



This package represents the Special Budgetary Committee's proposed Fall 2009 UA budget.

This Fall 2009 budget was produced by the Treasurer in consultation with the Chairs or other representatives of the various Committees, as well as suitable officers, and then amended by the Special Budgetary Committee. It is intended to largely match the guidelines proposed by the Financial Policy Review Committee.

The overallocation percentage is a guess; the final percentage will be determined before allocations by the overallocation committee, as specified in II.2.j of the Constitution.

1 UA Core

1.1 Operating

The UA purchases various office supplies. Office discretionary will be approved by President, Vice-President, or Treasurer.

1.2 Senate

Retreat Intended to promote UA unity, help new Senators with bill-writing, educate UA members on important issues, and foster leadership development for the participants.

Meeting Food Promote attendance at UA meetings, and help Senators deal with the trouble of having meetings during dinner.

Administrator Outreach Dinners A general line item for "Outreach to MIT faculty" has been present in the Senate budgets for Fall 2007 (\$300), Spring 2008 (\$600), Fall 2008 (\$300), and Spring 2009 (\$300). In AY 2007–2008, then-Speaker Irina Shklyar and then-President Martin Holmes organized a few dinners with notable Senate guests, before the Senate meeting proper. For instance, Senate Speaker Paul Baranay attended one meeting with Chancellor Clay, which was a very insightful and rewarding experience. This is an attempt to revive that tradition as well as make this line item more specific. The Speaker intends to invite a rotating roster of Senate members, with special attention to those Senators and committee chairs whose interests align with the guest at hand.

The Speaker believes this will increase communication between Senators and administrators, help put administrators at ease before they attend the Senate meeting, and help Senate members feel more valued. The \$12.50/person mark is above what is generally allocated for from the funding boards, and the Speaker will certainly be encouraging frugality at these dinners.

Binders Put all of the Senate's proceedings in binders, to be maintained by the Speaker, Vice-Speaker, and Secretary.



Senate Constituency Fund The Senate Constituency Fund is mandated by the governing documents.

1.3 Executive

The Executive lobbies for increased funding for the UA and negotiates and collects on contracts with Kaplan and Princeton Review. Partially in recognition of this, it is given discretion over some of the money it collects.

The discretionary funding will be allocated by majority vote of the four executive officers. Every \$500 allocated will be followed within a week by publicizing it to Senate or on the UA website.

2 Student Life

2.1 Committee on Student Life

The PLUS program aims to fill a perceived void in on-campus mentorship opportunities for freshmen. The request is for a small fraction of last year's request, and hopefully next year it can be handed off to the administration.

2.2 Committee on Athletics

Athletics Weekend This year, especially due to the budget crisis, it has been very difficult to find sponsorship for Athletics Weekend. Therefore, the committee is cutting costs and requesting that the UA support all of the remainder.

T-shirts The Athletics committee will be cutting the t-shirt purchase: from 500 last year to only 260 this year (averaging about 50 per sporting event). Athletics Weekend would hardly exist without these t-shirts, and they are required to continue making the event a success even this year.

Food The Athletics Committee is cutting costs this year by ordering pizza and other sides instead of cooking an expensive barbeque.

Games A large part of the weekend is all the games MIT will be playing and the MIT promotional equipment the Athletics Committee hands out to students who win the "games" that we have. Without prizes, students are not motivated to participate in anything. No responses have been received from local businesses that were asked to provide gift certificates.

Superfan Superfan shirts will be given only to very very dedicated fans of MIT athletics. They will get this "MIT Superfan" t-shirt to help show them that MIT really does care and loves to support its athletes. These will be given out at varsity and club sports matches throughout



the year. They should just further help to promote good and strong sportsmanship among MIT's fans! The shirts are *required* to be given out at a *variety* of events and sports.

2.3 Events Committee

SAO has historically provided all of the Events Committee's funding, and we have no reason to believe that this is changing.

3 SCEP

All meetings must be closed. The committee discusses sensitive topics including violations, pending legislation, briefings from faculty committees, funding and MIT politics. These sensitive discussions occur at more or less every meeting, and the committee cannot function if there are non-committee members at meetings. For major issues the committee does host town halls and focus groups.

Student-Faculty dinners have been an annual event administered by SCEP but funded by the Dean of Undergraduate Education and Dean of Student Life. SCEP intends to make them a semesterly event. The funding for this is provided by the Deans. As of Tuesday, October 6, the Deans have agreed to provide \$15,000 for the year. SCEP will aim to spend half each semester, but will overallocate somewhat to account for students who do not actually go out to dinner.

4 Special Projects

4.1 Special Projects Committee

The Special Projects Committee intends to investigate whether or not power cords on the fifth floor are needed, and if so get them installed.

The committee also plans to take on several more projects this semester. The budget requests will provide seed funding, though the committee may apply to Senate Discretionary for more money. The President or Vice-President must approve the projects that these funds will be used for. When a project is approved, Senate and Exec must be notified, and the UA website must be updated to note the approval.

5 Administrative

5.1 History Committee

The History Committee would like to sponsor a dinner with UA alumni, in order to improve institutional memory of what projects have happened and why the UA works the way it does.



5.2 Communications Committee

DormStorm DormStorm builds campus-wide awareness of the UA, and serves as an opportunity to get feedback and recruit new participants.

Community Conversations Community Conversations will foster informal relationships and contact between students and administrators.

Office Hours The UA will hold open office hours to further facilitate student engagement with the UA.

Modular Poster Ideally, the UA would not need to produce a brand-new poster each year, but could reuse some of it.

5.3 Information Technology

IT expenses tend to be unexpected fixing of problems, which requires that the Chief of Information Technology have funds with which to fix them. The President or Vice-President must approve the usage of these discretionary funds.

6 Judicial Board

6.1 Elections Commission

The Elections Commission needs to be able to store the elections server in a physically secure location to prevent tampering. MIT's co-location services help fulfill that need.

7 Association of Student Activities

The ASA is a joint committee of the GSC and UA. The GSC provides funding on an annual basis, while the UA traditionally evenly splits the ASA's request between fall and spring. The UA pays more because several of the events the ASA runs — like the midways — primarily support undergraduates.

The ASA database will provide the ASA with enhanced functionality and flexibility.