



This package represents the UA Treasurer’s proposed Spring 2010 UA budget.

This Spring 2010 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 ammended 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.

This document itself sets out requirements, reasoning, and other terms of the budget.

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1 UA Core

1.1 Operating

1.2 Senate

1.3 Senate Constituency Fund

The Senate Constituency Fund is mandated by the governing documents.

1.4 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 Committee intends to run a number of events and initiatives during the Spring semester.

2.1.1 PLUS

The Program in Leadership & Undergraduate Success is a collaboration between the UA's Committee on Student Life (CSL) and the Student Activities Office (SAO). This project was started in response to a perceived lack of mentorship opportunities on campus. PLUS pairs freshmen mentees with upperclassmen mentors, holds weekly leadership workshops, and assists with mentees' Leadership Projects in an effort to:

- Prepare mentees for leadership roles in MIT and beyond,
- Empower mentees to achieve their goals at MIT,
- Develop mentors' leadership and advising skills, and
- Foster personal connections between classes.

The core of the program is the individual mentor-mentee relationships that foster leadership development. These peer-to-peer, one-on-one mentoring relationships encompass the leadership, academic, career, and social aspects of MIT.

CSL is requesting \$200 for PLUS in the Spring, in order to host a PLUS Symposium with mentors and mentees, CSL, SAO and MIT administrators in attendance. At the symposium, the PLUS mentees will report on their progress with their Leadership Projects. The event will also provide an opportunity for PLUS mentors and mentees to catch-up with each other as well as network with the SAO staff. This event will improve the likelihood of handing PLUS off in the future.

The Treasurer and SBC propose making this conditional on Baker Foundation or other support.



2.1.2 Athena Survey

CSL is working on a policy issue related to Athena surveys. The goal of this survey is

1. to garner information regarding the Athena project, including cluster usage, where people would want to see clusters, etc., and ascertain student opinion and preferences on CSL-proposed solutions.

The \$400 is for a survey to be sent out to students to include prizes and incentives for filling it out so we get a more accurate representation of what students want.

2.1.3 Wellness Week

Wellness Week is a week-long event in the Spring aimed at promoting the physical, mental, and nutritional health of students on campus. Through various events and initiatives, we hope to motivate students to improve their own health.

Martin Holmes (UA President 2007–2008) negotiated a three-year contract with MTVU to partially sponsor the event. MTVU is contributing \$2,000 this year to help fund the event. The contract expires this year, so sponsorship in future years would require renegotiating.

This year's Wellness Week budget is dramatically reduced (as compared to last year), as was PLUS's in the Fall semester. CSL is including only the most successful events/initiatives from last year, and is trying to reduce the cost of each event/initiative. Read more about these particular events/initiatives below.

The kickoff will be an outdoor health and nutrition fair, which will showcase various health-related resources, offices, and student groups. They will set up booths providing information and handing out free samples.

CSL also wants to encourage students to buy fruit and vegetables. Instead of simply providing students with free fruit like last year, the idea this year is to *subsidize* purchases from the produce market on Tuesday. This is much more economically efficient as students will increase their purchases and buy more produce, but also get only what they consume and not waste money.

Active Minds is a group that aims to eliminate the stigma associated with mental health needs. The bubble fest de-stressing event was a huge success last year and had a lot of traffic flow. CSL is requesting money for them to run this event again this year as part of Wellness Week.

The SaveTFP smoothie-night was another huge success last year, with several hundred people showing up on Friday night. It was a great end to Wellness Week and people definitely enjoyed relaxing and de-stressing with the free fruit smoothies.

The Iron Nerd is our annual on-campus triathlon. Each year there is a large turnout and people love it. The money is needed for facilities use.

CSL is looking into corporate sponsors for t-shirts. The money we received from mtvU (\$2,000) will probably go towards this cause, as many students seek out Wellness Week events solely for the shirts, but then stay and learn more about health-related issues.

CSL will provide free breakfast for M–F of Wellness Week outside the student center. This gets students into the habit of eating breakfast every morning.

CSL will need publicity materials for Wellness Week, and is intending to use low-cost posters for this.



2.2 Committee on Athletics

As the Athletics Committee is attempting to pass-on it's first-hand involvement in events such as Athletics Weekend, the committee still hopes to remain known around campus as an involved committee bringing students together, while focusing on Athletics.

One of the purposes of the UA Athletics Committee is to recruit community support for Athletics at MIT. The BeaverBowl is a great event that:

1. Brings together groups of people to compete in athletic challenges,
2. Questions students on their knowledge of MIT Athletics, and
3. Allows for spirited interaction of students from different sports teams, living groups, and majors.

The Athletics Committee also originally intended to run eight mini-Athletics Weekends. The SBC was concerned that the Athletics Committee might not be able to handle the logistics of so many events, and is therefore currently only recommending four events. However, SBC encourages the Senate to look favorably on a supplemental, mid-term request if the Athletics Committee appears on-track to run more than four events.

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

Student-Faculty dinners have been an annual event administered by SCEP but funded by the Dean of Undergraduate Education and Dean of Student Life. The Deans provide \$15,000 each year for the program. SCEP will aim to spend half each semester, but will overallocate somewhat to account for students who do not actually go out to dinner. This semester, SCEP will continue to allocate for the dinners from the funds received for that purpose.

4 Special Projects

4.1 Special Projects Committee

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 Alumni Relations

As a new committee, CAR seeks to build a presence on campus, which requires advertising funds.

The Career Information Sessions aim to inform students of the benefit and value of alumni interaction, particularly through showing them the awesome and exciting careers that exist beyond MIT and connecting them with leaders in industry on an informal and non-professional basis.

The study break can help reduce the “activation-energy” barrier for most students that impedes interaction with alumni. Offering informal monthly study breaks with alumni is directly in-line with the objective of CAR. These breaks will also help increase CAR’s presence and, through word-of-mouth, the role the committee plays within the undergraduate student body.

5.2 History Committee

5.3 Communications Committee

5.4 Information Technology

5.5 Nominations Committee

Both new student representatives and faculty serving on the Institute Committees are invited to the annual Nominations Committee Banquet. The event is a chance for the student reps to meet each other, interact with faculty, and be thanked for their service.

Each semester, the Nominations Committee has a very long meeting to select nominees after the main interview cycle. They Committee requests money for snack food for that meeting.

6 Judicial Board

6.1 Elections Commission

In the Spring, the UA Elections Commission is responsible for the UA Presidential (including Vice-President) and Class Council elections. The UA and The Tech co-sponsor the presidential debates each year.

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.

8 Further Notes

This document and the first sheet of the spreadsheet constitute the proposed UA budget for the semester. The remaining two sheets of the spreadsheet provide expectations for expenditures



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and guidance for the committees as they conduct their work and the Treasurer as he conducts reimbursements. The treasurer should be guided by the expectations of the FPRC report and a preference for transparency as he authorizes reimbursements.

In addition, the Treasurer may transfer up to \$10,000, at his discretion, between cost object 4133000 ("Undergraduate Association Reserve") and another cost object to be considered part of the UA Reserve (from the perspective of the Undergraduate Association), but which lacks the transfer count restrictions of I4133000 (and Institute reserve accounts in general). This will make it possible to immediately resolve any allocations from the UA Reserve, without exceeding transfer count limitations.