



42 U.A.S. 8

Minutes from December 06, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Opening Remarks

Jonté: This is the eighth voting meeting of Senate, our last voting meeting. So, to get things started, I sent out a Senator Self-Evaluation. I hope the senators took advantage of that. I'm going to show you the results I have at least on a couple of sections here at the end of the meeting. This will tell us how we can better do our jobs and how we can be better senators. If you take a look at our agenda, you'll see we have a lot of very different things today as well.

2. Exec Update

Sammi: Over the last week, we conducted midterms reviews which we'll talk about later. The advisory committee happened as well. I met with some people on online registration who said they'll be talking to our representatives, and they'll be doing testing. We're also going to talk about the Chancellor Search. There will be a meeting with Colombo and Reich. There will also be a lot of checking with a lot of people on the Chancellor Search in general and talking to Senators. Also, Alex Jordan is putting together a survey for institute committee reps that we're going to give back to the Task Force for Student Engagement this year.

3. Draft of the UA Exec Semesterly Update

Alec: So, as I passed around, those are the draft semesterly achievements and goals for next semester for each committee and principal officer, AVP, etc. I'm passing them out early, so you can have them for consultation and reference during this meeting, midterm reviews, etc. You'll also see some information on the UA Exec Semesterly Update that will be released as a full, public report later on. Please remember to send me the information listed in that section as soon as possible, so I can compile the report. Thanks!

4. Special Discussion Topic: Enrollment, 42 UAS 3.3

Jonté: 42 UAS 3.3, the bill to collaborate with MIT administration to accommodate enrollment increase. That piece of legislation asked for several draft enrollment reports, SCEP, housing, student life, athletics, and space planning. As of this meeting, I had seen reports from the four that are linked there on the agenda. Space Planning has not submitted one. The bill also requested that a final report be submitted by the end of IAP, I believe. I think I'm going to open the floor up to David if he wants to talk about his report at all and for the other committee chairs.

David: I guess the areas that SCEP were asked to talk about were the GIRs, advising, and UROP. In general, the Provost had agreed to provide funding for the GIRs. I think they'll be okay. One thing I noticed...physics will need two sets of 8.02 equipment. They actually hit a physical barrier, and they needed two sets of equipment; so, the Provost did that. Also, physics is the only one that admitted this, but physics needs an extra professor. So, they actually cut one course from the graduate department. We'll pull one each year. I assume that's how all the other departments are handling it. They just didn't



tell us. In terms of advising, advising will be advising. It's not going to be any worse or better; I don't see big problems with advising. The last thing is UROP. UROP is probably going to need more money. Students aren't typically motivated by money. Even if UROPs decrease a little bit, I don't know how that will be affected.

Alex D: How are the UROPs distributed?

Alex J: 60% of UROPs are paid; 40% are volunteers. Of that 40%, 80% applied for funding.

Alex D: What are the salaries?

Alex J: The vast majority of them are minimum wage.

Alex D: You can't not cut the number and keep the same number of hours.

David: They're not cutting; they're just not adding more. They'll try and scale it, so it will remain proportional to provisional funding. It should be handled, at least for the next couple of years.

Alex D: You mentioned that the main motivator isn't money.

David: I think the bigger hindrance in a UROP is actually getting a time.

Adam: You said the provost is providing temporary money for TAs. Is there a plan to make temporary permanent?

David: Maybe. I think the last thing I have to address is financial aid. Financial aid is the thing that, if you're going to get angry, this is the one to go. They're essentially looking at changing the definition of need. The two examples we have are admissions need blind or meeting our need. We're having trouble kneading that out. I don't know if it will affect everyone on financial aid.

Sammi: It is going to affect everyone. EMG has decided on their recommendation, and they will be presenting it on Tuesday. We went over it, but we can't talk about it.

David: Okay, I just won't talk about that. I think the changes are what they expect you to make over the summer, etc. If you're not a CS major, it would probably be difficult to meet the couple thousand per month. Financial aid is the one I'm a little worried about, but I don't know how that affects it. I don't know how large the effects will be. Will we lose students at other schools because of this? That's the open question: how much are they willing to mess with financial aid?

Adam: Do you have any sense for how the summer contribution will scale with class year? My understanding right now is that they expect that juniors will make more over the summer.

David: I assume the differential rating will remain the same – whether the slope changes, etc.

Adam: If they keep the initial compensation that they have now, there won't be a lot of people that won't like it.

Rachel M: They won't notice it when they decide to come.

Alex J: MIT's now required by the financial aid office to put a financial aid calculator on the website. Not only will they have a financial aid, there will be some way based on the financial aid calculator to see what their financial aid will be.

Adam: So they'll see that maybe freshmen year looks similar, but after junior year...

Almas: Is it true that MIT is raising the barrier for financial aid?



Alex J: There are a lot of schools who are no longer able to do that. Right now, MIT's plan is such that if you're family makes lower than \$75,000, you are not expected to take loans.

Almas: The plan right now is: if you make below \$60,000, you don't have to pay anything.

Alex J: It's \$75,000.

Jonté: David, you also submitted a white paper; did you want to talk about that?

David: We went to administrators, and we got them to say things. These are like my comments. Based on what I've been talking about, it kind of came to this. These are mostly like commentary and not facts. I think a combination of these two is pretty much what you got here today.

Probably the only thing of note that's really not here (I talked a little bit about it): I wrote a section on grading and how I think we need to make sure how we continue doing problem sets and have someone grade them. I talked a little bit about telecasting and talking online. You shouldn't be forced to go into an overflow room. You shouldn't be forced to have to sit in a room; it should be an option.

Oh, I forgot to mention S³. S³ is probably pushing their limits. Recently, under DUE, I've seen more response – having late night hours and having a morning walk in. That being said, I hope they'll have more stats. I think S³ is a little on the precarious side. Just for a record, I think chemistry will be hit pretty hard. They don't know what's coming. 3.091 will not have Sadoway. I think you'll see a lot of people in 5.111, but I don't think Course 5 knows yet. We've tried to set a meeting, and I think you guys should consider it.

Jonté: I think housing is the next topic.

Hawkins: Nothing really, I didn't really get a straight answer. No straight answer yet, we're going to keep working on it, we're going to make sure that people are able to move out of their dining dorms if they need to. Those are the things we'll be working on next year.

Allan: Do you feel you need additional assistance or pressure in getting answers out of them?

Hawkins: I could be wrong, but I don't think so. I think they're working it out; they're mostly working with Phoenix Group.

Allan: Do you think it will be done by the IAP final version of this report?

Hawkins: If it's not, I think we need more pressure.

Jonté: Student life; I don't think Richard is here, but the report is here. If I remember correctly, I think S³ was in here. I don't see Riley either; okay, so his is also there. You'll see on the second page that he also submitted a list of kind of major areas that he thinks his committee should be working on next semester. I'll hope Senate will look over these, and I hope Senate will be there to either confirm or guide his committee in the right direction.

Will: I did not meet with the Committee on Student Life about space planning, so I don't have confirmation.

Sammi: Point on information: Why did you not meet?

Will: I felt like the meeting on enrollment, as I've been told, was going to be on dining, so I didn't want to take up their time. In terms of study space, department lounges, general open space, etc., they're no plans to expand any of those. I guess with W1, there will be some more lounge space, but in general not



as much. I don't think there will be a shortage of space, but I need to know if those specific places will be crowded. In terms of community space, I'm using the report form CAC of 2005. They looked at how much different rooms were reserved in the time period. For example, on the meetings, between 5 pm and 10 pm, on average, 60% of the space was reserved over the entire year. There are certain rooms like the coffeehouse that aren't used much, but there are places like Kresge used 75% of the time. Based on that, I don't think there is any new space coming on. But, reservations may have problems. For example, if you need a large area, Kresge is already used 75% of the time. The much more important thing is what's going to happen to Walker, which holds 28 groups. This has a larger increase. I would use arguments of enrollment increase for Walker. I guess that's the major change. Compton Lounge, which is on the first floor of building 26...I think that's scheduled to be renovated. I should get confirmation on that, but that should be some more space.

Some confusion about where Compton Lounge is.

David: Just for the record, I'm glad that they brought chairs to put on the grassy area. That's a big improvement from not buying benches. Just the fact that there's furniture in NortPort...the fact that they actually put benches there; that's kudos for whoever did that. You should push more for furniture.

Will: I think I'll schedule that after winter.

5. Approval of Minutes

Tim J: What happened to summaries?

Alec: I've still been making them. I'm a little behind this week, but they should be up now.

Alex J: Is the summary posted separately?

Alec: Yes, on the website.

Allan: I call the question.

Minutes for 42 U.A.S. 7 are approved.

Alex D: I think it's unacceptable to ask us to approve minutes of this length when they were sent out three hours before this Senate meeting.

Alec: I agree, so I move to postpone approval of minutes from 42 U.A.S. SB2 to the next meeting.

Cynthia: Isn't the next meeting in six weeks or so?

Jonté: To the best of the knowledge, there's nothing on having draft minutes available for the public to read.

Will: Will it be acceptable that the minutes will be passed in two weeks if nothing is posted to the Senate mailing list?

Alex D: I was going to propose something vaguely similar.

Allan: Is there a way to do that?

Alec: I'll retract my motion.

Jonté: So how many objections? Procedural stuff?

Alex D: I say on objections that Alec cannot resolve.



Hawkins: So if you don't approve, just email: I don't approve.

Allan: I call the question.

Motion to postpone approval of minutes for 42 U.A.S. SB2 until two weeks later, given no irresolvable conflicts on the Senate Mailing List, passes.

6. Spring 2011 Operating Budget

Sammi: I don't know what you guys want to do for this. We already talked about it last week. The only change is an addition to the ElectComm. It's being built quarterly. I think \$237 will be enough.

Alex D: Motion to amend to add the ElectComm item for \$237.50 to pay for the ElectComm whatcha-ma-thingy.

Jonté: I think what was meant was we'll use the same line item as last time.

Alex D: As long as it's being understood that the elections in the line items are for the one in the previous budget.

Allan: I call the question.

The amendment for ElectComm passes.

Alex D: I'm still moderately saddened that there is no cover letter or defense, given that it's required and I asked for it at the fall and for this SB report. Well, that's not really an actionable comment; I just wanted to throw that out there.

Betsy: So, in the Alumni Relations section, on Alumni Study Breaks, I'm wondering why in the fall budget I think it was under Exec Discretionary. I'm wondering why that got cut out of the Alumni Relations.

Ashley: I've never heard of those, so I didn't ask for them.

Sammi: Well, that line item was written when it was a vague attempt. When Ashley decided that wasn't the route she wanted to go, we removed it. I think what she's doing is really good, and we should go with Ashley's plan.

Clarification on what Alumni Study Break is.

Janet: My line items are still not correct. Once those get fixed, it'll be fine.

Sammi: I move to amend the communications budget such that the multiplication is correct. Er...I move to amend everything such that the multiplication is correct.

The amendment for correct multiplication passes.

Jonté: I trust that the treasurer, when she submits the final copy, will be the same as she sees it here with math things taken care of. If that's not the case, that will not be the budget that we will actually use. Senate will have a final copy hopefully before the end of the semester, if not in the next week.

Betsy: Was any action taken with regards to Alex's idea in a constituency fund?

Alex D: My proposal was to continue the current cap but put that down as an obligation of \$2250, based on the assumption. Recording it as an obligation of that size will be a more applicable assumption.

Betsy: I thought you had something labeled on the reserve.



Alex D: Yes, I did have something on keeping money ready if we go over.

Betsy: So the preapproval process...I was wondering if that's still possible.

Jonté: My concern about that is whether or not we have a precedence on that in terms of preapproving money. If we don't, I need something that clearly defines it. I guess I'm proposing legislation on it.

Rachel M: I think we have enough money in discretionary and reserve that it won't disappear. So, I don't think it actually matters. So, if there is further discussion, we can save it for a later meeting.

Allan: Seeing no further comments, I call the question.

Budget is approved.

7. IAP/Spring I FinBoard Allocations

Cynthia: You've seen me a little bit, I'm Cynthia, this semester. The biggest thing about allocations is that we can't tell student groups things, so, if you have questions about some of the rejected funding, it's because they're putting in ridiculous things that don't cost that much. There has been a huge amount of communication between FinBoard and student groups. A lot of the changes that they asked for last week...the numbers might look a little distorted because these changes took place after the allocation. Some groups look like they got half as much because their events were at a later date, especially since some of the different student groups didn't know they had to split up. This occurred especially if they didn't choose a date. We haven't written up all the policies, so we'll be working on that. Is there any other information? I will tell you what worries me most is we did fund a lot of money for the first few months of the semester. We're going to try and do our best to help out the student groups and try and get what students want out of this.

Rachel M: So is money for this cycle going to roll back? If it's unspent, I assume it's not going to roll back. If groups don't spend the money by the end of March, are they going to lose it?

Cynthia: We did tell them for certain things that if that happens in April or March, let's apply for it now.

Rachel M: I think that would mitigate some of the percentage.

Cynthia: We're not going to know until we actually talk to the student groups, which is something we haven't done yet.

Jessica: For the point where a lot of them may have made mistakes, are you guys still doing appeals?

Cynthia: I don't know. We may not do an official appeals; we may do something that they have to submit. We can still do things like out-of-cycle funding. We'll decide on it, and we can bring it to Senate as a big group of our of cycle funding. I have to talk to the board. I have to get more information from the treasurer, Sammi, and Vrajesh to see what they'll like.

Allan: In your opinion, are we funding for the whole year now because of ambiguity? What percentage is split?

Cynthia: I apologize but I didn't get that number. You can see that in the notes

Allan: Do you think we'll have enough money for a second round of allocations?

Cynthia: I think so. I've only heard comments from one group.



Will: Two points: One, in terms of like being unsure about if there's money. The UA does have a reserve, and so does FinBoard, so you can come to us if it appears that there's not enough money.

Cynthia: That will be my first step.

Will: Two, about advertising these changes in policies.

Cynthia: I've talked to Janet about it.

Will: I guess Senate will like to see if there are changes.

Alex D: Do you have a sense of what fraction of groups got the Spring I and Spring II and what didn't?

Cynthia: I apologize; I don't know, but there were student groups that definitely knew.

Alex D: That's one of the things that Senate asked for.

Cynthia: Again, I'm sorry, but it's been a rough couple of weeks. It's been hard for me to adapt to these changes.

Rachel M: Were there going to be line items?

Cynthia: I strongly apologize. I just realized that I forgot. I'm hoping to bring that up. I don't know if we mentioned this earlier...we do music group project and theater group project funding. Music group didn't apply for funding, but theater group, they applied for a bit of funding to fix stuff. UA and FinBoard decided to take it on. We gave them money last year, and we agreed to give them money once a year to up this progress. I apologize for having that fall through the cracks. They're asking for a \$10000 line item for a new lighting board because it needs to be replaced. Something like this will benefit all of the groups that choose to use La Sala. We weren't sure if doing this will hinder other groups. If we can add the \$10000 to that for a lighting board...

Alex D: I think it's expensive.

Paul: So, La Sala project has been a multistage process of replacing the existing equipment in La Sala that has included replacing the existing lighting instruments that are in the room, available for all groups that use La Sala...mostly theater groups, ensembles, and Gilbert and Sullivan, and any other performance groups that use that. CAC maintains that equipment. The next item up in the cycle is the lighting board. We have started to see signs of it failing. What this money will do is enable us to replace it with a mother board. The cost is based on quotes we've received from a number of vendors, and it will include training. It will not take La Sala out of action for any amount of time. There is no disabling.

Cynthia: The theater has already sent me stuff on this. This has been done with the approval of many groups. This is the second round of renovations. This is something the UA has approved in the past.

Allan: Is there any warranty on this thing?

Paul: They typically come with warranties.

Allan: Does the new one come with a warranty?

Paul: I don't know.

Tim R: What's the functional lifetime of this?

Paul: Between 10 and 15 years.

Alex J: Why is CAC not paying for this?



Cynthia: We tried to figure this out, and we couldn't for the life of us.

Paul: All of the groups are paying money every time over replacing it, but they haven't been doing that.

Alex J: In my mind, it's CAC's job; that's like saying we're going to have to replace used projectors in class rooms because student groups use it 3 times a year. CAC should pay for this, and we shouldn't set a precedence that we'll do this.

Ashley: If we're charging a fee, where is the money going?

Paul: It's going into an account for the continuous renewal of these.

Alex D: Since you mentioned that it's ridiculous that student groups would have to buy projectors...ESP has bought a number of projectors.

Alex J: That's ridiculous. I'm sorry, and I apologize on behalf of MIT.

Ashley: I think there's a difference between the bigger classrooms.

Tim R: Do you keep those on hand? I really like what you said. MIT does use these things. There's no reason that we're going to have to pay for something that they should be benefiting on equally.

Rachel M: This is not something that they use in the space. A lot of the administration spaces are big ones that you don't need stage lighting for. It's not this advanced. Also, most of the groups that use large classrooms do have to pay for part of it. I think the fact is that this is for the groups but not inherent to the space.

Paul: It is part of the space.

Rachel M: It's something that's required to make it a performance space but not an event space. CAC can say we have lighting equipment...Little Kresge. Go use that.

Alex J: Why are student groups not using it?

Rachel M: Not enough spaces.

Alex J: If that the case, CAC should be paying for it. If MIT's not giving enough space, the groups themselves shouldn't have to pay for other space.

Paul: Right now...there's continuous back-to-back booking for people. It's one of the known performance spaces.

Alex J: So, you couldn't shift everyone out of that space?

Paul: It would be like halving everyone's performance space.

Adam: So then, shouldn't CAC pay for this space?

Jonté: To clarify, I think there's one aspect we should mention. So, students are using this equipment, so student should pay for it. From another side, I think we're saying that we're being allocated a certain amount of money to give to student groups. If students are using services that should be provided by the institution, the funding for that shouldn't be coming out of the money that's allocated for things of a different nature.

Will: When would the lighting board be purchased?

Paul: If you hand us the money, the purchase will be made very quickly based off of that.



Will: This is time sensitive?

Paul: We have preexisting quotes from the vendors for it. If you give us less than this amount of money, \$7000 will still cause it to happen, but that would put more burden on the theater groups for additional capital.

Will: Will this affect implementing the lighting board?

Paul: The reason we're doing this now is because, last time, the board would just not work a percentage of the time, which is like trying to work on the show and the lights don't turn on. The reason we're doing this is because one of these days, we're going to go to the show, and it's not going to happen.

Alex D: Either a couple of people here should be willing to put a lot of effort into looking at CAC and people higher up the administration for funding, or we should not hold that CAC should be funding this against the groups. I think this is a fairly reasonable plan, so I think it's not really CAC's responsibility about personal space. I personally do not feel I should hold it against theater groups, but, if you're not going to be approving it, you should put in effort.

Rachel M: It isn't the CAC being stingy; it's literally because they don't have money. If you're willing to give up free electricity or toilet paper... They literally don't have \$10,000 to do this. I feel like it's unreasonable to put the burden on these groups. They should at least have this building.

Allan: I guess a few things, 1. I don't want to see these groups not have lighting anymore. 2. I also don't want to create precedence where we start buying everything. I do also wonder, if something happens with Walker, is this equipment going to be moved there?

Paul: Theater Arts space is booked continuously. Anything they do will not be viable to us. I can almost guarantee that, they have completely different schedule.

Rachel M: When they say Theater Arts in Walker, they don't mean Theater Arts groups; they mean the Department of Theater Arts. They have a terrible relationship with the groups; they kick out student groups and stuff.

Will: One of the reasons people are in La Sala is because they don't get those.

Hawkins: Why don't we do a one-time donation from the UA? Is that something we can write a bill to do, or is that something you can write a bill on your own for?

Sammi: So, I think we should actually write a bill. We haven't acutely seen the FinBoard Reserve.

Cynthia: From what I heard, they approached, and this account popped up from the FinBoard Reserve where unspent money has been going. Also, we had to spend money for appeals. Bottom line: we have a FinBoard Reserve, and we're trying to figure out what to do with it currently.

Jonté: I think the recommendation is to write a bill.

Will: Only comment: we should also write a letter to the Tech. We passed this, and I think CAC should know.

Rachel M: That would put more precedence than not saying anything.

Cynthia: I would prefer not to publicize this that much.

Paul: Something I'll comment on for why FinBoard should fund this: This is a concrete item that has been put forward that will directly impact student groups. The student groups have had an excellent track



record. If the goal of FinBoard is to give money, this will be guaranteed. If it doesn't happen, feel free to call me and yell at me.

Allan: Just for the good of the body, I think I'm writing a bill to do what was suggested. If someone wants to just strike this down, we'll then propose a bill.

Alex J: I call the question.

The amendment to add the line item fails.

Rachel M: For the ones that are pending ASA decisions, did you guys make any changes?

Cynthia: They're still pending for the moment.

Will: I call the question.

The FinBoard Allocations pass.

Recess Begins: 8:53 pm; Recess Ends: 9:04 pm.

8. Approval of Class Council Budgets

Jonté: First, Richard Dahan submitted a line item for an additional item in the budget. We already approved it, so to change it we need to reconsider. The motion is now on the table.

Rachel M: Why don't we motion to amend it?

Jonté: Here, is anyone opposed to this? Seeing none...

Richard: We've been working with PSC to develop a community service competition. PSC developed this formula, and the prize is \$4000. I think the specific things they're asking for is \$125 for publicity, and \$125 for small things. Also, \$750 for an initial kick off dinner. They're going to invite a few of the representatives from community service groups throughout Boston. I think those are the two things. When they gave the budget they realized they need a little bit extra.

Anonymous: What's the prize for?

Richard: It's not a cash prize going to the living group. They want to establish this as an annual type event, too.

Jonté: Seeing no further comments, we'll call the question.

The motion to amend the budget is approved.

Jonté: Next up is the approval of Class Council budgets. I'm not sure whether or not the class councils are coming at all; I was never informed as to whether they would or not. To the best of my knowledge, we should be checking to see if their budgets are reasonable. This is the Class of 2014 budget for Spring 2011.

Rachel M: Why is there a negative number?

Tim J: I think they pay the company some number to get the results through some algorithm, and then they ask people to pay \$2 a person to get it. At least, that's how we did it in high school.

Alec and Will: I call the question.

Class of 2014 budget approved.

Jonté: Here's class of 2013.



Rachel M: We should tell them that CSL is already going to have one.

Class of 2013 budget approved.

9. 42 U.A.S. 8.1: Bill to Fund MEETERS

Betsy: *Reads bill.* So, one of my constituents is in MITERS and approached me to get Senate discretionary funding. For me, I think it's a good idea. It serves the group well and served the MIT community well. We have a representative here, he can talk about it a lot more.

Rachel M: Why wasn't this in your FinBoard application?

Josh: We came up with the idea a month ago.

Betsy: It would be funded by FinBoard if they had had their act together more.

Rachel M: I feel like if you planned for your events, you would ask FinBoard for money. This is supposed to be for extraordinary circumstances.

Will: I think this is good; they have a clause in the fourth clause that say they'll find more permanent funding, so we don't have to do it again. So, I think it's good.

Jessica: Is there any precedence for what a group does for a last minute event?

Will: LSC?

Janet: What is the Fresh Fund for?

Jonté: The Fresh Fund is for new groups.

Allan: Your event is coming up pretty soon; is this event not going to happen if you don't get it soon?

Josh: Basically, you'll be able to provide money. If we're going to have too many people, we're going to have more food. The event will still occur. I guess we'll submit it anyways.

Tim R: MITERS is historically very independent. It funds itself through its own actions. They fund themselves from their own expenses. This includes machinery and machine parts, and they do this without asking a dime. To say no, when they are providing hundreds of dollars is saying they're not helping people. You can look on YouTube. Long story short, MITERS has done a lot for the community. To say no to them for such a small fund, I think, would be ridiculous. If not, don't expect them to not start charging people.

Rachel M: I was in no way questioning them. In any way, they should ask for more funding. You can't not ask for money, and then say you couldn't get more money. My point is this should've been asked ahead of time.

Tim R: Sorry, I was just trying to clarify a point.

Alec: I think both sides have stated their points well enough, so I call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.1 passes.

Jonté: The money allocated will be available as soon as we have a signature from the president.

10. 42 U.A.S. 8.2: Bill to Fund an IAP Class to Learn Massage

Betsy: *Reads bill.* This is another Senate Discretionary thing. Scott came to me asking for money. I think this is a good idea. There's not a better place to fund this.



Sivakami: Where does funding go to?

Scott: Mostly for the instructor but also for facilities.

Alec: I know they offer massage classes throughout the year. Do they not offer them during IAP? Is that not negotiable?

Scott: There is not a massage class for undergraduates; there's one for a giant community.

Jessica: How will the students be chosen?

Scott: They will be chosen at random with priority not given to students.

Almas: Is there any other way to fund this other than the Senate Discretionary fund?

Rachel: I think in general DAPER could be expected to provide for facilities. Previously, DAPER has given facilities for free.

Scott: DAPER has given us a 75% discount.

Tim R: How many classes?

Scott: 8 classes for one hour each.

Jessica: This isn't a PE class?

Scott: Not for credit.

Alec: I think it's a sound bill, and it seems like a good idea. Judging by how fast you answered our questions, I think you've also done your research and preparation well. So, I think I'll call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.2 passes.

11. 42 U.A.S. 8.3: Bill to Improve the Cross-Campus Nature of the "Bad Ideas" Weekend

Betsy: *Reads bill.* We have some representatives here, and they're trying to push the event to make it cross-campus. In some events past, I think they would like to change that, and I think it's a really good idea.

James: On that note, we're having a meeting at Burton Conner. I think our meeting is at 6 pm. If anyone wants to show up, that would be great. We're looking for more proposals from not East Campus, but, basically, we've already gotten \$30000 for project proposals, many of which will not happen. We're expecting more, and we're hoping for more. We're hoping to come up with \$12000 to \$16000 for more things. That means food, dorm prizes, etc. We've applied to pretty much everything to ask for money; we're starting to apply to some places off-campus like the grant. A couple years ago, there were events at other dorms. We'd like it to be like that again. We're looking for money to offset that; handwarmers are important it gets really cold.

Rachel M: So, from my experience as EC treasurer, the budget I see is equivalent to that of the budget of rush, and there's almost 3x the scale in terms of participants at that. So, I think the budget for this is kind of large. I can't actually speak to the decision of LEF because it hasn't been public yet. I think, trying to make it cross-campus, that's both the explanation given to LEF and DormCon this year and last year and the year before that. I know you're well intentioned, but I don't think it's necessarily the nature of the event. I don't think it's particularly new.



Alex J: I don't think we usually fund things like hats. Take that as you will.

Tim R: What about letters and T-Shirts?

Alex J: I don't think FinBoard usually funds things like this. We can fund this if you guys want to. I'm just putting it out there, but we don't usually do.

Jessica: Is this under a specific student group; why is it not under FinBoard?

James: As of now, Bad Ideas chairs are elected by East Campus residents. I know, the first couple of years, it's been East Campus, and we tried to spread it out. There was one single event at BC last year.

Jessica: Besides the meeting tomorrow, have you already heard a lot of interest from a lot of dorms that want to join in, or are you just trying to get them to come now?

James: We've heard some interest from individuals, but not from a large group yet. There was an email that went to dorm presidents awhile back in hopes that they'll talk to their individual dorms.

Rachel M: So, that happened last year at DormCon's request. The feedback is that Burton Conner had a fair number of people, so they ran them. There was to some extent Senior House, but the rest of the dorm didn't report back. Either they didn't find anything, or they didn't ask.

Betsy: Looking over past Bad Ideas plans, it didn't seem like, in their attempts to spread the word, they did anything like advertise promotional items. I think the point is to do tangible things to draw ideas.

Rachel: There was some combination of a large amount of poster and emailing. I know I was in charge of cooking for Bad Ideas two years ago. We did have like half a dozen of people show up from further than West dorms. They showed up at noon expecting food to be ready at noon.

Almas: How much funding have you received from others?

James: LEF has not gotten back to us yet. SIPB has formed a committee with \$750. They can give to us what they might be able to. DormCon, we have not submitted a proposal to yet. I was actually waiting to hear kind of the level of interest was possible. The Humor fund and the Arts Fund have to be contacted for individual projects, so we're trying to figure out what scale of projects we're going to have before we start telling them to apply individually. We've contacted pretty much everybody.

Allan: First, I'm going to ask a question. What is your expected turn out for this?

James: Hopefully, on the order of around 1500 to 2000 people over the course of the weekend. I don't know if it will be that high especially because of IAP or the cold.

Allan: What was it last year?

James: I honestly don't know.

Allan: Well, I'm uncomfortable with a few things. First of all, I'm uncomfortable with the handwarmers and the hats. I'm also unconvinced you're going to spread this. I haven't heard a strong defense considering the amount of money. Thus, I move to strike those.

Alex D: I'm in support of the amendment. I feel like that's a lot of money for the fairly local event. It feels really strange for Senate to be the lone one out.

Jessica: I call the question.

Motion to amend passes.



Jessica: I don't understand the \$75 for creating schedules. Is it like printing schedules?

James: The idea was going to CopyTech.

Betsy: I think the schedules will be particularly effective.

Jonté: Point of information – how big are they?

Betsy: It's for one weekend.

Will: I think most of the objections are in terms of cost. They're trying to expand this. They're trying to make this bigger. What else are we going to do with Senate discretionary? We want to go and help students; this type of bill goes to try and improve life for students.

Jessica: You said you're also trying to get funding from other groups. Besides this, what else does the funding go to?

James: Our budget is broken down into projects, events, general food cost, and advertising for prizes, so other funding would largely go towards probably projects. They are the money that's going across. Basically, we'll fund events, food, and general events first. Then, we'll cut projects as we have to.

Alex D: I'm concerned, given the nature of this event. This feels a whole lot like the same sort of thing that the Financial Policy Review Committee expressed concerns about, back in the day. Senators do take requests. The Senate does not particularly advertise that, I think properly so. We have to delegate, sort of, the funding towards FinBoard to more optimally use our time and expertise to these issues. I'm generally uncomfortable with Senate having as much of a role as a funding board. The argument that what else we're going to spend Senate Discretionary Fund on is misguided, given how much money we filter towards student groups directly.

Alec: How much money is left in the reserve, and in the discretionary fund?

After some confusion, established around \$1300 has been used.

Betsy: My constituents told them about the Senate Discretionary fund. I don't think it's unfair. Furthermore, I think it's what Senate Discretionary is for. I don't think this is out of line for Senate Discretionary.

Will: They are considering alternate funding sources.

Tim J: How much have you heard back from?

James: We have not actually heard back from anyone but SIPB. From the LEF, we requested \$600. On the weekends, we're putting in a request for \$1000. The other ones are for projects; we have not copied them yet.

Jonté: Point of information – can you repeat the DormCon number?

James: \$2500.

Jessica: Do you intend to come back next year?

James: We're definitely not proposing this long term. There have been ideas about making this a club, but there will be future discussion on this.

Rachel M: I have the total budget use from LEF. I don't know if I have a particular point, but I figured people might want to see what's going on.



Allan: Are we looking at real white castles?

James: Absolutely not; they'll be microwavable and disgusting and delicious.

Allan: I'm horribly offended by this bill.

Janet: How much money does EC get for REX?

Tim R: Around \$10000.

Rachel: I'll say around \$9000 to \$12000. DormCon usually funds big events like West Side and East Side parties, too.

Ben: Can we look at the door prizes section?

Rachel M: Would it be useful to go into closed session?

Sammi: I think so.

Senate moves into closed session.

Tim J: I move to amend by slashing the 3rd "that" clause that provides funding for food.

Betsy: I think your concern is publicity. What do you think of Tim's idea? Tim's idea was, instead of completely striking this clause, to turn this clause into something of hosting these food events in public places, so people will more likely see it.

Tim J: I'm going to say no, because those things should come from LEF. I'm going to strike the clause for reasons that they're going to fund efforts to reach out of the entire organization. My concern is, during a public school day, everybody walks through Lobby 7, but during IAP it goes considerably down. But, if you want to make that motion after we consider this, feel free to.

Almas: I think that, instead of cutting the food budget completely, personally I feel like they will be able to publicize this event. I think we should cut the food budget in half. So, \$825.

Jonté: I'm not sure how to consider this. Should we take this up?

Alex D: I think it's an amendment to the amendment. I think it's in order.

Almas: Motion to amend the amendment by changing it to \$825.00.

Ben: could we also add stipulations that it will be in public areas?

Tim R: I believe it's already in there by "general consumption." I call the question.

The amendment to the amendment on \$825.00 passes 9-9 with Speaker's vote.

Will: I call the question.

The amendment passes on food funding.

Rachel: I move to amend the bill to add a fourth "that" clause...that money only be transferred once a transaction report and an event report be submitted to ua-senate-officers.

The amendment passes.

Alex D: I think other groups should fund it and not us.

Will: I think that falls under if it should pass or not, so I move to call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.3 passes.



12. 42 U.A.S. 8.4: Bill to Repeal 41 U.A.S. 13.1

Allan: *Reads bill.*

Alec: Nicely written bill.

Tim J: One of my constituents thinks...

Alec: Point of order – please vote on discussion.

Motion to close discussion fails.

Tim J: It's in my discretion to recognize the projector.

Alex D: Can we check the bill? It's not in your discretion.

Tim J: It's in the past, and we should keep it for fun. We could just not bring it up, until this bill came back up.

Allan: We should portray ourselves as adults, especially as a Vice Speaker, in things like dining especially. Also, the longer you waste my time, I promise to waste twice as long of your time.

Tim R: I move to commit this to a committee headed by Tim Jenks.

Jessica: Can the committee be requested to provide a report?

Rachel M: I object that that is part of it.

Jonté: Typically, it's normal to request that.

Tim J: It will be in the minutes.

Jessica: Okay.

Motion to commit 42 U.A.S. 8.4 to a committee passes.

13. 42 U.A.S. 8.5: Bill to Extend Operation of the Committee on Athena Printing

Allan: This bill essentially says: I want to have my committee exist next semester and in IAP.

Will: This is great; I don't know why people will object. I call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.5 passes.

Allan: I'm not going to read the report. So, word-wise, this is what you've seen. I feel like this is an issue Senate has spent a lot of time on. I feel it is relevant that Senate approve this report.

Alex D: I move to recess to discuss the bill or allow people to use the restroom.

Motion to recess passes.

Recess Begins: 10:42 pm; Recess Ends: 10:48 pm.

Alex D: Motion to approve, conditional that somebody, probably me, checks the grammar.

Athena Printing Report is approved with grammar check.

14. Presentation of Midterm Reviews for Officers and Committee Chairs



Tim J: Motion to go into closed session.

Senate moves into closed session.

Sammi: David and Krishna are both stepping down after this semester. David is studying abroad in France, and Krishna is stepping down because he had a personal issue that will involve him to spend a lot of time in New York.

15. New Business

Michael: Motion to consider 42 U.A.S. 8.6.

Motion to consider 42 U.A.S. 8.6 passes.

Michael: *Reads Bill.* We hope that this will be considered, and basically the CSL chair is behind this. I'll take any questions.

Alex D: Are you the CSL member heading this up?

Michael: No, I'm not on CSL.

Allan: I think this is pretty well-written. What's the award? Is it just a certificate?

Michael: I think we're thinking TechCash or something.

Tim J: Can we have something that tells CSL to publicize the google doc more?

Michael: Yes.

Alex D: Can we just trust CSL to be competent about this?

Tim J: I'd like to amend by adding that the CSL publicize this more.

Alex D: I don't see the point of this legislation.

Tim J: If we want them to do it, we should say so.

Alex D: I feel like the half-life of legislation is like 6 weeks, so I question the usefulness of this.

Allan: I call the question on the amendment.

Motion to amend with publicity clause passes.

Jonté: Where did this idea come from?

Michael: The fact that we got a lot of complaints, and this is a way to create incentive.

Cynthia: I think it would be very effective. I also suggest adding a line to tell them the time and date when it happens.

Adam: Are you talking about the Senator service?

Jonté: Yes.

Allan: I call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.6 passes.

Alec: Motion to consider 42 U.A.S. 8.7. So, this is basically similar to what we had for the minutes of 42 U.A.S. SB2, except for this session's minutes.

Motion to consider 42 U.A.S. 8.7 passes.



Jonté: Again, this is one of the rare instances when I'm going to speak. I know we made this okay to do this for SB2 minutes. I'm concerned that doing this for the minutes of this meeting, and now having it in legislation form, might set precedence for having draft minutes, and then magically have it removed. I don't believe we have a policy stating that draft minutes can't be on the website.

Rachel M: I'm more okay with this as precedence because it's a 7 week gap before the next meeting. I don't think this will set precedence because it would be approved at the next meeting.

Alex D: Motion to amend by removing the "they will be approved."

Alec: Point of information – so when released, will it still say "Draft"?

Alex D: Yes.

Jessica: I call the question.

The amendment to strike the clause passes.

Tim J: I call the question.

Jonté: Objection – look at the title.

Alex D: Motion to change the title to Bill to Release Minutes.

The amendment to change the title passes.

Jonté: Okay, now we can call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.7 passes.

Allan: I believe I submitted a bill. Motion to consider.

Motion to consider 42 U.A.S. 8.8 passes.

Allan: *Reads bill.* (Some minor character/syntax changes were made.)

Tim R: More than one of my constituents has shown concern with regards to the lighting concern. The people that are directly affected had told me this. I would like to support this.

Alex D: Point of information – lighting for...

Tim R: Shows.

Betsy: Does this bill bug CAC to fund it in the future?

Allan: My intention was to handle the problem now.

Cynthia: I believe the intention of the bill is to help fund this which FinBoard has promised.

Rachel M: Also, I think the groups contributing to this will make it sustainable long-term. So, they, in the future, don't have to wait for CAC, DSL, etc.

Will: I think the response is to have FinBoard or another organization take it up. Otherwise, Senate can take it up.

Adam: I think we've already discussed it considerably, so I move to call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.8 passes.

Rachel M: Motion to consider 42 U.A.S. 8.9.



Motion to consider 42 U.A.S. 8.9 passes.

Rachel M: So, in the most recent cycle, we made provisional decisions on groups. Those decisions are final; so, we have to reach out. This tasks ASA to allocate those groups' Fresh Fund money before Senate passes legislation; that requires an ASA vote. For contacts, I can dig up a list for these groups.

Allan: Is it safe to assume that this is what the Fresh Fund is intended for?

Alex D: For contacts, I think typically three or four groups out of the application cycle will ask ASA for money.

Rachel M: We're trying to do a little more this semester, but our schedules have been moved back.

Will: I'm just wondering about the ASA Exec members. This will be for IAP. Is there a schedule?

Rachel M: It's not like committee chairs; it's whatever the 4-6 people are.

Sammi: It's Jonté, Tim, me, Vrajesh, Allan, and Alex J – the president designated representative.

Rachel M: If you're okay with it, it's fine.

Tim R: I call the question.

42 U.A.S. 8.9 passes.

Alex D: Motion to amend elections in the bill we just passed for the title to be "allocations."

Motion to amend 42 U.A.S. 8.9 passes.

Rachel M: I know there was some talk to making a committee about this. I was wondering if we need to approve new policy, approve a senate subcommittee, etc.

Cynthia: In general, FinBoard operates a little far away from Senate, and we do govern most of ourselves. That was the issue this semester, I think, with a lot of policy changes. I think FinBoard is open to changes. It was hard to make the changes mid-semester because of the nature of our board. I'm also curious as to what specific types of policies you guys want to put in. Are you talking about something that you want to restructure specific to the board itself?

Sammi: So, a little more about forming this committee...we, meaning me, Ellen, Vrajesh, and the old president of FinBoard...the condition was either FinBoard provides a specific list of the actions items they were going to take to improve FinBoard or we were going to encourage the creation of this. I don't want to say external committee because I don't think it should have FinBoard members on it to look at what sort of reforms could be done with FinBoard. So far, we have not seen this list.

Cynthia: We chose not write it because we figured, in the sense that the Senate is expecting different things, the general consensus we wanted to hear was the Senate's opinion.

Sammi: So, what I'm getting away from that is: it would be useful to have a committee of...

Cynthia: I wouldn't think an official committee would be necessary. It seems like the creation of another committee would be to micromanage. We'd be open to focus groups, but we're hesitant on another committee.

Will: The same idea: we could also have a committee decide the scope of how much change it wants to FinBoard. I think, regardless, we want to have some FinBoard members on it, just to go through the policy. This probably hasn't happened in a long time.



Betsy: I think an ad hoc committee for IAP and next semester would be an effective way to deal with this. At the Exec meeting last week, Vrajesh came up with a list of things to change on FinBoard, and the idea seemed to be on everything to do with FinBoard. I think if any committee is to be formed, it would be a good idea.

Jonté: The idea is we can pass legislation on what specifically the committee should do, but whatever is written in the Charter, I can construct for the charter. However, I would recommend us to look at legislation, if we have legislation written.

Rachel M: I was just going to mention that I have the bill written, but if we want to go on to the Chancellor Search that would be okay.

Will: Also, not just Senators, but also people in groups that are involved or people from ASA groups.

Jonté: So, what I'm hearing is we're going to postpone this definitely until after the discussion on the Chancellor Search. Are there objections?

Motion to postpone definitely until after discussion passes.

16. Discussion and Closing Remarks

Sammi: Basically, after Phil Clay stepped down, Kirk called a group of student leaders on campus: the present presidents and vice presidents of the UA, IFC, DormCon, Panhel, etc. The process is: Hockfield is going to decide, and in doing that she's going to consult with some of those people. In order to present Hockfield with coherent ideas before the end of the IAP, we have student representative groups, which consist of the 6 undergraduate IAP people I just mentioned, as well as 6 graduate students. Our meeting will be this coming weekend, whenever people are available, and we're going to talk about key qualities in the Chancellor. Leading up to that, Ulric and I have talked about the role of the Chancellor, the potential for the role of the Chancellor, potential projects, etc. I'm meeting with Kirk to talk about essential job descriptions. We'll get together the essential idea of what we'd like to see with our Chancellor. That set of recommendations, we'll be sending to Senate and students as we go through the process. We're also getting together a list of names; one undergrad and one graduate student will go through every name. Then we'll discuss our top 3-5 members. We're not going to share that list with people which makes working with whomever is chosen different based on the result. We're not going to be able to share those things, but we appreciate everyone's input.

In addition, there is a web form up; there is going to be a letter sent out to all students. If you guys want to get a jump start, there's a web form at ua.mit.edu/chancellorsearch/ which asks if you have any qualities or specific people that we can talk about at our meetings or names you'll submit that will go on our long list of people we'd consider. If you have questions about the process we're going to undertake or the institute process, you can ask those right now. The idea of this presentation was to start getting people thinking about the qualities you think are important of a Chancellor.

Rachel M: For historical perspective, this is very similar to what was done when Hockfield was chosen.

Adam: I think it's important that a Chancellor actively engage all of the stake holders. I'm particularly thinking about all of the undergrads, but, after, I would like to not just have a conversation with UA P or VP. I think a Chancellor needs to make sure he or she understands the full spectrum of student opinion and, not only understand what a student thinks, but why they think it. They need to do more than just ask



the UA leadership. They need to encourage conversation with students, and they need to seek out rather than wait for it to be handed to them on a silver platter.

Betsy: This is a question about the search process: how serious or how effective has it been in the past?

Sammi: I don't know of a historical example where Hockfield was making her own decision. Rachel brought up the case of the Hockfield search, but the Corporation headed that – a process similar to that, with a slightly longer timeline, just because there's a longer time. They presented their recommendations to one of the committees. In the case of a Dean for Graduate Education, that position was chosen this last semester. Phil Clay just chose this. It was just a couple of grad students, and the grad students met with a couple more grad students. I don't know. I'm sure Dean Ortiz was on that short list that came from that committee, but I don't know. We should still do it.

Betsy: Will there ever be a point where you hear their recommendations? Where it's too late, and it will just be chosen?

Sammi: That's up to Dr. Hockfield.

Jonté: Two things: first, what sort of things should people be looking for when they suggest specific candidates?

Sammi: That's sort of what these qualities are. Some things that have come up are working with students to develop student leadership. Some people have discussed a greater level of student engagement. Somebody who seeks out students, who seems engaged in campus issues, especially in student issues, how different things on campus are, etc....talking about your involvement in the UA and what your view is on increasing enrollment and dining... whose judgment you trust and whom you think would be credible and would gain a lot of respect.

Jonté: I guess my question was more like: should they be faculty members, should they be from MIT, etc?

Sammi: I think that's something that should be talked about. Traditionally, it has been, and that's something actually worth considering; however, because you guys are more likely to know of people from MIT, I would restrict the thinking to tenured faculty.

Jonté: I have one more thing, and this is just a comment. I don't know very much about Dean Lerman, but I think this would be a good place to look in terms of projects. I think a lot came out of his activities surrounding his decision to leave MIT, and that might be a chance.

Tim R: I was going to suggest that we move this conversation to the mailing list and move on to the next item. Motion to close discussion.

Motion to close discussion passes.

Jonté: Did we want to consider 8.10? Are there any objections to considering it?

Motion to consider 8.10 passes without objection.

Rachel M: This is kind of broad. I'm flexible on membership.

Cynthia: I think my only thing is to add that more than just the FinBoard chair from FinBoard should be added just because it's a senior.

Rachel M: I allocated a max of 9, but only 4 were specifically allocated. And the meetings are open.



Adam: I would like to have one more FinBoard member be on it, and I would like the remainder of the group to be from ASA-recognized groups. Presidents are fine, but treasurers would be good. Motion to amend and add at least a general member from Finboard and a member of ASA and the rest be comprised of members from recognized student groups.

Cynthia: Can I also get a specific timeline?

Alex D: This is out of order.

Rachel M: We can do that next.

Alex D: I think restricting it to just presidents and treasurers is restricting it significantly. There might be people other than that.

Sivakami: I also think that, if you take the president of these groups, they might be president or they might not be president next year. I think it's to our best interest to pick people that might stay longer.

Rachel M: I'm in favor of striking that requirement. We're not going to take random grad students who aren't involved. If we do keep it, I think it should be amended to be "MIT-funded undergraduate groups."

Janet: Shouldn't it be FinBoard-funded?

Rachel M: The ones we care about are MIT-funded ones and then the undergraduate ones.

Motion to amend the amendment passes.

Alex D: I'd like to divide this into two amendments.

Jonté: So, we're considering the first amendment – adding a FinBoard member.

Alex D: I think this is generally a good idea. I call the question.

Motion to amend by adding a FinBoard member passes.

Jonté: The second part is discussing the rest being comprised of members of MIT-funded undergraduate student groups.

Alex D: I think this is fine; my reasoning for funding student groups stands.

Jonté: Are there any objections to this amendment?

Alex D: Yes...that's what I was trying to say. I think it's unnecessarily restricted.

Jonté: Alright, we'll take a vote then.

Motion to amend by clauses specifying MIT-funded undergraduate student groups passes.

Rachel M: I move to add another that clause that says that the chair has to approve the remaining members.

Janet: Who's the chair?

Rachel M: The president or the speaker has to approve the chair.

Sammi: Point of the information – I'm pretty sure the constitution requires that the Chair of finance-directed boards be the Treasurer.

Rachel: Either way, I think my amendment stands regardless of who the Chair is.

Alex D: *Reads quote from Constitution.* My opinion is this is more of a fraud question than a question.



Sammi: If there is a question, we can go to JudBoard.

Rachel M: Do you mind to chair it?

Ellen: Sure I'll chair it, and I don't mind.

Jonté: I'm going to call the question. Are there any objections?

Motion to amend by adding that the chair has to approve the remaining member passes.

Rachel: I'm sorry we need another "that" clause that says the senators be appointed by the Speaker.

Motion to amend by adding the above that clause passes.

Janet: Does it have to be nine people. That seems a little small. Can it be ten?

42 U.A.S. 8.10 passes.

Jonté: The only thing I had is: I wanted to introduce a few brief things that are more forward-looking into next semester and IAP. I sent out a senator self-evaluation; we have 17 responses. You know what, forget it, it's not coming up on the screen. We had 17 responses. Just a step through, a large number of people agree they have met their expectations. A lot of people agree that their constituents know who they are, that they know what you do, and that they know what the UA is doing. A little bit more of the spread on enjoying being a Senator, but most people agree. The average performance rating looks to be just over 3 out of 5. Most people agree that they are informed about the committees and that they feel confident enough to speak to their constituents. 65% vs. 35% do not feel competent enough to speak about these things. Is there anything else?

One thing that was very surprising. A lot of people said that they only knew people OK. They knew the majority of everyone's name and face. Only 53% of you say you have ever collaborated with another senator, and, looking forward to next year, only one person said they will not be running a constituency event. Lastly, the question, "Do you think Senate would benefit from additional informal retreat-like meetings?", 82% said, "Yes," that they would be willing to attend, and 90% said, "Yes," it would be helpful for Senate. So, I would like to put forward meetings where we just sit down and talk about how Senate, the UA, and MIT are going at this point in the semester and how we can better work on specific issues and how we might be able to work together on writing legislation and working on projects.

Another change that was also conveyed in the self-evaluation: a few people expressed interest in the following. I'm going to look for Staff Assistants to divvy up the workload. Coming in, I was not expecting to see this degree of work. I'm looking for staff members to put together more ideas. Just so we have this on record, the 3 general areas I'm looking for are: a program coordinator to help me schedule and plan constituency events, a website chair to make sure all the things are in order and to keep the website up to date, and a policy coordinator who will help me ensure and, hopefully, help Senate in ensuring that all the committees are helping me follow through on all the pieces of legislation. The reason why I added that last bit to the position is because I know, and many of you have experienced, that when it came time to run an event, you weren't always sure on the issues. If it's someone's job that we have a document that we can distribute to Senators, I think that would be good.

I want people to better think about how the UA can help the student body. This semester, the people have been trying to ramp up, and I think a lot of people know what the letters for the UA stand for. The issues now for us, as you've seen on the issue of dining, we have to make sure we're informing students, making sure we have all the information we need so that they are able to support us on all of our efforts. I guess



where I was going on that is that I think we would benefit on how we would benefit on students. What ideas can we do? Maybe we can think of a blog for senators ourselves. I think that will help us communicate on issues. I think maybe six senators communicated with their constituents once a month. I hope that will be once a week next semester. I think one issue there is just the activation energy, if you will, the barrier to have something to say to the constituents. So, yeah, I'm hoping to do a lot more things with Senate next year. I think it will make your experiences here a lot better. I think that will help make the Senate a more effective body. So, if we have any additional announcements...thank you guys for an awesome semester so far. Let's look forward to an awesome IAP and next semester.

Ellen: The deadline is for this Thursday after classes end. So turn in all your stuff, I know there's going to be more reimbursements out there.

Alex D: Did something change since last year, since I definitely reimbursed people in January?

Ellen: There are some exceptions. For some things, they are less than ideal.

Tim J: Jonté talked about staff assistants. If you want a power staff assistant, I was elected to be a Vice Speaker about this time last year; so, I've been around a year. Looking at my time commitments, I think I'll be resigning as Vice Speaker. I don't have enough time to spend to be a effective senator and Vice Speaker. That's why I'm resigning this. A voting member of Senate will replace me; so, if you were elected, you can replace me. I wish I had more time to keep doing it; so, I'm sorry I have to let this go. If you would like to do it, how this will work is we'll probably have nomination and get the new Vice Speaker as soon as possible. I would be excited to let them know what it needs to be, how much time it doesn't or does like to take, all the tricks of a trade to get you up to speed. You get a vote in Exec, and you get to be on the email list, and you get to know everything that gets to go on the mailing list. That's a privilege of being a principal officer; you get all the information. I'll send you an email; so, yeah, replace me because it's cool.

Janet: To end on a happier note, the PR committee...we're having another Midnight Study Break Wednesday night in the Coffeehouse. You guys should come, if you're not too hosed.

Tim J: What time? Midnight?

Janet: Yeah.

Jonté: Closing roll?

Alec: Get your butts out of here. I got it covered already.

Jonté: Thank you, and I'll see you during IAP.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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