup>st</sup> week of classes
  - ii. Paperwork due Monday, 9/8
  - iii. Late paperwork Friday 9/12
  - iv. Campaigning begins 9/8
  - v. Electronic voting starts Monday 9/15, ends Thursday, paper balloting by Friday, will know results by Saturday

#### 13. 39 UAS 12.1

- a. Hans: new bylaws document that Kate will pass out
- b. Keone: when will Chair of UA History Committee selected?
- c. Irina: can wait until next Senate meeting of next year, or MAJILA equivalent of next year can appoint?
- d. Vote: All approve

#### 14. 39 UAS 12.4

- a. Vote: All approve

#### 15. 39 UAS 12.5

- a. Vote: All approve

#### 16. 39 UAS 12.6

- a. Motion to divide the body: All in favor
- b. Vote: 17 approve, 1 oppose

17. 39 UAS 12.7

- a. Hans: please author new pieces
- b. Hans: 13. B ridiculous
- c. Motion to table bill until Mike decides to bring it up again: All approve

18. 39 UAS 12.8

- a. Motion to table bill until 12.7 is decided: All approve

19. 39 UAS 12.10

- a. Bennie passes out updated documents
- b. James: have you talked to heads of these groups?
- c. Bennie: yes, they all approve
- d. Bennie: LGC added
  - i. New: last that clause
- e. Keone: are we selecting these people from UA?
- f. Noah: positions appointed by myself and Bennie, but we're looking to find a person to overlap with both meetings?
- g. James: what about joint appointee?
- h. Bennie: don't want a bad year to prevent position from being filled
- i. Hans: should be chosen by UA
- j. James: what about clause saying rep has to be part of group of what that person represents
- k. Friendly amendment: "that the representative must be a member of the organization to which they will be a representative"
- l. Vote: All in favor

20. Finboard allocations back on table

- a. Keone: CDI president said they didn't know about office hours
- b. Bennie: didn't disclose funding from OME, other sources; request was ridiculously high – as stated by Alex Alford
- c. Vote: All approve, except 1 oppose

21. 39 UAS 12.11

- a. Keone: didn't we just appoint someone?
- b. Bennie: we would be removing them
- c. Noah: perhaps Senate can help define this person's position
- d. Hans: concern that the way it's stated now lends itself to corruption
  - i. Maybe convene a position next year under a different title
  - ii. But needs to be removed and rethought
- e. Bennie: shouldn't kill position because someone's already appointed, but set us back a couple of months
- f. Noah: eliminating position would be same as removing officer – would fall under bylaws of exec to remove

- g. Hans: ill-conceived position, safeguards haven't been taken to avoid exploitation
- h. Itai: what happened last time? Didn't we approve him?
- i. Bennie: approved, but will be reconsidered; vote could change – person be unapproved
- j. Motion to divide the body: approved
- k. Vote: 1 in favor, 4 oppose, 11 abstain
- l. Motion to secret-ballot:
  - i. Vote: 5 in favor, 12 oppose, 1 abstain
- m. Motion to roll call vote:
  - i. Vote: 5 in favor, 8 oppose
    - 1. Roll call vote conducted: 2 in favor, 9 oppose, 8 oppose

#### 22. Back to 39 UAS 12.7

- a. Bennie: what do they do?
- b. Martin: runs Tea Party during Orientation
- c. James: thinks SAO will be running Tea Party
- d. Paul: got an email a few days ago, SLOPE committee will be hosting MIT Tea Party
  - i. Signed by Paul Spangle, Asst. Director of SAO
- e. Friendly motion to replace AVPO will be responsible for coordinating Orientation with SAO
- f. Riley: can this be charged to Events Committee?
- g. Bennie: yes, we will be looking at this
- h. Motion to divide body: Approved
- i. Vote: 16 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 abstain

#### 23. Back to 39 UAS 12.8

- a. Friendly motion to amend:
  - i. Hans: we should be honoring number of individuals a year
  - ii. Martin: potentially interesting reward system to take UA roles more seriously
- b. Friendly motion to amend: change title to "Knights of the Square Table"
- c. Hans Anderson, Cathy Melnikow, Ye Yao added as co-sponsors
- d. Vote: All in favor except 1 oppose

#### 24. New Business

- a. Back to Vice Chair of Events Committee – Joe Diaz
  - i. Qualifications
    - 1. Member of 2008 Spring Weekend Committee
    - 2. 2010 Committee
    - 3. Recruitment Chair for his Committee
    - 4. Orientation leader for 2012
    - 5. Had job at home in recreation recruitment
  - ii. Q&A
    - 1. Itai: specific plans?
    - 2. Joe: establish Events Committee that has procedures

- a. Push for more groups to sponsor weekend
  - iii. Closed discussion
  - iv. Motion to vote: passed
  - v. Vote: All in favor
    - 1. Approved
- b. Martin: 2 statements that he would like to have approved by Senate
  - i. First is statement he circulated
    - 1. Reads Statement of Support for the Task Force on Student Engagement
    - 2. Paul: understands petition, what is the other page?
    - 3. Martin: want to make students aware we're dealing with this, deal with this in a respective way, make clear to administration that there's student interest in this
    - 4. Hans: we should roll call approve or have Senators co-sponsor
    - 5. Motion to conduct roll call vote: Approved
      - a. Unanimous approval by Senate
  - ii. Second is details of this task force – framework, expectations
    - 1. Want to present united front before we go to meeting with administrators
    - 2. Senators take one minute to read "Undergraduate Government Council" document
    - 3. Motion to conduct roll call vote: Approved
    - 4. Vote: Unanimous approval by Senate
- c. Maggie authors 39 UAS 13.1 Bill to Fund This American Summer
  - i. Motion to bring to table as new business: all approve
  - ii. David Sheets, Organizer speaks
    - 1. Heard Senate might be interested
    - 2. Given to several MIT fellowships, have gotten some money, will be publishing information online this summer
  - iii. Q&A
    - 1. Itai: Personal contribution?
    - 2. David: people who want to participate make own contribution
    - 3. Ali: commends David's initiative
    - 4. James: how many people?
    - 5. David: 3 people will be going, 1 person staying at home
      - a. 19,000 mile route; outlined course is in his public folder
      - b. Will hit most states, be in on-line contact everyday
      - c. Everything will be tracked
    - 6. Keone: suggests we should fund
    - 7. Friendly motion to amend to "Fresh Fund"
    - 8. Motion to amend amount to "2000"
      - a. James: 1000 is reasonable, this group has already done fellowships
      - b. Ali: want to do it this summer, we should approve

- c. Initiatives: 72 days, interviewing people, talking about political issues
  - d. Hans: what will you do w/these capital items after you're done?
  - e. David: estimates 70% depreciation rate, will resell equipment
  - f. Motion to extend debate by 2 minutes: approved
  - g. Paul: thinks it's awesome, concerned that it's only 3 people going on this trip (ratio/student)
  - h. David: anything you can give us would be great
  - i. Keone: \$6K of their own money, doing great service to MIT
  - j. Motions to move to previous question
  - k. Vote: All in favor except 1 opposition
- 9. Motion to extend debate by 2 minutes: not passed
  - 10. Vote: All in favor except, 1 oppose, 1 abstention
- d. Hans: proposal to find new location for his new dorm
    - i. Motion to bring legislation to table: All oppose except 4 approve
  - e. Paul: due to personal circumstances, will have to step down from UA Senate Rep to Exec
    - i. Motion to reopen nominations: Approved
    - ii. Nominations open
      - 1. Hans nominates Sun: accepts
      - 2. Kate nominates James: accepts
      - 3. Itai nominates Keone: declines
      - 4. Maggie nominates Cyril: accepts
    - iii. Nominations closed
    - iv. Candidates describe qualifications
      - 1. Sun: wasn't sure about running for Senate, but will now
        - a. believes there should be more continuity for Senate
        - b. Keone: why didn't you want to run for Senate?
        - c. Sun: wanted to be in Legislative or Judicial branch, b/c understand more active; but realize that Senate is the reason why other branches have work to do
        - d. Allen: commitments for next year?
        - e. Sun: piano lessons, Chamber Music Society, exec positions in fraternity, 4 or 5 course load
      - 2. James:
        - a. Will already be going to exec meetings b/c of Space Planning position
        - b. Already working w/Phil Walsh, Rich Berlin – has experience
        - c. Would like to help Senate connect to Exec to get stuff done
      - 3. Cyril:
        - a. Time commitments: maybe playing volleyball, also involved in Baker House government

- b. Has been active on UA: At first on Athletics Committee, working w/Paul on Enrollment Committee
    - c. Riley: what do you see as your role as Senate Rep to Exec
    - d. Cyril: serve as liaison between Senate and Exec
      - i. Exec – action
      - ii. Senate – policy
      - iii. Better communication would enable things to be done faster
    - v. Closed discussion
    - vi. Winner: Sun Kim
  - f. Hans motions to impeach Irina: not passed
  - g. Back to CSL nominations – Grace Lee and Kashif?
    - i. Chair: Grace Lee, sophomore, served on CSL last year and this
      - 1. Coordinator of wellness week this year, lot of experience planning
      - 2. Got better participation this year
    - ii. VC: Kashif
      - 1. Freshman, served as general member, coordinated UMP
    - iii. Q&A: no questions
    - iv. Closed discussion
    - v. Vote (together): All in favor except 1 abstention
  - h. Hans motions to knight Martin Holmes
    - i. Vote: All in favor except 1 opposes
  - i. Martin motions to knight the following
    - i. Ali Wyne
      - 1. Vote: All in favor but 1 opposes
    - ii. Hans Anderson
      - 1. Vote: All in favor but 1 opposes
    - iii. Steve Kelch
      - 1. Vote: All in favor but 1 opposes
    - iv. Kate motions to knight Paul Baranay:
    - v. Paul: will not be involved in Senate next year

25. Resolution of Appreciation, Part I (Irina)

- a. 13.2
- b. Vote: All in favor

26. Resolution of Appreciation, Part II (Irina)

- a. 13.3
- b. Friendly motion to amend: add “Knights of the Square Table”
  - i. Motion to amend: Add “Sir” in front of two names and remove “Knights of the Square Table”

- c. Amendment: “Whereas Steve Kelch and Hans Anderson have been responsible for contributing 10 additional hours to Senate meeting this term”
  - i. Vote: All in favor but 1 oppose
- d. Vote: all in favor, except 1 oppose, 1 abstention

27. John Hollywood Award for Best Executive Member (Martin)

- a. Chris Hoffman of Dining
  - i. Put in most time, energy
  - ii. Enduring in face of challenge
  - iii. Has reformed Dining Committee, done surveys, responsible for discounts at end of term, TechCash at Bertucci’s, Pour House, Shaw’s, Dining in EC

28. Jeremy Sher Award for Best Senator (Irina)

- a. Irina commends all Senators’ commitment to Senate
- b. Paul Baranay
  - i. Shown himself to be articulate, involved and active
  - ii. Contributed to discussions inside Chambers
  - iii. Outside Chambers, regularly sought feedback from Simmons constituents
  - iv. Actively involved in a number of UA initiatives

29. Swearing in of New Senate Officers

- a. Jason, Maggie, Sun, Kate

30. Swearing in of New Executive Officers

- a. Noah, Bennie, Riley, Ian

31. Good Of The Order Announcements

- a. Noah: Martin has set an example for how to bring in new people in this organization, to ensure transitional smoothness
- b. Bennie: thanks for Irina and Jason for their effort and the great job they’ve done this year
- c. Martin: will move forward with this petition
  - i. Meeting w/Susan Hockfield and Dana Mead on 5/22
  - ii. Would like to have 1000 signatures by then
  - iii. Hope Senators will take this seriously
  - iv. Opportunity to tell people about UA, issues we’re facing and addressing
  - v. Most important thing Martin’s asked this year
  - vi. Thanks Senate for commitment and time
  - vii. Offers himself and Ali for advice
- d. Ali: most important thing is to emphasize that all of Senators should never underestimate the influence all of you can have
  - i. Write to Tech, Susan Hockfield – you all have the power to make this a great place
- e. Ali: thanks Alice for minutes

- f. Martin: thanks 2 former Presidents Andrew Lukmann and Josiah Seal?
- g. Irina: if advice needed, please feel free to contact her
- h. Hans: warns of future legislation, think through what you're doing
  - i. Senate is here to review

## 32. Adjournment