

**39 U.A.S. 4**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 12, 2007**  
**9:00pm-1:00am(ish)**  
**Senate Chambers**

**1. Call to Order 39 UAS 4/Roll Call**

**2. Announcements from Exec**

**a. UAP**

- i. Successful retreat – talked about administration interaction, increasing visibility of UA, increase communication
- ii. Legislation (ii-x) – Fresh Fund bill passed, ready for use
- iii. UA Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Enrollment bill passed
- iv. Senate involvement in W1 decisions: Terry Stone is doing financial analysis of a couple of options → report will go to administrators
- v. Career Date change – met with GSC, SWE, Class councils
  1. considering other options as compromises as well
- vi. Reinstate 99 Bay State – spoken w/Larry Brutti and Panhel; stop has been reinstated
- vii. Appreciation for Faculty Dinners – officially thanked them
- viii. Relocation of food trucks – taken to facilities, in current discussions
  1. current proposal – outside building 66
  2. still meeting w/Committee of Space Review
- ix. MIT Biodiesel \$1250 granted – will be following up w/Terry Stone, took to director of Facilities who will support
- x. MIT Press Statements – still have concerns; Martin signed and met w/Dean Benedict, Susan Hockfield – administrators understand that UA is concerned, follow up will happen

**3. Approval of 38 UAS 2 minutes**

- a. 20 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 abstain

**4. Approval of 39 UAS 1 minutes**

- a. Welcome and announcements removed from meeting minutes
  - i. 17 in favor, 0 oppose, 4 abstain
- b. proposal: include speakers of specific comments in minutes
- c. Approval of minutes – 20 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 abstain

**5. Approval of Election Committee (ElectComm) Members**

- a. Not present
- b. Candidates under consideration: Alexis JW Zhu, Joe Presbrey, Bina Choi, Ainsley Braun, Charles DeRobertis, Johannes Schneider, Amanda Maguire, Patrick Yamane
- c. No discussion of candidates

- d. Ainsley Braun addresses Senate regarding Chair position:
  - i. Past: one problem with a person missing deadline, approved extension request
  - ii. Plans to address problem where some people living off-campus are miscategorized
    - 1. had problems b/c did not have accurate list of residents, went off MIT-People list
  - iii. freshman who join frats/sororities can choose to vote w/residents of dorm or affiliations
- e. Question: What happened to Alexis as former chair?
  - i. Originally wanted to be chair, voted in – resigned to pursue other efforts
- f. Ainsley has support of rest of ElectComm board
- g. **Vote: Majority:** 18 approve, 0 oppose, 3 abstain
- h. Ainsley confirmed as Chair of ElectComm

#### 6. 39 UAS 2.1: Allow Freshman to Participate in REX

- a. tabled last time
- b. Keone: update is housemasters in McC and Next also pursuing
  - i. housemasters also want freshmen to participate in readjustment lottery
  - ii. motion to table to wait for McC and Next findings
    - 1. 18 in favor, 0 oppose, 3 abstain

#### 7. 39 UAS 2.8 Bill to Establish a UA Events Committee

- a. tabled last time
  - i. Martin received letter from Patrick Raymond and Paul Spangle regarding UA Events Committee
    - 1. suggests Fall Festival and Spring Weekend planned by Events Committee
    - 2. events bring in brings in 1000-2000 students, ensures continuity
    - 3. 9-10 people on committee + 1 chair
  - ii. Hans: supports committee that plans Fall Festival, Spring Weekend events, but concerned about helping other large-scale campus events
    - 1. Martin: Committee would play advisory role in other events
      - a. Committees still coordinating own events, but UA Events Committee would be “checks and balances”
  - iii. Hans: Friendly amendment to change “UA Events Committee” to “UA Event Planning Committee” & any additional UA Events in a purely advisory role
  - iv. Steve: friendly amendment motion to amend that committee can receive no more than \$250 per term in UA funding
  - v. Vote: 21 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

**8. 39 UAS 4.1: Bill to Complete and Maintain the UA Website**

- a. Discussion regarding payment of person chosen to design website
  - i. Keone: Why pay him?
  - ii. Jason: competition will result in best possible website
  - iii. Keone: concern that we should not set precedent for someone who does not complete his task
  - iv. Martin: has done his job in other areas – opening up to encourage competition, expedite completion, also concerned about paying
  - v. Katrina: \$ is a good incentive, perhaps remove him from position and find someone else? Can't be ½ and ½ ; but want it completed
  - vi. Martin: Mason should get “first dibs” to get \$500
    - 1. Familiarity w/website gives him advantage to re-vamping quickly
    - 2. position: Mason interviewed and approved by Senate last spring (2/3 vote)
  - vii. Motion to extend debate for 5 minutes: 21 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  - viii. Maggie: friendly amendment to have \$500 given to candidate to who is selected to improve website amended and UA exec + 2 senators appointed to oversee website
    - 1. Motion to open discussion for amendment: 21 approve, 0 abstain, 0 against
    - 2. Allen: should find someone who can learn from Mason
    - 3. Akash: should either be non-exec and paid or exec and not paid – should not be paid to be on exec
    - 4. motion to vote: 16 in favor, 5 oppose, 0 abstain
    - 5. vote on amendment: 9 in favor, 8 oppose, 0 abstain
  - ix. Katrina: motion to table bill until wording edited
  - x. Vote to table bill: 19 in favor, 0 oppose, 2 abstain

**9. 39 UAS 4.2: Bill To Create a Committee On Student Input In the Selection of the New Dean of Student Life**

- a. Martin: concerned about creation of new committees – if properly staffed would be a good idea
  - i. Want to remove first “that” clause
  - ii. Also has to be level of confidentiality to maintain relations between administration/UA
  - iii. James: concerned that 1 person (Martin) will not completely represent student body
- b. Steve; have any of the groups like the IFC, LGC Panhel and so on been contacted so they know about this bill? James: we informally asked Dormcon and were told to include more groups.
- c. Steve; I wonder if we should call this a Student committee or UA committee

- d. Sarah Hopp; we should add ASA president to the list of presidents.  
Friendly amendment, entered into the bill
- e. Paul Baranay; this is important and I like the bill
- f. Motion to extend debate, 10-4, debate extended
- g. Akash: questions what this committee can do that Senate cannot do itself
- h. Maggie: should encourage other organizations to be involved in this
- i. Martin: this is creating advisory committee to advisory committee
- j. Maggie: friendly amendment to amend first “that” clause – if info available then committee will look into it, if not then will not → add “known” in between “if” and “candidates”
- k. Paul: Motion to amend strike second half of first “that” clause
  - i. Vote to open discussion: 3 in favor, 13 oppose, 5 abstain
  - ii. Vote on Paul’s amendment: 2 in favor, 18 oppose, 1 abstain
- l. Motion to vote on bill: 16 in favor, 3 oppose, 2 abstain
- m. Vote on bill: 14 in favor, 4 oppose, 3 abstain

**10. 5 minute break**

**11. Announcement: Email constituents and send Subway complaints to choffman@mit.edu**

**12. 39 UAS 4.3: Bill to Fund the Latter-day Saint Student Association**

- a. Hans withdraws co-sponsorship of bill
- b. Randall Lewis (group treasurer) addresses Senate:
  - i. Difficult transition between treasurers
  - ii. UA Finboard did not inform him that funding rejected, did not have time for appeals
- c. Hans: Withdraws support b/c constituency does not support; as Finboard chair – has to set a good precedent
  - i. Now looking into way to inform groups who are denied funding to get reasoning
- d. Katrina: small amount being debated, were not informed of denial → should give them money to get through term
- e. Hans: group notified of numbers (posted in Tech), not notified that specifically did not get \$0
- f. Motion to vote: 11 in favor, 8 opposed, 2 abstain
- g. Vote: 13 in favor, 4 opposed, 4 abstain

**13. 39 UAS 4.4: A Bill to Clarify the Process for the Fresh Fund**

- a. Martin’s friendly amendment: second whereas clause – change to “it’s important to establish a procedure for Fresh Fund requests”
- b. Martin’s second friendly amendment: Second that clause: That a funding request for the UA Fresh Fund must be presented in the form of a bill to the UA Speaker by the appropriate deadline; and”
- c. Steve’s friendly amendment in 3<sup>rd</sup> that clause: change to “10% of the semesterly allowance of the UA Fresh Fund”

- d. Hans: friendly amendment to strike first that clause because unnecessary
- e. Motion to vote: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
- f. Vote: 20 in favor., 0 opposed, 1 abstain

#### **14. 39 UAS 4.5: Bill to Resolve Crisis Situations**

- a. James Peacock suggests this issue referred to Reform Committee
- b. Steve: Reform Committee looks for ambiguity, contradictions in Senate bylaw; people who sit on Committee: Kelch, James Peacock, Martin, Irina, Hans → reviewed by JudBoard and 3 members at large
- c. Martin's amendment: Change that clause to "All actions undertaken by the Executive Committee"; other re-wording changes made
- d. Motion to table discussion until reworded: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

#### **15. 39 UAS 4.6: Bill to Create the Committee on the History of Student Governments**

- a. Hans's amendment: add in first that clause: "preceding and including the UA at MIT"
- b. Steve's friendly amendment: change to "Ad Hoc Committee on UA Institutional Memory" in first that clause
- c. Motion to vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
- d. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

#### **16. Action Items Review**

#### **17. New Business**

- a. 39 UAS 4.8 Bill to Establish Ad Hoc Committee on Student Involvement and Representation
  - i. 10 person ad hoc committee, prepare comprehensive report of instances of success/failure of admin/student interactions, drafting recommendations to improve internal UA representation of undergrad body and external recommendations to avoid future controversies
  - ii. UAP/VP collaborate w/UA Speaker to recruit and appoint membership of committee, UA Senate approve committee chairs
  - iii. Report submitted at 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate meeting of Spring 2008 term
  - iv. Vote to discuss bill: 10 in favor, 5 opposed
  - v. Hans's friendly amendment: add that clause "That this committee shall be responsible for reporting their findings to the Senate"
  - vi. Hans: what kind of membership looking for?
    - 1. Martin: those interested in improving relationship
  - vii. Hans: friendly amendment that UAP/VP/Speaker/PR Chair/Nom Comm Chair shall be on this committee
  - viii. Motion to vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  - ix. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain

- b. 39 UAS Bill to Allow the Use of Laptops during Senate Proceedings
  - i. Vote to open for discussion: 19 in favor, 1 oppose, 1 abstain
  - ii. Jason Forte takes over as Senate Speaker as Irina expresses opinion on bill
  - iii. Irina: questions assertion that laptop use will increase communication w/constituency during meetings, officers of UA Exec can get information during meetings, dubious of Senators will represent better, believes laptops distract in Senate meetings
  - iv. Martin suggests a trial next time
  - v. Hans: mind will wander whether or not laptop is present
  - vi. Katrina: what if want to write legislation during meeting?
    - 1. without evidence/background information readily available, prevents her from doing her job
  - vii. Irina: role of speaker to keep people on task
  - viii. Itai: don't come if you're not here to do your job; laptops will not work
  - ix. Akash: would like communicate with other IFC members during meeting
  - x. Luke's friendly amendment: strike last whereas clause, against spirit of Senate
  - xi. Motion to close discussion: 11 in favor, 7 oppose, 3 abstain
  - xii. Motion to vote: 11 in favor, 7 oppose, 3 abstain
  - xiii. Vote on bill: 9 in favor, 7 oppose, 3 abstain
  - xiv. Jason returns power of speaking to Speaker
  
- c. 39 UAS Bill to Investigate Recycling in Boston
  - i. Vote to discuss: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  - ii. Keone, Akash, Allen, Lana, Paul added as co-sponsors supporters of bill
  - iii. Fraternities on-campus are not required to recycle
  - iv. Motion to vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  - v. Vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  
- d. DSL committee calls for 4 Senators:
  - i. Nominations: Kate, James, Maggie, Steve, Paul, Katrina
  - ii. Procedure: People volunteer, Irina appoints 4 Senators and will email UA Senate
  
- e. Hans motions to reconsider 39 UAS 4.6
  - i. 18 in favor, 0 against , 3 abstain
  - ii. ex-members will pick a chair
  - iii. motion to vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  - iv. vote: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain
  
- f. Discussion of Housing Chair
  - i. Vote to discuss: 16 in favor, 2 oppose, 3 abstain

- ii. Martin: Reviews appointment process, timeline of alleged offences, UA Presidential Tasking follow-up, Ability to lead UA Committee on Housing, Ability successfully proceed
- iii. Mandi: UA Agenda should be sent out 48 hours in advance, did not have time to prepare
- iv. Steve: Motion to table discussion so that Mandi can give opportunity to present case
  - 1. Vote of Motion: 19 in favor, 0 oppose , 2 abstain

**18. Motion to adjourn session: 21 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain**