



## 42 U.A.S. 9

Summary of 42 U.A.S. 9 – February 07, 2011

At the start of the meeting, Jonté introduced three new senators, Charles Bernstein and Christopher Kelly from fraternities and Karan Takhar from Next House. The meeting progressed right into nominations for Vice Speaker of the Senate. Jessica Chen and Almas Abdullah accepted nominations, but the agenda item was postponed until the next Senate meeting. Senate did confirm Anika Gupta as the new UA Treasurer, Michael Walsh as the Chair of the Committee on Athletics, Alix de Monts as the Chair of the Committee on Sustainability, and Radhika Malik as the Chair of SCEP.

At the same meeting, Vrajesh, the UA President, also presented the State of the UA Address, where he mentioned the various success of the UA and presented ways to improve in policy, projects, and communication during the next semester. He complimented our organization of Institute Committee Representatives (with credit to Alex Jordan, UA Chief of Staff) and the increase in Constituency Events this past semester. Vrajesh is also satisfied with the work on the Chancellor Search (with credit to Sammi Wyman, UA Vice President), the success of Athena Printing (with credit to Allan Miramonti, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Athena Printing), and our discussions on educational technology. He believes that communication last semester has vastly improved due to efforts from Alec Lai, UA Secretary General, and Janet Li, Chair of the Committee on Public Relations. On improvements, Modi hopes that the Senate mentoring program will come to fruition this semester, and policy work will be supplemented with many more guest speakers in Senate. He also hopes that new Senators will take more of an initiative, after a semester of experience, for the upcoming topics of discussion. Finally, Vrajesh presented background on major topics of discussion: dining, enrollment, Orientation, Walker, and student engagement, the overarching meta-topic this year for the UA.

Furthermore, a bill to create the Assistant Secretary on Information Management, responsible for compiling updates from the administration, and a bill to utilize Fresh Fund were passed by Senate. Richard Dahan, the Chair of the Committee on Student Life, talked to some of his initiatives, including assisting the FSILG + D Community Service Competition, running the Boston Daytime on weekends, and Wellness Week. In addition, Daniel Hawkins, the Chair of the Committee on Housing, looks towards expanding his committee, helping PBE brothers if needed, tracking housing data over past years, and figuring out efficient inter-dorm transfer policies. There was also a brief discussion on FinBoard changes, but more details are to follow at 42 U.A.S. 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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