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Summary of 42 U.A.S. SB2 - November 29, 2010

The guest speaker for this meeting was Michael Owu, the Director of Real Estate for MITIMCO and a speaker on behalf of the Kendall Square Initiative; he was also accompanied by Steve Marsh. They described the initiative in detail and presented various diagrams, drawings, and aerial maps of Kendall Square now and after their envisioned revisions. During the subsequent Q&A Session, the UA discussed connections between buildings, vehicular travel, financing, MIT culture, shop designs, transportation, recommendations and desired shops, and logistics.

After some opening remarks, there was the Exec Update from Sammi, UA Vice President, which briefly covered the advisory committee, an online registration student committee, enrollment reports, and midterm reviews.

Then, there was the main discussion on the 2011 Spring Operating Budget. Some logistical comments on overallocation and income were discussed. Individual line items for each position were questioned. For more details, please reference the full minutes. During Discussion, the bylaws were suspended to consider a bill at this non-voting session.

42 UAS SB2.1, the Bill to Revise FinBoard Funding and Allocations for Spring 2011, moved to change the FinBoard allocation structure into Spring I and Spring II allocations (with some other specifics). After several amendments and a postponement till the end of discussion, the bill passed.

During the last half of discussion, Allan Miramonti, the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Athena Printing, asked questions to senators on Athena changes. This included a discussion on printing quotas, printers for living groups, CopyTech, high capacity printers, multifunction printers, hold-and-release systems, and a few more topics.

For some final remarks, Daniel Hawkins, Chair of the Committee on Housing, talked about the MIT Online Study Group. Vrajesh Modi, UA President, talked briefly on the next steps for dining as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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