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Summary of 42 U.A.S. 8 – December 06, 2010

The meeting began with a short Exec Update where Sammi Wyman, UA Vice President, briefly commented on the advisory committee, the chancellor search, and institute committees. Alec Lai, the UA Secretary General, also talked about the upcoming End-of-Semester Report.

The special discussion topic at this meeting was the enrollment increase, following up on 42 UAS 3.3. David Chang, the Chair of SCEP, reported that some minor changes to faculty and physics equipment is necessary, but the Provost has provided some funding to accommodate the increase of students. UROPs will remain at approximately the same number. Financial aid and S3 may be points of concern that we should keep an eye on. There was no straight answer, as reported by Daniel Hawkins, Chair of the Committee on Housing, with regards to housing. There were also some brief reports by Will Steadman, Chair of the Committee on Space Planning, that covered Kresge, Walker, and Compton Lounge.

With regards to the Spring 2011 Operating Budget, it was quickly approved after some revisions to the ElectComm budget. The subsequent FinBoard allocations were approved, after some discussion on funding a lighting board for theater groups, and the Class Council budgets for 2014 and 2013 were also approved.

Senate passed 42 U.A.S. 8.1, a bill to fund MEETERS for MITERS. 8.2 funded an IAP class for undergrads to learn massage. After much debate, some funds were allocated via 8.3 to improve the cross-campus nature of Bad Ideas Weekend. 8.4, repeal to an earlier bill, was committed to a committee, and 8.5 extended the operation of the Athena Printing Committee chaired by Allan Miramonti. After some midterm reviews, 8.6 was brought as new business. The bill hoped to evaluate SafeRide Drivers with a new Driver of the Month award and was passed. 8.7 helped release minutes as draft minutes when completed over IAP. 8.8 provided $10000 to theater groups to buy the lighting board for Le Sala. 8.9 permitted SAO to utilize the Fresh Fund, and finally, 8.10 created the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate FinBoard policies over IAP.

During discussion, Sammi addressed the process outlined for the Chancellor Search, including the student leadership/engagement as well as methods to provide feedback and opinions on the Chancellor. Finally, Jonté Craighead, the Speaker of the Senate, gave an overview of senators over the past semester and proposed three staff positions to help efficiency and effectiveness in the next semester. Tim Jenks, the Vice Speaker, announced his resignation and encourages senators to apply for the Vice Speaker position. He will continue to serve as a senator for fraternities.

Respectfully submitted,

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