

40 U.A.S. 5
November 24, 2008
8:00 PM
W20-400

I. Roll Call

- A. Absent: Jason Forte (due to job interview), Richard Dahan, Kevin Marengo, Brandon Lew
- B. Late: Daniel Katz, Sarah Dee, Cody Daniel, Anila Sinha, Hongyou Xiong, Cyril Lan, Jorge Simosa
- C. Liz Denys (UA Public Relations Chair) serving as secretary until Ian arrives.

II. Call to Order

III. Announcements from UA Officers

- A. Veto of Secretary Bill because of turnaround time and should have a PR role
- B. TSE met on the 19th
 - i. Lobby 7 protest concerns--get input from Institute Committees
 - ii. Hacking: discussion on more formal resolution
- C. Hockfield lunches: UA facilitating, should be sent out shortly to undergraduates.
- D. Blue Ribbon report: W1 uprooted, new resolution about what to do with dining without large, central dining hall?
- E. CSL open minutes for Institute Committees

IV. Approval of Minutes (40 UAS 3, 40 UAS 4)

V. Finboard Allocations

- A. Keone: Pleased by these numbers and percentages. Historically, Finboard has been bad at turning down requests for money. Question about MITService: PSC is low on money, so should we fund them even though it only services the outside community?
 - i. Finboard Chair: A lot of departments have been cutting down on funding. No overallocation of money unless previous years, so service groups came as our first one to cut. If they have issues getting funding from the PSC, they can appeal in February.
 - a) White Ballot and approved.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Postponed legislation:
 - i. 4.1 Resolution for MIT Support Against RIAA Threats
 - a) Keone: Two approaches we can take:
 - 1. Offer specific stance as in bill; or

- 2. State the problem and MIT ought to address it; create this committee for the task to pressure administration. Nelson proposes approach 2. Maybe we should think about using this approach.
- b) Hawkins: In general, should be more specific, but administrators may not take our approach as is. Committee to come up with the suggestion should be made up of a combination of students and administrators.
 - c) Nelson: MIT's stance on this isn't as big an issue as people think it is. They forward information they get from the RIAA to students and do not give additional information to the RIAA. No university fights for students against the RIAA. Maybe this isn't as big an issue as people make it out to be. Maybe, ask the CSL to come up with other initiatives and solutions they might propose. It is not MIT's role to spend money and time on lawyers to defend against definitively illegal acts.
 - d) Keone: All of the things said before are true. I think it's more that MIT should not be the RIAA's police by issuing warnings.
 - e) Ekaterina: Some one in Random brought up that Harvard law has pro bono workers to handle these things, while we do not. Keone, do you plan on personally pursuing or making the CSL do it? It could be a waste of our time and their time if they do not care enough.
 - f) Keone: I would be willing to look into this.
 - g) Nelson: The complaints have been related mostly to DMCA take down notices, not the issues discussed in this bill. Universities that are fighting aren't doing so directly; non-university lawyers stepped in to defend them.
 - h) Bill does not pass.
- ii. 4.2 Bill to Create Community Conversations
- a) Paul: Up to the PR Committee to host every 3-4 weeks. Streamlined to being just under PR committee, with possible addition of new member.
 - b) Nelson: The PR Chair is here and has expressed her interest in carrying through.
 - c) Bill passes.
- iii. 4.5 Resolution to Grant PE Points for Club Sports Participation
- a) Tim: My associate advisor, who is involved in this decision, and I, are meeting tomorrow. I move to postpone this to the next meeting so that we can incorporate our discussion.
 - b) Debate opened on motion to postpone.
 - c) Keone: I think it would be helpful to come to an agreement as to what we feel should happen before you [Tim] meet with her.
 - d) Zach: Burton Conner participants in club sports would love to receive credit for what they do. I'm against postponing.
 - e) Nelson: Postponed because need editing and restructuring: none has happened. We should not be wasting our time with this.
 - f) Bill postponed.

- g) Keone: Who knows what we needs to be edited regarding this bill?
 - h) Maggie: Sun sent out a Google document.
 - i) Sarah: Some problems are that it's bulky and inflammatory.
- iv. 4.6 Bill to Improve Executive Branch Communication of Bill Execution
- a) Nelson: Has any changes been put in this bill?
 - b) Maggie: Jason didn't change it as he planned. Do people have suggestions as to what to do with the bill?
 - c) Nelson: Postpone again and if it does not change by the next meeting, we should stop wasting our time with it.
 - d) Sarah: Change bill to resolution, enacted to resolved, add "wherever possible" to "That each piece of legislation" under the part in bold.
 - e) Keone: Motion to postpone bill now and close debate on postponing.
 - f) Bill is not postponed.
 - g) Keone: Motion to amend bill: Change bill to resolution, enacted to resolved, add "wherever possible" to "That each piece of legislation" under the part in bold.
 - h) Amendment passed.
 - i) Bill passed.

B. Tabled legislation:

- i. Bill to Establish UA Office Hours
 - a) Tabled before, kept tabled.

VII. New business:

- A. None.

VIII. Discussion:

- A. Keone: Decide on a stance about PE credit for club sports before Tim meets with his Associate Advisor in the athletics department on this.

B. Discussion opens.

- i. Zach: PE credit is given for classes because attendance is mandatory, same with varsity sports. Club sports should also get credit because required time.
- ii. Sarah: Sport Taekwondo has PE credit. Rugby looked into it as well. Need safety certification, such as CPR training, for instructors. Reporting of attendance is different in intramural sports. We need to see what types of things can be done to these ends before passing.
- iii. Keone: Big problem is whether DAPER will trust the club sport officer to honestly report attendance. Seems like there's a possibility that only some sports would get certified. What effect would this have on balance of which club sports are attended? This could possibly change which are attended.

- iv. Sun: Some club sports, like cycling, have different forms of attendance. Sometimes, it's not always a specified time.
- v. Danny: Athletics could look at each sport individually.
- vi. Nelson: The point of this bill was to get UA's stance on the PE credit for club sports, and not to enumerate problems. It seems like we believe all are worthy of PE credit if there's a way that can be worked out. It's not useful for us to just enumerate problems.
- vii. Eleni: Someone from DAPER says all will be looked at on a case by case basis.
- viii. Iman: What is DAPER's justification for not giving credit for club sports at this time?
- ix. Sun: Curriculum. It's about the lesson/practice plans. The issue is with how club sports are structured.
- x. Keone: No one disagrees with the stance that we support club sports receiving PE credit. In light of this, we want to prepare ourselves, specifically Tim, better for his discussion tomorrow.
- xi. Nelson: Move to close debate. Denied.
- xii. Vrajesh: The UA has an athletics committee for this reason. Sun, mention this bill to Exec. as you are the Senate Rep to Exec.
- xiii. Sun: Cathy, the Athletics Chair, met with Julie already.
- xiv. Riley: Discussions under way, also in SAC. This can be brought up again at Exec.
- xv. Danny: I'll be at the meeting with Tim's associate advisor, Julie, too.
- xvi. Debate closed.
- xvii. Vrajesh: Budget for Senate food. Bring to floor?
- xviii. Maggie: Let's write a bill to increase food budget and take it out of discretionary funds to allow options other than pizza.
- xix. Ye: I'm writing a bill. You should all use the Google Doc. I made. We could discuss the questions we have about DAPER there. Remember, you are collaborators, not viewers. I'll resend the link.

IX. Closing Announcements

- A. Ian: Many of the people you create a bill about don't hear about the bill before it's discussed. In the future, please talk to them in advance.
- B. Bennie: About the career fair, the change of holiday dates was shot down. The chair of the faculty is in support, but Clay will probably shoot it down again. It's because Labor day falls so late.

X. Good of the Order:

- A. Our meeting was under 1.5 hours!
- B. Snaps to PR about Dorm Storm.
- C. Vrajesh: Anyone spent \$75 yet? 4 spent. You should all spend your money.

XI. Adjournment