

UA Senate: Monday, April 6, 2009

7:00 pm: Provost L. Rafael Reif as guest speaker

- Provost Reif: I used to be Course 6, I like that there are so many Course 6 people here. It's important to know how MIT is organized. DSL, DUE, EDP are all under the president's office. Faculty and academic programs are in the realm of the provost's dealings. My job is to make sure that the faculty do what they are supposed to do; that's my biggest responsibility.
- Paul Baranay: Right now, we're in the middle of building the Koch Institute. What do you see being the next major research facility at MIT?
- Provost Reif: MIT is loaded with all sorts of activities that are looking towards the future. We also have the Media Lab and Sloan coming up. A little over a year ago, we started a visioning process about what people would like to see as MIT's future and some set of priorities. Unfortunately, right now we have to figure out how to handle the financial crisis. Off the top of my head, what I remember won't be complete, but to give you a sense of what's going on, the convergence of life sciences and engineering is a significant part of the future. Also, the convergence of physics, math, and engineering won't stop. The convergence of life sciences, engineering, and math will continue to be on part of our future, even beyond the Koch Institute, this is what's needed in the world right now. We also need a home for all the work we're doing in energy because it's scattered all over the place right now. We need space for practice for musical theater arts, for instance. These are the kinds of things we have to pay attention to in going forward, but it all has to take a backseat right now.
- Keone Hon: Recently this financial crisis hit MIT. From some students' point of view, a lot of focus has shifted to that. What sort of long term goals does the upper administration have? Also, what goals existed before the budgetary issue hit? How do they play in right now?
- Provost Reif: We're taking a couple of months to handle this in a way. We did take a break to look into the visions and goals we want to accomplish. We don't want to start planning when things get better, so we're still thinking about things now. I don't pretend to speak for all of the administration, but I can tell you what I think is important. Areas that are important to me, and to Susan Hockfield, too, is "what is the MIT of the future?" and "what does it mean to be an academic institution of the twenty-first century at the caliber of MIT?" We're fortunate that some of the smartest people want to be here. People want to come here because there are a lot of exciting things going on here and they want to be around other smart people. Is it possible that unless we're very careful we might lose something? We need to keep this in mind. I want to make sure that people can come up with exciting ideas and that we enable them to happen. From the educational standpoint, what does it mean to come to MIT? Should people forget about class—is going to class important value added? Perhaps, we have to change the way we educate. Part of the educational model needs to be rethought. Do we want to always stay in Cambridge, MA? Do we want to establish research facilities in

other places so that students can go there for a summer or a semester and have the same caliber of education there? Should we collaborate with other parts of the world? What does it mean to create the best educational model of the future?

- Mike Bennie: A lot of peer institutes are announcing their cuts three to six months ahead of MIT. MIT is doing it more staggered over a few years, with these committees. What puts us in a position to do this? Are we in a better financial position? Are we doing this to make sure we come out stronger after this?
- Provost Reif: If you do look at other institutions, they are announcing revisions as the situation unfolds. Stanford's announcements back in December said the cuts would be over two years, but now they are doing it in just one year. Why are we doing it this way? We are in a decent financial position right now. When you look at the announcement of other institutions and read them carefully, they will say "structural deficit." This means they've had a budget deficit, it's compounding the size of deficit for them. We worked on fixing our deficit for a while, and this year, we actually have a little bit of a surplus, not just a balanced budget. If this hit us a few years ago, when we had a deficit, this would have been worse. The size of the cut needed is very large. Another institution was thinking about having a budget cut in just one year. You have very little time to have such a huge cut—you can't think about it too carefully. Since we are in a good position, we can think more carefully. In the business world, it's ideal to best to cut big and cut now. We don't work that way—we need to think about what to cut very carefully. If we can do it in two years, we will, but I doubt we will be able to because the cuts are very severe. If we give our community six months or so to cut 5%, is doable but painful, but 15% is just brutal. It would be very demoralizing to make all our cuts now. If we make the cuts very, very thoughtful, we'll come out stronger.
- Mike Bennie: It's more of a pruning than a slashing?
- Provost Reif: It's not slashing, but it's not exactly pruning yet. We have a 15% problem, but to simplify, let's pretend we have a 20% problem. Half our money goes to compensation, if we only worked and got paid for 3 days a week, but do everything the same then it's a 40% slash there and 20% overall. It's not just pruning because everything we do is critical. What is there that we can live without? It's not an easy decision, we want to give ourselves more time to think about it.
- Keone Hon: Is there a process for appeals to the budget cuts? Is there a chance for students or others to state their case?
- Provost Reif: I would hope so. We need to make cuts in a lot of places. We don't have enough time to really pay too much attention, so we have the Task Forces to figure out how to run more efficiently. Each unit needs to meet in the aggregate 5%. This is the cut for this year, but there is more coming next year. Each unit, dean or department, involves components of that unit in the cuts. Somebody has to make a decision though. After a decision is made, people will appeal whether or not the appeal process would be established. The process needs to be such that if a department head has to cut a program, then the dean will ask the hard questions. If a group came to the dean, the questions will have to be answered. I expect questions and answers, but I don't expect everyone to be happy with every decision.

- Noah Jessop: I've been talking up the ideabank over the past few months. If a student came up to you saying they have an idea, what kind of stuff do you think would be really helpful? How crazy of ideas does the Task Force want to look at?
- Provost Reif: The crazier, the better. Each head has to make some cuts, but the ones right now are relatively small in the scheme of things. The Task Force is gathering ideas and accessing them right now. They want ideas right now and will assess them based on how much they can save. But they need ideas. If a group of students see a program they really want is covered, I'd like to see alternative ideas. Even if there isn't something you'll miss, we really want ideas. We want to go this slow so that we can get as many ideas as possible. The point is we need the time to figure it out; please, help us out everybody.
- Noah Jessop: One crazy idea I heard that would save a lot of money is don't grade psets. Now that everything is online, we spend so much time and money, maybe we should rethink that. Do you have any slices of the pie you think are worth food for thought?
- Provost Reif: There is an education Task Force. Education is at the heart of what we do. Tell us what we're doing that you don't like. There are very frustrated faculty who work very hard on classes, but half the classes don't show up. Is there a way that would get students to benefit more? We also need to pay attention to options. Having options costs more money. How much different would MIT be if we all got the same pens instead of having pen options? There are lots of possible savings there. We spend the most money on education, so tell us what isn't working. We're really listening now. We have one shot at this, so we need to do it right. We've got to do something that saves us money.
- Mike Bennie: How do we plan to counteract the fact that one area of concern is the growth of administrators over the past few years? Ultimately, the administration is making this decision, so there's inherent bias. History seems to show that MIT cuts programs before people. Students would love to see programs stay over personnel, ie. the UROP program is more important than a UROP office.
- Provost Reif: We're all on the same boat. There is a misconception that there has been growth in administration, but it's mostly connected with research, not those that handle what we do. There has been a little growth in DUE and DSL, though, too. The MIT operating budget is 2.2 billion dollars. The research budget is about 1 billion. We need people to administer those programs. Everything we've done at MIT since 1950 has been more or less flat, except for space and grad students growing together because of research volume. We want to run everything more efficiently, including the research part. We have to manage stimulus doesn't affect just one part. I still want us to treat this as one ensemble that we need to run more efficiently.
- Vrajesh Modi: Several weeks ago, there was the proposal which went to the faculty which called for more project-based classes and such, which is more expensive because of the student to faculty ratio and creating new programs. Creating an energy minor will cost money as well. How do you reconcile wanting to provide a quality education with options with cutting the academic budget?

- Provost Reif: The energy minor will probably pass at the next faculty meeting. For something like that, the only way to get that going is with fund-raising, and I expect that to continue. We cannot do more while cutting, indeed. I would imagine that this kind of energy minor would be fascinating, especially that you can get one as long as you do your GIRs. We won't be able to pay for it from the present budget; it has to be fundraised. The GIRs didn't pass, but it is part of the future. It looks like it will cost more money, but I think we can be creative. If we have more project-based subjects, perhaps, you will learn better. Is that model going to cost more money? Maybe not. It will cost more to establish as an investment, for sure, but again, people want to pay for that. People will fundraise for that. Operationally, which is more expensive after initial costs? I don't know. For example, this would enable upperclassmen who are helping with the class to learn by teaching. We come up with the most amazing solutions to problems that people have never thought before. Let's face "how can we do this cheaper" like other problems we face in research. Even if we don't save money, but do it better or more efficiently, everyone will be happy.
- Keone Hon: What are your thoughts on accountability for administrators on all levels, like Mike mentioned. Are there any mechanisms which can be put in place to make sure everything is done properly?
- Provost Reif: The Task Force has people from all different parts of MIT, and I wanted to make sure of that. There are people from all parts of MIT so that the cuts aren't just put on another place. How we will make decisions, we'll see, but we will have to make them. Some groups will like our changes, others won't, so we'll have to have some sort of dialogue there. I'm trusting that the decisions made at the local level are made with some type of consultation so that people have a chance to express their views. If this isn't the process we're using, I'd like to know. At some point someone will have to make a decision, and I hope that all voices will have been heard at that point. Also, please send ideas to the Task Forces.

8pm: Senate Meeting

Call to Order: 8:19 pm

Roll Call

- Late: Shin Nee Wong
- Absent: Charlie Huang
- Proxies: Alexandria Hall for Hongyou Xiong, Christian Ternus for Catherine Olsson, Sari Canelake for Cody Daniel

Approval of Minutes

- December 8
 - Approved as amended.
- March 16
 - Approved as amended.

New Business

- Jason Forte: In the interest of our guests, we will discuss the satellite bill first.
- 40 UAS 10.2: Bill to Fund MIT Satellite Team
 - Cyril Lan: They're building a satellite to put into space. It's entirely student run. They need to do some testing in a zero-g environment.
 - Austen McRae: Will they put the UA's name on it?
 - Stephanie Couch: It's probably not that big.
 - Sarah Dee: How did you manage to spend \$55K, but actually need \$58. Didn't you know you'd need to test it when you were doing the budget?
 - Stephanie Couch: Yes. We are trying to figure out how to test the solar panels opening to get power. We have to test that somewhere without gravity. We came up with test plans that all wouldn't work, but then we found out two months ago that we could have this flight. We asked Aero/Astro to fund the flight, and they agreed, but then took back their funding.
 - Mike Bennie: How could they take back their funding? Was it word of mouth?
 - Stephanie Couch: Yes. Faculty mentors said they could get funding.
 - Sarah Dee: What about the second \$55K? Can you not use it until next year?
 - Stephanie Couch: Yes.
 - Sarah Dee: What about a loan? Then you could give it back to us, and we can give it to other groups that don't have \$55K.
 - Stephanie Couch: We plan to use the \$55K elsewhere so that we can participate it in a contest. The satellite itself is really expensive. The fuel itself is \$35K.
 - Alex Dehnert: There's no way you could cut the 4-5% of your budget that the \$3K would be?
 - Stephanie Couch: We can take a loan, but we can't promise we can get it back at this point.
 - Alex Dehnert: There's also the other grant opportunity. If you can't get that grant, then you can't have this flight anyway?
 - Stephanie Couch: If we don't get money elsewhere, then we'll keep trying. It would help us in getting the next funding if we can say we already have this funding.
 - Rachel Meyer: Which fund is this coming from?
 - Jason Forte: The application says Fresh Fund, but I think it should come from the Invested Reserve.
 - Alex Dehnert: I feel we shouldn't take it from the reserve.
 - Rachel Meyer: There's at least \$3500 in the Senate Discretionary, and maybe \$3K still in Fresh Fund.
 - Alex Dehnert: I'd feel much better about making this a loan than an outright grant. For a lot of student groups, \$3K is their entire budget. We would have a larger impact by rolling over this \$3K into Finboard for next term, than just giving it to this group. Given that this is an emergency, I'd be okay making this a loan.

- Sarah Dee: This is 2.7% of the >\$100K they've received. If the Institute has to cut 5% this year, and you can't cut 2.7%, I feel like the money could be better elsewhere.
- Mike Bennie: One problem with loans is we can't sue them.
- Rachel Meyer: But we can levy their main account.
- Mike Bennie: If we make it a loan, we need to write the consequences into the bill.
- Paul Baranay: We could have JudBoard or the ASA deal with them if they don't repay their loan.
- Mike Bennie: Can we put that in the bill?
- Rachel Meyer: I think it should be a loan now. If there's still money in the Fresh Fund after this cycle of recognitions, then they can reapply for the funding.
- Cyril Lan: What kind of time frame is sufficient for you to apply for other sources of grants to cover the \$3K?
- Stephanie Couch: A year. The problem is that we've already gone to most sources of funding.
- Alex Dehnert: Motion to amend by changing the first clause to:
 - That \$3000 from the UA Invested Reserve be loaned to the MIT Satellite Team to help pay for the costs of testing on the Zero-G flight.
 - That this amount be due April 2, 2010.
 - That if the debt remains unpaid after one year, the Senate will begin assessing an interest rate of 5% per year, compounded continuously.
 - That the Senate charge ASA, JudBoard, or other appropriate body with enforcing these stipulations.
- Keone Hon: Second. Friendly.
- Cyril Lan: I think this is a reasonable change. Do you think there will be Fresh Fund money by the end of the year?
- Rachel Meyer: I would not expect so. If any at all, it would be less than 1000.
- Cyril Lan: I motion to amend that any money left over in the Fresh Fund be allocated to the MIT Satellite Team.
- Jason Forte: Is there a second? I hear no second.
- Keone Hon: Motion to amend from ASA, JudBoard, or other appropriate body to just ASA.
- Sammi Wyman: Second. Friendly.
- Keone Hon: I move to the previous question that we vote on this bill.
- Paul Baranay: Second. Now voting.
- Bill passes as amended.

Old Business

- 40 UAS 7.2: Bill to Transfer the Enumeration of the Senate Standing Committees to the Senate Bylaws, Modify the Requirements to be an Officer, Change the Senator Constituencies, and Other Changes
 - Alex Dehnert: I move to the previous question on the amendment about typos. Amended. I would like to amend this bill to "Now with old text." Move to vote on

this amendment. Amended. Motion to amend to have proper name for Panhel. Amended. Motion to amend with the various fixes. Amended.

- Vrajesh Modi: Motion to amend the third that clause to say Committee on Sustainability. Friendly.
- Paul Baranay: I would like to move the enumeration of committees from the Constitution to the Senate Bylaws.
- Mike Bennie: This way we wouldn't change the constitution all the time, which shouldn't change because it's our founding principles.
- Keone Hon: Motion to vote.
- Sarah Dee: Second. Now voting.
- Bill passes as amended.
- 40 UAS 9.1: Reform of the Secretary Bill
 - Liz Denys: Can we table that?
 - Alex Dehnert: Motion to table. Tabled.

New Business:

- 40 UAS 10.1: Publicize UA Internal Finances
 - Paul Baranay: This way, we'd be able to tell people how much we have left. I've talked to Riley, Bennie, and other senators about this: it is feasible and easy.
 - Keone Hon: Do people think it's appropriate to have the Invested Reserve up there? It's a different kind of account than the other two, and people don't necessarily understand why it's so large a number.
 - Tim Stumbaugh: I move to fix a typo. Friendly.
 - Rachel Meyer: Does the Invested Reserve make interest?
 - Mike Bennie: It is making some interest.
 - Noah Jessop: We track the returns to the endowment.
 - Rachel Meyer: According to SAFO policy, you can only make so many transfers out of an endowment.
 - Alex Dehnert: Reserve accounts have limits on how much you take out of them. Endowments can only have interest taken out.
 - Rachel Meyer: It needs to be clarified when we post this information.
 - Riley Brandt: It gains reserve like the MIT Endowment. Traditionally, we withdraw the same as other accounts.
 - Keone Hon: Do we want that number up there?
 - Paul Baranay: Yes, because they're all under Senate control. People can figure out that we have it; we might as well have them because it's not for the UA's private functions—it's for the betterment of the entire student body. It will promote better ideas.
 - Sarah Dee: We need to include a description of what that number means if we include that number. We don't want people to get the wrong impression.
 - Keone Hon: My concern is with respect to the administration. I'm afraid we might lose some of our funding.
 - Noah Jessop: There are some funds that vary year to year. It could affect us if they see.

- Keone Hon: If admins see that we have that money, they may not give us more.
- Sarah Dee: Do they really not know we have that?
- Rachel Meyer: If they don't check our budget in SAFO, then they probably won't read the Senate website.
- Paul Baranay: Amend to add "and a description thereof" for the Reserve. Friendly.
- Alex Dehnert: Someone, like Riley, should look into it becoming an endowment in the long term, but we shouldn't discuss this now.
- Riley Brandt: Issue is that it doesn't grow at a fast rate. Past treasurers hadn't rolled back committee funds that weren't spent. This year, I don't envision more than a few grand a year rolling back into the reserve. It's not growing fast enough to reach the level of an endowment.
- Keone Hon: I motion to amend this bill to strike "Invested Reserve." Sammi Wyman: Second. Not friendly.
 - Alex Dehnert: If we are ashamed of it, we shouldn't hide it, we should fix it instead.
 - Keone Hon: How would you fix it? I don't think we're all necessarily ashamed of it.
 - Alex Dehnert: I would prefer to have a future treasurer look into what type of reserve is healthy for us and over the next few years, try to spend it down or find a capital project that will have long term affects over the next five or ten years or so.
 - Sarah Dee: I think that deliberately hiding the number is intensely hypocritical. People can find out about this number anyway.
 - Paul Baranay: I agree with Sarah and Alex. There was going to be one about Exec finances as well, but it's too complicated at this time. It would be good for people to see them.
 - Vrajesh Modi: It's not directly on the website, but it would be there for people who are looking at it.
 - Riley Brandt: We see the same groups coming for discretionary and Fresh Fund. We need to also make more groups aware of these resources so that more people can get it. Vrajesh is saying if you have to look for this information—this causes the same people coming back for it. We need to make the funds more accessible.
 - Alex Dehnert: I find it somewhat hard to believe that someone who is dedicated to going to the UA website to find the budget to not also find the accounts.
 - Vrajesh Modi: I personally don't mind it being up with an explanation.
 - Sammi Wyman: Those who will look into it will find it anyway. They will be less likely to be appalled by that number.
 - Paul Baranay: I want it all in one place with a description to be transparent. This will help increase transparency.

- Martin Holmes: You need to follow good process in everything you do, or it will undermine everything else you will try to do. We should publish the number and deal with what comes from that.
- Sari Canelake: I think it's ridiculous that we demand other groups have more transparency than us. It should really be looked into what we can do with this to get it to be an endowment.
- Alex Dehnert: We should have the number visible, figure out what to do with this money, and having this number visible will force us to work on what to do with this argument. I move to the previous question. Now voting on amendment. Amendment fails.
- Keone Hon: My point was a cautionary point. In a long term sense, we can cut back on how much we give to the UA in general. What's the purpose of the money sitting in this account? If we decide that we want to build it towards an endowment, there might be just reason to handle it differently.
- Jason Forte: Discussion about what to do with this reserve can be done during discussion.
- Rachel Meyer: Admins can't take money from the account, and they have to give us our portion of the Student Life Fee if they charge it. They can't keep it.
- Alex Dehnert: I don't think this has to be discussed now. Let's discuss it on ua-discuss over the next few weeks.
- Noah Jessop: This is less than one year's worth of our budget, as a point of reference.
- Vrajesh Modi: Motion to vote on the bill as amended. Now voting on the bill.
- Bill passes as amended.

Confirmation of History Committee Co-Chair Candidates Alex Dehnert and Rachel Meyer

- Confirmed as co-chairs.

Proposals for New Business

- Paul Baranay: I'd like to motion to do mine now because I have three guests in the room. It's to give \$600 to ZBT for Battle of the Bands.
- David Hutchings: It's for part of CPW. We came up \$600 short for covering the event cost.
- Jason Forte: Vote on if the bill should come to the floor. Bill is now on the floor.
- 40 UAS 10.4: Allocation to Zeta Beta Tau's 7th Annual Battle of the Bands
 - Alex Dehnert: Why are you coming to us now?
 - David Hutchings: We didn't get as much money as in the past from other sources. LEF/Arcade gave us the same as in the past.
 - Mike Bennie: Why not get IFC funding?
 - David Hutchings: It's a single-fraternity event. We can't.
 - Alex Dehnert: Motion to amend to fix typos. Friendly.
 - Mike Bennie: Change to UA Senate Discretionary. Friendly.
 - Sarah Dee: How much money is usually given to charities from ticket sales?
 - David Hutchings: It's very variable.

- Sarah Dee: You can't cover the \$600 from ticket sales?
- David Hutchings: No, it's in the license we have with Cambridge to hold the event.
- Rachel Meyer: In your application for LEF/Arcade funding, you had a significantly higher budget and didn't mention ticket prices. Why are the budgets different? Did you not get funding from the PSC?
- David Hutchings: We cut it by \$1000 because we knew we wouldn't get as much. The PSC turned us down for funding.
- Keone Hon: It's clear that they did what they could to cut down their budget, and they have looked towards other sources. I think they've really exhausted their options and deserve our money. I move to the previous question. Now voting on the bill as amended for typos.
- Bill passes as amended.
- Iman Fayyad: A bill to fund Palestine at MIT. I am a member of this new group. We are a new group without any funding. Motion to bring this to the table. 12 for, 5 against, 2 abstain. Now on the table.
- 40 UAS 10.3: Bill to Provide Funding for the New Student Group Palestine at MIT
 - Sun Kim: What else came out of the Fresh Fund? Is this event public?
 - Iman Fayyad: Yes.
 - Riley Brandt: There is \$2200 left.
 - Sarah Dee: Another group used to run this?
 - Iman Fayyad: Yes. They cut it from their budget because they needed to cut it out of the budget.
 - Riley Brandt: In the application they requested \$626. Motion to amend to \$626. Friendly.
 - Keone Hon: T-shirts cost \$250, bracelets cost \$300. Is that valuable to us?
 - Alex Dehnert: Why didn't you give Senate any advance warning that this was coming? Can it wait until next meeting?
 - Iman Fayyad: Only just recently got recognized, so we didn't know we'd that much funding.
 - Jason Forte: I couldn't have put it on the agenda when I got it.
 - Mike Bennie: It's not a fresh idea, since it's happened before.
 - Jason Forte: It is covered because it's for a new student group.
 - Keone Hon: Let's focus on the issues about funding it.
 - Iman Fayyad: T-shirts and bracelets are part of the publicity. People are very eager to wear the bracelets. I think they're necessary.
 - Keone Hon: Can you tell us a little about the bracelets? "Are they special at all? Obviously they are not magical?"
 - Iman Fayyad: They're Velcro, regular, and have sentimental value.
 - Rachel Meyer: Fresh fund is for things that would get funded out of Finboard but can't because it's mid-cycle. This wouldn't get funded because of the t-shirts there.

- Mike Bennie: I want to see legislation about ASA handling the Fresh Fund things because we aren't well-equipped to deal with these issues. We can't create systems for people to go around the system.
- Sarah Dee: I move to take away their t-shirt and bracelet funding because no one else funds them, and they have more expertise about it.
- Keone Hon: Motion to amend our allocation to them to \$75. Sammi Wyman: Second. Friendly.
- Riley Brandt: Can't amend their budget. But we can specify what we will fund them for. This is an issue over whether it's a \$900 event or a \$600 event.
- Liz Denys: Other groups that do get LEF/Arcade or Finboard funding have t-shirts at their events. They get this funding elsewhere. It seems unreasonable to cut their budget down on that because they are off-cycle as a result of this, because if they weren't a new group, they would be able to have t-shirts at their event.
- Vrajesh Modi: This event isn't until May. I motion we table this. Sun Kim: Second. 13 for, 7 against, 0 abstentions. Bill tabled.

Vrajesh Modi: I haven't seen minutes from November 3—the part where Susan Hockfield came. I want to see this.

Jason Forte: Liz and I will look into this.

Senate Nominations

- Jason Forte: Nominations for Speaker, Vice-chair, etc. are open now.
- Rachel Meyer: When do they close? What are the election procedures?
- Jason Forte: Nominations close right before we bring them to talk on April 27. I haven't worked out the procedures yet. It will basically look like an instant run-off.
- Rachel Meyer: Election procedures should be sent out ahead of time.
- Alex Dehnert: Can people drop off?
- Jason Forte: Yes. We will have new votes on the top n-1 candidates after the n candidate votes. We are using run-off voting, and we will cut one candidate each vote. Nominations are open now. If elected for a position, you are ineligible for other positions.
- Maggie Delano: It should be Speaker, Vice Chair, Senate Rep to Exec, then Senate Rep to Finboard.
- Mike Bennie: It's in the Bylaws. Also, you can't be voted to Speaker and Vice Chair if you haven't been in Senate.
- Rachel Meyer: One can be an ex-officio member of Senate and be Rep to Exec or Rep to Finboard technically.
- Nominations at time:
 - Speaker: Paul Baranay, Keone Hon, Sun Kim
 - Vice Chair: Tim Stumbaugh, Iman Fayyad, Catherine Olsson, Daniel Hawkins, Richard Dahan
 - Senate Rep to Exec: Tim Stumbaugh, Daniel Katz, Alex Dehnert

- Senate Rep to Finboard: Alex Dehnert, Catherine Olsson, Tim Stumbaugh, Daniel Katz, Daniel Hawkins, Iman Fayyad, Samuel Rodarte

Discussion

- Mike Bennie: DAPER is looking to cut some teams. Athletic Committee is working on it. There's a Town Hall tomorrow at 7:30 and Thursday from 12 to 1. Figure out what people think and say. This is going to be a big issue.
- Riley Brandt: DAPER has a \$12M budget, \$6.5M on athletics. Need to cut by \$1.45M budget for varsity athletics. Student Athletic Advisory Committee is on it, but DAPER reps from UA are not involved. There's a lot of things people can cut—equipment and food are tiny in comparison to facilities and staff. Cutting varsity teams is an easy way to get the cuts we need. Team captains are meeting DAPER. Encourage them to meet with Athletics Chair.
- Paul Baranay: The Tech will be writing one or two opinion pieces for Friday. I may write one of them, so talk to me if you know of strong opinions. The Institute at large has to cut 10 to 15% from budgets. Why does DAPER need to cut 18% from their entire operations?
- Mike Bennie: Ask Cathy, she knows. It has to do with income DAPER made.
- Keone Hon: Not all departments need to cut exactly 15%.
- Sun Kim: Is there a demonstration tomorrow?
- Riley Brandt: There is a protest in lobby 7 and 10.

General Announcements:

- Mike Bennie: Blue Ribbon dining report to come out soon. Expect to hear about that soon. Committee chairs and vice chairs will be happening next meeting. I'd like to hear about what you think. There are positions available.
- Vrajesh Modi: Has anyone on Blue Ribbon read through all the data?
- Mike Bennie: I personally did; I don't know if anyone else did.
- Vrajesh Modi: Did the committee divide and conquer to read through all the data?
- Mike Bennie: Some are more committed to the data, like myself, than others.
- Keone Hon: ASA Elections are next Monday. Talk to me or anyone else on the ASA if you have questions.
- Paul Baranay: NomComm is conducting interviews. They will be done on Sunday and reps will be picked on Tuesday. We will present to Senate at the next meeting. What do you, Senate, want to know about the reps?
- Jason Forte: If you tell him what now, it will make the next meeting quicker.
- Mike Bennie: Also, there will be ~25 candidates from the UAP/VP to approve. There will be a bunch of new legislation.
- Alex Dehnert: How soon before the meeting can you get the slate to Senate?
- Mike Bennie: Traditionally, it's not. I want to get it by 5 days in advance.
- Vrajesh Modi: It will be a long meeting, so plan your work accordingly because it's an important meeting. It's worth the time to examine these people.

Adjournment: 10:37 pm