

39 U.A.S. 2 Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2007
9:00pm-11:55pm(ish)
Senate Chambers

1. Welcome and Announcements

a. Retreat

- i. 11/10 (morning) -11 (afternoon): Cape Cod

b. Senate Accolades

- i. Grace and Paul get brownies for answering Irina's questions
- ii. First person who cc's Irina w/minutes will get brownie next

c. Other topics

- i. Phasing out formality to encourage casual, comfortable conversation

2. Call to Order 39 UAS 2

3. Announcements from Exec

- a. UA Exec meetings have changed in structure – allowing more focus on important issues instead of committee updates
- b. Topics of discussion included:
 - i. Undergraduate enrollment: take person from each committee to make sure that all aspects are considered
 - ii. W1 bill: Theresa Stone met w/Martin → now looking at 3 major options for renovations: complete, delaying (just painting now), half and half, Phil Clay and Pres Hockfield will make decision
 - iii. Martin and Ali will speak w/Clay and suggest that he speaks w/UA
 - iv. Career Fair: logistical discussions w/GSC

4. Report by the Committees

a. SCEP

- i. Task Force released report last year who suggested chair change
- ii. In past, group of students talked about issues faculty are discussing
- iii. Let Shreyes know if interested in participating
- iv. Include paragraph from Shreyes when sending out minutes: A small committee has been formed to gather feedback on the recommendations of the Task Force on Educational Commons, and to recommend specific changes to the curriculum. The committee is comprised of 6 faculty members and student representative Shreyes Seshasai. Parallel to this, there is a group of students who will be meeting throughout the fall and spring to discuss some of their ideas. If you're interested in being part of the conversation, email Shreyes Seshasai (shreyes@mit.edu) and he'll add you to the list. If you have any other thoughts or concerns about the recommendations, feel free to email edcomm-sac@mit.edu.

b. CSL

- i. Handout w/GoCrossCampus – game started at Yale
- ii. Made out of principles of Risk
- iii. Each Senator has a dorm/team
- iv. Encourage your team to login on Monday 11/5 and take part
- v. Goal to make 75% undergrad population to participate
- vi. No off-campus representation b/c we only have to hit 75% of
- vii. Will make off-campus part of FSILG West and East
- viii. Purpose is to increase campus unity, and within living groups
- ix. Does not cost money

5. Approval of 38 UAS 13 minutes

- a. 16 Approve, 0 oppose, 7 abstains

6. Approval of 39 UAS 1 minutes

- a. 23 approve, 0 abstain, 0 oppose

7. Approval of ElectComm Members

8. Removal of Election Committee (ElectComm) chair: Alexis JW Zhu

- i. None are here
- ii. Vote for tabling vote until next meeting when all candidates are present:
- iii. 21 approved, 0 opposed, 2 abstain

b. Reasons for removal (Martin) (1 min)

c. Discussion (2 min)

d. Vote—3/4ths

9. Approval of ElectComm chair: candidate

a. Statement of Qualifications (1 min)

b. Q&A (2 min)

c. Discussion (2 min)

d. Vote

10. 39 UAS 1.8: Resolution to Support MIT Faculty's Proposed Policy on MIT's Press Statements

a. tabled last time

- i. Baranay reads resolution, Delano reads amendments made since last time
- ii. friendly amendment to “that” clause stating “attached”
- iii. Denis as SCEP chair is concerned UA Senate is trying to exert influence on faculty
- iv. Kelch: Perhaps supports UA Faculty in hopes of reigning in administrators’ responses
- v. Hopp reads Wellesley’s press statement – comments that Wellesley did not vilify their student

- vi. Martin suggests not explicitly stating that we should be more cautious regarding interaction w/policy groups
- vii. Vote: 20 approved, 1 opposed, 2 abstain

11. 39 UAS 2.1 Allow Freshman to Participate in REX

- a. Allowing McCormick and Next House to participate REX
- b. Add Grace Yao from McCormick as co-sponsor
- c. Next House resident concern: Potentially death of RBA
 - i. Response: asking administration to look at issues –
 - 1. potential solution: students can opt out of RBA after REX, still allow same advisors but not residents
- d. Residencies that have RBA voted them in, thus residences can only vote it out
- e. Point is advisors can get to know residents before arrival on campus
- f. Cultural houses also do RBA – would need to put into bill
- g. Grace Yao: those in McC who responded support this bill
- h. Martin: does not necessarily end RBA, gives administration understanding of undergrad view of RBA
- i. % age in drop of ranking – all causes unclear
- j. Friendly amendment: change “REX” mentions to “adjustment lottery”
- k. Hopp: changes must come from w/in Next
- l. Previously brought up in other forums: many reasons for dying/disappearance
- m. Potential solution: allow advisors to interact w/advisees before arriving on campus - integrate into overall advising
- n. Motion to extend debate: 20 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstain
- o. Motion to table bill: 14 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstain

12. 39 UAS 2.2. Reinstate 99 Bay State Saferide Stop

- a. Create another Boston West saferide stop at 99 Bay State Road
- b. Motion to vote: 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- c. Vote: 22 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstain

13. 39 UAS 2.3 Remove Special Budget Review

- a. Change date at which Senate required to review Finboard Appeals and Allocations
- b. Will rewrite bill - Change to Senate bylaws which requires 2 meetings
- c. Motion to postpone indefinitely: 19 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstain

14. 39 UAS 2.4 Appreciation for Funding Boston Daytime

- a. Want UA to expresses Larry Brutti, Larry Benedict, Phil Clay, Theresa Stone in securing funding for Boston Saferide
- b. Friendly amendment: “several” in 2nd whereas clause removed
- c. Motion to white-ballot (unanimous approval of resolution): 1 objection
 - i. Potentially closing future discussion on SafeRide

- d. Martin: \$80K project, UA worked closely to help us – we should let them know when we appreciate their help (providing positive feedback)
- e. Motion to vote: 22 approve, 1 oppose, 0 abstain
- f. Vote: 21 approve, 1 oppose, 1 abstain

15. 39 UAS 2.5: Appreciation for Student-Faculty Dinners

- a. Appreciation to Dean Benedict and Hastings for support and committees w/SAO to work
- b. Helpful in networking and community
- c. Motion to Vote: 11 in favor, 10 oppose, 1 abstain
- d. Vote: 17 in favor, 6 oppose, 0 abstain

16. 39 UAS 2.6: Resolution to Relocate Food Truck to East Campus in the Evenings

- a. Relocate Food Truck to McDermott Court Area to expand EC dining options - Available from 5-8pm
- b. MIT does not own food trucks, would be suggesting relocation (cannot influence/control)
- c. Facilities has been holding up the opening of space to food trucks
 - i. Martin will be meeting w/them, but have been delaying meeting for last month
- d. Dining would like to investigate contract option
- e. Friendly amendment: replace
- f. Current discussion w/Dining has been limited to food trucks moving b/c of the construction of new cancer center
- g. Motion to vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- h. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

17. 39 UAS 2.7: Resolution for MIT to Provide Expedited Funding to Biodiesel@MIT Group for the Installation of a Biodiesel Processor

- a. Funding of renovations needed for installation of working biodiesel processor be expedited by MIT administration
 - i. Be carried out by end of 2007 calendar year
- b. Have identified location to place processor, very slow in transferring money (already committed this \$)
- c. Responsibility of Biodiesel@MIT
- d. Austin Oehlerking arrives, addresses questions: space and funding is available
 - i. Asking for support of UA, students
 - ii. 3 locations identified, similar capital costs
 - iii. Feasible for 2 months for installation
 - iv. ~\$35K committed from Benedict
 - v. Diesel fuel will be used in Tech Shuttles
- e. Kelch suggests UA should start funding process, offer \$1500-2000 to group
 - i. Motion to amend: open floor for amendment discussion
 - ii. Variable costs covered by new fuel generated by processor

- iii. Perhaps funding should not be granted b/c administration should be responsible for this – is MIT initiative
- iv. Fresh Fund is new, still uncertain about where we want to spend
- v. Concert the group won united campus
- vi. Motion to extend discussion for 5 minutes: 20 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 oppose
- vii. Suggests that putting money towards this would indicate to administration that students support this
- viii. Investigate other sources of funding (\$20K in CAC's "Repair Budget")
- ix. Motion to vote on amendment: 19 in favor, 2 oppose, 0 abstain
- x. Vote on amendment: 10 in favor, 12 oppose, 0 abstain
- f. Motion to vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- g. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

18. Action Items Review

- a. Send out minutes, cc Irina
- b. Contact SCEP if interested in participating on committee
- c. Email constituents to completing Dining survey

19. New Business

- a. Bill to establish UA Events Committee, collaborate w/SAO to organize Fall Festival and Spring Weekend and additional UA events
 - i. Amend Article IV, Section 2.2 of Constitution to state that the following are standing administrative committees: Nominations Committee, FinBord, PR, Events, in joint custody of GSC and ASA
 - ii. Vote to consider as new business: 20 in favor, 1 oppose
 - iii. Concern: Previously a failed committee, unclear chartered goals
 - iv. Motion to end debate: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- b. Food for next week
 - i. Email Jason about food suggestions
- c. BioDiesel@MIT:
 - i. Identify if issue is giving money, or amount of money given
 - ii. Staff: UA should actively reach out and support groups
 - 1. Suggests prize for outstanding groups
 - iii. Motion to reconsider (previous discussion nullified)
 - iv. Friendly amendment to change amount to \$1250 from Fresh Fund
 - 1. Motion to vote on amendment: 13 in favor, 9 opposed, 0 abstain
 - 2. Vote on amendment: 15 in favor, 8 opposed
 - v. Friendly amendment: deleting second that clause, replace with "that MIT administration make all efforts to carry out the installation of the processor by the end of the 2007 calendar year and actively support efforts of the student body in promoting its energy initiative"

- vi.** 11/5 meeting w/Dean Benedict, must vote by then
- vii.** Motion to vote:
- viii.** Vote: 19 in favor, 1 oppose, 1 abstain

20. Good of the Order

21. Adjournment/Throw Tomatoes at Irina