

## 1. Quote of the Night

Katy Gero, Senior House Senator: "Where are the posters hung up?"

Allan Miramonti, UA President: "A Simmons bathroom."

## 2. Summary

The Fall 2011 Undergraduate Association budget was passed at this meeting. Changes to the budget included an amendment to add funding to the Athletics Committee for t-shirts for Athletics Day, an amendment to add funding for Community Conversations for dorms to invite faculty or administrators for dinner events, an increase in the amount of money taken out of UA Reserves, and an amendment to add an conditional clause on UA funding contributed to a specific batch of MIT Police posters. Senate Binders were presented to Senators, and the Senate Speaker introduced and explained Robert's Rules, Senator responsibilities, and general operating rules of Senate. Several positions were approved, including two new Vice Chairs for the UA Committee on Sustainability, Alexandria Hall as the UA Treasurer and Finance Board Chair, and two Institute committee positions for the Committee on Student Life and the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions & Financial Aid.

## 3. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

## 4. Roll Call

The following members were absent: Victor Pontis (Baker), Diego Giraldez (Baker), Yixin Li (Burton Conner), Yihua Li (Burton Conner), Jiahao Liang (MacGregor), Taleen Afeyan (Sororities)

## 5. New Business

Will: We'll start with new business since not everyone is here yet. I'm going to introduce Robert's Rules of Orders, which is the formal rule system Senate operates under. Last meeting we were under general discussion mode. In order to declare anything or pass anything, we have to be in parliamentary mode and follow Robert's Rules and Senate Bylaws. This is to give you some familiarity with Robert's Rules so you feel comfortable proposing new legislation and so forth. We'll spend 20 minutes on that, and then talk about the budget. I was hoping to send you guys out after that. We do have a bunch of committee appointments that have built up over the summer, as when Senate was not in session, Exec appointed people. I didn't want to bring them up one by one since that's grueling, and giving them too thorough of a treatment. That's your decision though so we can decide on that when we get there.

As for new business: this is your Senate. You have the right to introduce new items on the agenda. I sent it out. It is your right to do so. I do think we have some items that were not on the agenda. Allan?

Allan: Yeah, it's part of the budget.

Will: David?

David: I was going to bring up a new person for CSL.

Will: Let's do that at the end when we're talking about appointments in general. Ok, let's move on to the Exec update, and give Allan the floor.

## 6. Exec Update

Allan: Every week we'll give you an update on what's going on on the other side of the UA. In brief, Tyshaun and I went on a retreat with the chancellor, a few deans, and a few other student leaders. There were around 20 of us in total. We primarily discussed student engagement, and how the administration can work to act better with student leaders. I'll be meeting with some other people as a follow up for a process change. Discussing when/where/why/how students interact with the administration. That's moving forward. We'll get UA t-shirts tomorrow, and we'll have them for you at the next Senate meeting. You guys get a t-shirt as part of the job. The committees have begun meeting with Tyshaun and begun working on their projects. There aren't specific outcomes yet; it's still early. The UA will be sending out a fall survey in two weeks or so. We've done it for a couple years now. It's a paper survey. We'll create it and then ask you guys to take them back to your dorms and get at least a minimal response rate.

Rachel: Is it online for off-campus people?

Allan: Because it's hard for the FSILGs to reach all of their constituents, we'll do it online for them. For the dorm reps, I expect paper ballots. That's about it for the Exec update. Are there any questions? Oh, we also found a person to run the Alumni Relations Committee, but I won't bring that up til next week.

## 7. Presentation of Senate Binders

Will: Moving on to the next item: the presentation of Senate binders. Jonte, our previous Speaker, is in the back row – he came up with this idea. The idea is that for this meeting and for the future, to give people a written reference guide for how the procedures of Senate operate. You may notice that some of them have a Welcome to Senate from the previous Senate, 42 UAS. It has a bunch of documents and you can look at some of these items at this meeting or in the future. To be honest, there were some more documents I wanted to include but did not have enough time to put in. After the meeting, I'll send out some more documents that may be useful.

## 8. Introduction to the Operating Rules of Senate

Will: To get started, the beginning is a guide to legislation and the legislative process here. Senate has a bunch of responsibilities, which are outlined in the governing documents, which you can check and read through. We have a Constitution, which defines how Senate operates with the rest of the branches of the government, as well as the Bylaws which state exactly how we operate.

I wrote the guide to legislation. There are three types that Senate can write: we can go and make allocation bills, which is really encapsulated in the budget. Senate is the highest power of allocations. We review the allocations of Finboard, which looks more in depth at student group funding. All the money that the UA allocates is directly or indirectly checked by the UA, since we are the representatives of the students. For allocations bills, sometimes items come up after the budget. A good bill is for student groups to come forward and get money, in a way that is not easily gotten through the other methods from MIT. We're not Finboard; we're an appeals process in case they feel that Finboard has wronged them. A good allocations bill is when someone comes up with a project that couldn't fit the other categories. Last year, for example, the music groups in La Sala de Puerto de Rico said that the lightboard was expiring. A lightboard costs on the order of \$10,000. Finboard does not give student groups \$10,000. It was also something shared among many student groups. Senate was a good place for them to come to buy that new lightboard.

The other type of bill is a resolution. We formally state the position of the UA on issues. It should be specific. For example, orientation came up as an issue last year. There was a resolution that said we reaffirmed the report we wrote in 2006, saying that we find this report still valid. The Senate is the body that goes and says this is the formal position. Exec tries to make what we say happen. We should

reference particular documents and statements. A bad resolution would be, “We are displeased with the direction of student life at MIT.” It’s not very concrete and doesn’t really get anything done. We don’t actually have the power to compel the president of MIT to do what we say.

The third type is instruction, to go tell the president or other exec members to go do something. To say that we are the ultimate representatives. Exec represents the students through us. If we tell Exec to do something, they need to do that. Last year, something came up about international orientation. International students were concerned about that, and they told the president to meet with people in the respective offices and find more information. He met and then reported back to Senate what he found.

That’s the general overview. The legislative process that I put up here: I don’t want too much discussion in Senate. There are 30 senators—well there are 23 now. That’s a lot. Also technology has advanced. We don’t have to all sit in the same room to talk about something. Try to get as much discussion as possible outside of Senate, in smaller groups. We’ll do more legislative stuff in Senate. You’re encouraged to speak. I’ll set the agenda; if you want a particular item or bill to be brought up in Senate, you can email ua-speaker or ua-senate-officers and I’ll put it on the agenda and we’ll go through the process of approving it through Senate.

I want to outline some of the other responsibilities of Senators that you have. In particular, every senator has the responsibility to be on a committee of the UA as well as being representative to their constituents. Every Senator has to be on a committee. There are many forms of committees in the UA. There are institutional ones which fall under the Chief of Staff; we talked about this previously.

David: I’m going to make a quick plug for the Subcommittee on the Communication’s Requirement. There’s an opening. If you’re interested in the communications requirement, the FEE, CIMs, CIHs, I would highly encourage you to talk to me afterwards, so we can get someone on here.

Will: Here are all the institute committees. On ua.mit.edu/people, under institute committee reps. We also have a bunch of student committees. These are all the chairs thereof. You can join one of these. I passed out some summaries of what people want to accomplish this semester. This is a good way to learn a little more about them. You should talk with them; some of them are in the back room until 8 pm. It is a responsibility. If you don’t join a committee, I can terminate your position. Besides committees, you can also do special projects. There are all sorts of special projects Senators can take up. Inside the binder, I have a list of ones that people were talking about in 2005, to give you an idea.

Regina: So how do we get involved? Is there an application or interview process, or do we just email the head?

Will: That’s a great question. It’s up to the chair of each committee. If you email them, that’s the right first step. Then they can decide what kind of interview process they’d like to have. Generally committee chairs are always happy to have enthusiastic people on their committees. There’s not a glut of people on committees. If you find a committee you’re interested in, you should be able to get on it.

Back to special projects: These are small things that can make a huge difference to people. You are representatives of students as Senate. You can go up to an admin and say that you are a senator and they should meet with you, otherwise you can pass a resolution to say, meet with me or tell the president to meet with me. You can get information and make things happen.

A good project that I would like to see happen: there’s no path from Simmons to MacGregor across Briggs Field.

Allan: If any of you are willing to take that on, I can definitely help you start to make that happen.

Will: Also about your constituents. We want to make sure students are actually being informed and make sure you haven’t stolen people’s power. You should send regular updates; you can send the agenda and what was discussed at Senate. We want to make sure there is contact between Senators and students. You should cc ua-speaker or ua-senate-officers so I know you’re sending them. The other thing I was getting at before with the budget – there is a constituency fund budget. You are strongly encouraged to have a constituency event. I’m pretty flexible on what it can be. Before you actually have the event, you should

email me and say this is my event, this is what I want to do at it, this is how much money I want. You can basically have any event you want; it just needs to capture some issue the UA is working on. Please send me an email beforehand and I'll send you a reply that says if I approve or disapprove. Then you can purchase the stuff for the event, come to me with the receipt, and I'll reimburse you.

Those are your responsibilities to your constituents. Now to parliamentary procedure. In your binder, probably the most important thing is the summary of Robert's Rules. We operate under Robert's Rules of Order. This is a presentation a former Speaker gave in 2005. The idea of Robert's Rules is balancing everyone's rights to speak but not sit in a five-hour of meeting. They are somewhat opposed but hopefully we can resolve that. We are a deliberative assembly. Common motions – this is the substance. We go into Robert's Rules at the end of this discussion. There's always a question on the table. The main motions are really the substance of how legislation happens. This is in the motion chart. These are how you proceed to the next item, the agenda questions. I can motion to put on the table a new item, for example, or motion to move and take items off the table, or present new items for discussion. Outside of that are subsidiary motions to amend that, which alter main motions. These are like moving a motion to a committee, or I motion to amend a bill, alter the wording of a bill. You can also motion to extend or shorten debate. Those are the majority of motions. Then there are privileges questions, questions of personal privilege. If there's a question of parliamentary procedures being violated, you could raise your hand and say, point of order. Point of parliamentary procedure is to ask a question that says I would like to know some information about procedure and so forth. There's also personal privilege if someone next to you is infringing on your personal privilege, and so forth. I encourage you to become familiar with all of these motions. As you come up with motions, you can always inquire about what the appropriate motion is and then as the Speaker, I can inform you of that. One of the positions in the Senate is to have a parliamentarian whose job is to make sure we stick to Roberts' Rules. If you're interested in that, we should speak after Senate and I can present you to Senate next week and we can make sure Senate is a better place.

Back to the motions chart: there are a bunch of requirements. Most of them you are not allowed to interrupt a discussion with. We will keep a queue, which Karan is keeping. You cannot interrupt people. You have two minutes max to speak, and then the next person has the floor. So forth. There are a few interruptible motions, which are basically, for example, to call for the orders of the day – if you think we are going way beyond what we're supposed to be discussing on the agenda. Otherwise you can't really interrupt who has the floor. Everyone has the right to speak, so the main way to end debate is to motion to call the question or close debate, which are the same thing. These require a 2/3 majority to pass. Because it should be more than the majority to restrict the right of speaking. I think that fairly covers it. In terms of voting, there is a series of votes for how we vote on things. Generally you can have a voice vote, aye's and nay's. If you feel the result is in question, you can call for a vote by hand or a roll call vote. Which makes the Secretary General go one-by-one through people to say yes or no and have a record. You can also request a secret ballot vote.

Karan: There's also white ballot.

Will: Right, there is also a white ballot which is somewhat controversial. If no one objects to white ballot, everyone consents. If you do object, say so, and we will do a different form of voting. Is that clear to everyone?

One other thing—if we're discussing a bill, if you make a motion, you can amend a bill before you decide to pass a bill. That's the question. As for what preference they take on – the main motion is for one question, that leads to the other questions. After those questions are resolved, we return to the original question. Hypothetically, someone can motion to amend a bill, then someone else could motion to refer to a committee. After that is decided, if they say we don't want to commit to a committee, we go back to amend, and then we go back to general discussion on the bill. Or that question would be assigned to a committee. For example, if you're on the queue and you call for making a committee, after that question has been answered, we will go back to the main queue on the main question on the amendment. We'll try to keep a good queue.

These are the subsidiary motions. Generally what we'll try to do is to have a definite discussion time for everything. I think that it is your job after we reach the end of discussion. I will ask the body to make a motion to extend debate or make a decision on the question. I will do that when that arises. We talk so much on the agenda; we can decide as a body whether or not we want to continue debate. I'll ask for motions from body.

Karan: You can also always call for orders for the day.

Will: Right, you can also motion to adjourn if you really don't want to be here, which requires a 2/3 vote. I hope you won't go to this. You can also motion to recess for 5 minutes, which I think also takes 2/3 but I should double check on that. Really most of the questions are the main question, about the question at hand, and then these subsidiary motions. You can limit debate, postpone it to the end of a meeting, give it to a committee, amend it, postpone it indefinitely, reconsider... these are all possible. Virtually anything you'll want to do can happen under Robert's Rules. Otherwise go to [rulesonline.com](http://rulesonline.com) for Robert's Rules. We also have a book.

Allan: We'll practice Robert's Rules at retreat. We'll do scenarios that force you to do these. You'll practice these. We may do some bills before then but you'll get a chance to get all the motions.

## 9. Approval of Sustainability Vice-Chairs

Allan: I will motion to suspend the agenda temporarily so that we can discuss approving two vice chairs for Sustainability, because the Sustainability Chair needs to leave soon.

Alix: Hi everyone. For those of you who I don't know, I'm Alix de Monts, the Sustainability Chair. I would like to approve two vice-chairs: Anvisha Pai and Jen Liu, who are both class of 2014, sophomores. This is because I'm leaving the country October 6, and leaving the country for two weeks. I need vice chairs to keep everything happening. Jen Liu helped spearhead the lightbulb exchange last year. Anvisha was pivotal for Recyclemania and the Green Bean Machine, which is a reverse vending machine for cans on the first floor of student center, if you haven't seen it yet. Both are great, take initiative... I could go on about their qualifications. They couldn't be here, so I told them I would speak on their behalf.

Paul: Counting yourself, how large is your committee?

Alix: We have four people; last year it was eight. We're be interviewing more, and sending out applications.

Allan: Hint hint, you all should join some committees.

Betsy: Why two?

Alix: Two because I'm leaving the country so I want to make sure to have people running the committee while I'm gone.

Betsy: For two weeks though, right?

Alix: 2 and a half. It's my personal leadership style. I like having a couple more people, and since they're both qualified... Jen was at the Student Energy Leader dinner and the MIT Generator. Anvisha is also involved with energy on campus. They've been splitting that role very effectively.

Will: I will interject. We have three options: approve people, ask Exec to approve if we don't have enough information, or wait until the next meeting to approve.

Allan: Chairs usually have the right to approve vice chairs. You guys can decide not to approve them. But it's kind of mean to not approve their vice chair that they chose.

Ryan: Motion to close discussion.

Someone: Second.

Will: Any objections? Ok, so the question is should we have the two people that Alix mentioned as vice-chairs.

Betsy: I call the question.

Will: I motion to white ballot.

Regina: What is that?

Will: Is anyone opposed to them? So by general consensus, they are approved.

**Jen Liu and Anvisha Pai are approved as UA Sustainability Vice-Chairs.**

## **10. Fall 2011 Budget Consideration**

Will: By the way, there is also a Senator at Arms position to make sure Senate runs smoothly and ensure the general security of Senate.

Now we move to the Fall 2011 budget. I'll find the budget on my laptop. In the meantime, I'll let Karan run discussion if anyone wants to start discussing things.

### **10.1 Introduction**

Karan: Alex, do you want to say anything?

Alex: I sent the latest version without Boston Daytime and with Athletics. IT's slightly different from what was sent out before. Boston Daytime is not in the budget now. They'll come through Senate Discretionary if necessary. If you have questions about anything else, feel free to ask. The rest was basically the same.

### **10.2 Athletics Day Shirts**

Karan: Michael, do you want to quickly touch on what you amended in your budget?

Michael: I added a budget for shirts for an event this Saturday. There was some miscommunication between SAAC and ZAPER so now it falls on us. With the rush delivery by Friday, it's about \$3000 for 200-300 shirts. It's important because it's a big aspect of the event; it is beneficial for it.

David: Who traditionally pays for them?

Michael: It's not really a traditional event. SAAC did it a couple years ago. This year the UA is really the main player. SAAC was supposed to figure it out but they didn't.

Rachel: That seems high for shirts.

Michael: We're looking for cheaper ones, but our first estimate was 3000 with 25% for rush delivery.

Alan: How much are the shirts without delivering or anything?

Michael: \$9.

Will: I think these questions are too incidental to consider.

Rachel: To explain why I was asking that – I order a lot of t-shirts. For black shirts with 3 printing colors, which is basically the most expensive thing I'd think we'd be getting, that's usually like \$6/shirt.

Michael: The cheapest I found was 8. But I'd be glad to talk to you if you can help me find a \$6 option.

Will: We are considering the entire UA budget now; we can discuss this separately.

Michael: \$3000 is a safe bet. We may not spend that much; if not we'll go to reserves. This is kind of urgent; we have to order tonight or tomorrow.

Ryan: Senate has a lot of money; I don't see why we shouldn't let this happen.

Will: Any motions then?

Allan: We're still considering the rest of the budget.

### **10.3 MIT Police Posters (1/3)**

Allan: I also added \$600-700 for posters. This initiative started a few years ago through the GSC, MIT Police, and the UA for posters campus-wide. We're doing 7500 anti-drug, anti-alcohol, anti-abuse posters. You probably have seen them but they've grown scarce over the past couple of years. So I agreed to add some money to pay for this.

Betsy: Do you have examples of these? It's probably fine, but I'm not sure a super aggressive anti-alcohol campaign is something Senate wants to endorse. Maybe it is. I don't know.

Paul: I was wondering if there has been any effectuality analysis done on these posters.

Allan: I don't have statistics but MIT Police is happy with them. I've seen them.

Katy: Where are the posters put up?

Allan: A Simmons bathroom. Part of the reason is we want more, to put in other bathrooms, and other living groups.

Regina: What are the materials so we know how long they'll last?

Allan: They're high-gloss paper and again, it's \$600 for 7500 of them. The per poster cost is not very high.

Will: I'm going to interject. Again, I don't think that it's important that we go into detail about the material of the posters. Unless there is a pressing need, we could cross it off and decide to pass it or not later. We could move on to other items of the budget.

Betsy: Could money for the shirts come from UA Exec Discretionary?

Allan: It will if it doesn't get approved here.

Will: So Senate knows, UA Exec Discretionary is something that six voting members of Exec get to decide on how to spend. That's Allan, David, me, Karan, Betsy, and TyShaun.

Does anyone want to bring up anything else or make a motion?

### **10.4 Community Conversations**

Leonid: Last year, there were community outreach events that communications did, where you could invite staff members or faculty to talk. There was \$200 per event. I know we did one with a professor that happened at EC. Are they not included anymore?

Rachel: I think Residential Life funds a scholar program that's actually very similar. They fund faculty members.

Leonid: Would they fund administrators?

Paul: We've used it in Random Hall. Our housemaster claims you can get funding for faculty but not administrators.

Rachel: It might depend on your definition of admins.

Will: If this is a point of concern, you could ask for legislation in the future.

Betsy: Community Conversations events are good. I motion to add \$1000 for them for the semester.

Leonid: Reasoning?

Alan: I know we had a discussion about this. We could add that?

Will: The current motion is to add \$1000 for Community Conversations events. The body can decide if we want to add that to the budget. We're now discussing this amendment.

Katy: How do dorms access this money?

Betsy: In the past, I've just emailed the communications chair. Just email, say what we want to do. It's open for the undergraduate community but usually only dorm residents come. Janet will say that's fine and see the budget and then we'll do it.

Alan: I remember discussing this and saying we wanted to move it from PR and put it under the Senate budget. It's up to you guys for Senate or Communications.

Will: If you want to put it under the Senate budget, that can be an amendment to the amendment.

Ryan: Motion to close debate.

Janet: second.

Will: Objections to closing debate? All in favor? Ok, debate is closed. Now on the table is Betsy's amendment.

**Motion to add \$1000 under Communications for Community Conversations passes.**

### **10.5 MIT Police Posters (2/3)**

Will: Now we're discussing the budget as a whole again. Should we get rid of posters?

Betsy: Second.

Allan: I'll update this.

Will: Ok, now the motion is to cut that from the budget. Discussion?

Ryan: I don't think there's any benefit for these. I don't think they have much of an impact. If Exec wants to do it anyway, that's cool. But I don't necessarily think we should dump \$700 into nothingness.

Edgar: If it's only \$700 I don't think it's a big deal. We can't prove that they don't work. We have nothing to lose by putting this in.

Will: I don't want this to dissolve into a discussion of the posters working or not working.

Katy: I don't think Senate needs to do this because I don't know if the community wants these in their bathrooms.

Paul: I think if it is approved, we should have randomized trials to study its effects.

David: You could be the brains behind analyzing the data.

Leonid: I think until Senate sees them, it might be bad to approve something without knowing what the message is. Just saying it's anti-alcohol is too broad of a statement for Senate to approve.

Thiago: So I've seen posters with, in case someone's drunk, 10 things you should do. Or are those the ones on GRTs' doors?

Allan: Let me find them.

Will: Any other discussion while we're waiting?

### **10.6 UA Reserves**

Karan: Rachel, you were still on the queue—was there anything you wanted to say?

Rachel: On this or something else?

Will: Let's postpone this until Allan gets more information. So, discussion is open on the budget as a whole.

Rachel: Something that I brought up over email was the \$30,000 out of reserve, something we should consciously know what we're doing about.

Will: Any discussion on this item? My perspective: the president and treasurer decided a 40% overall allocation percentage. So now we're drawing \$30,000 from reserve. Is that right?

Rachel: No, we're having the overall allocation AND taking money from reserves.

Leonid: I think we should move to reduce surplus. I was in favor for it for Dormcon as the treasurer last year. It's not doing anything for us to leave money sitting there.

Will: Any other discussion? We can also consider other items on the budget.

Allan: I'll have the posters out in 20 seconds.

Will: From a question earlier – we didn't know exactly how much is in reserves. I believe we were working on that question. Alex, do you have any idea of the progress of getting the exact number in UA reserves?

Alex: I would have to meet with Leah back there.

Will: By the way, everyone, this is Leah! What's your official title?

Leah: I am the Director of the Student Activities Office.

Will: And you're also in charge of working with student government right?

Leah: Yes, I am the student government liaison. That's in my responsibilities too.

Alex: So, UA reserves and Finboard reserves are two separate accounts but we're trying to get them to be one. The thing with reserve accounts is that we can only access them 4 times a year. So we try not to mess with them too much. For getting exact numbers, I could meet with Leah and try to get them. It's not on SAPweb, there's no site that can just tell me what it is. All I know is that it is a considerable amount of money. \$30,000 from reserves is not going to kill it or anything.

Leah: Yes, we would definitely want to leave a cushion. But it is really large and has been developing.

### **10.7 MIT Police Posters (3/3)**

Will: These are the posters. We can return to the questions about the posters. There was an amendment to strike these from bill. Discussion on striking these?

Leonid: Are we empowered to fund specific ones and not others?

Allan: That's probably up to the MIT Police.

Leonid: Well can we conditionally fund? We can't stop the police from putting up these posters, but we can decide which ones have our logo on them. Some are supported by the UA and some aren't.

Will: Right, so some are endorsed by the UA and some not.

Allan: If we don't fund them, they won't go up.

Leonid: For these messages, our PR people had nothing to do with them. We may want to think before putting our name on everything.

Rachel: Can you flip through them again?

Allan: So there are anonymous tip lines, police lines, medical ones for people to call for free medical transport, should you decide to overdrink.

Jennifer: I do think maybe the message is not the most effective; I think it's good for the phone numbers to be put on there. For the amount of money, though, I think it'd be good to have them up.

Ryan: Would it be possible for our PR people to do it? What is the timeline? Maybe we could make the numbers bigger and the pictures smaller.

Allan: I would have to take that back to the MIT Police to ask.

Drew: Some of them give both the MIT number and a cell phone number, and I don't think all students have access to MIT phones. So we should make sure they all have the 10 digit dial instead of just 5 digits.

Will: It seems that the body is particularly interested in this. Unless this needs to be passed today, we could postpone this discussion.

Someone: Were these designed by the MIT police?

Allan: They might have been designed by the UA back in the day. It was a three-way initiative between the UA, GSC, and Police.

Rachel: I would suggest if we are ok with funding the concept, that they need to be approved and reviewed by the UA PR chair and President before sending them money.

Will: We could say to do that with that understanding.

Jonte: In the email that Allan just sent out, it said that redesigning would be expensive, so we should factor that into your decision.

Ryan: Motion to vote on amendment. To cut and talk about at later date.

Will: Objections to closing debate?

Jennifer: What are we voting on exactly? The amendment or the whole budget?

Will: Just the amendment to cut funding for the posters and postpone that to later.

**Vote: 8-8-0 on amendment to cut MIT Police posters line item from budget.**

Will: I guess as Speaker, I can do a tie-breaker.

Rachel: You don't have to. Otherwise the vote fails because there's no majority.

Will: Ok then. The motion does not pass.

Rachel: I motion to add a note that the posters must be approved by the UA President and PR chair.

Someone: Seconded.

Will: Debate on the amendment?

Betsy: A lot of them address Nightline, which doesn't exist, which is problem. It's a good idea to make sure they're looked at again.

Rachel: Also, it would cost a lot to get them professionally redesigned. If you find clipart, you can do it easily.

Kathy: I thought that Nightline was open again this year?

Will: Does anyone know?

Rachel: Their website says it's still closed.

Allan: Motion to close debate.

Leonid: Second.

Will: Objections to closing debate? No? Then let's vote on Rachel's amendment.

**Motion to add conditional clause to MIT Police Posters line item on budget passes.**

### **10.8 Final Discussion**

Will: Is there any other discussion on the budget?

Alex: For the \$1000 for Community Conversations, was that for PR or Senate? Because Allan put it under Senate.

Allan: I will change that.

Ryan: Motion to vote on the budget.

Alex: Second.

Will: Objections to closing discussion?

**UA Fall 2011 Budget is approved.**

### **11. UAS SB1 Minutes**

Will: Now on the agenda is to approve minutes from SB1. They were emailed out last week.

Karan: Thanks for actually reading them.

Ryan: Motion to approve minutes.

Betsy: Second.

**43 UAS SB 1 Minutes approved.**

### **12. Reviewing Executive Committee**

Will: Now we are reviewing Executive Committee votes. The Executive Committee met while Senate was not in session, and made a series of appointments because Senate was not in session. It was said that at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting, Senate must review whatever votes Exec has made in past month. I left this open because it's your job as Senate to make a decision on how to do this. I didn't necessarily want to go through five appointments today. These include some appointments to Institute committees. Senate can decide to review these and I will pass it over to Exec to describe what they voted

on in more detail. Another option is to bring it up at the next meeting. I didn't want to rush things. Enough time should be spent to review this.

Rachel: My suggestion is to consider all pending or recently passed NomComm positions as a slate, and to consider the individuals who are present. For the individuals not present, we could vote later.

Ryan: How many is that?

Rachel: Four people for NomComm.

David: There are a couple new ones. There are three sets of nominations altogether.

Will: If we do want to pursue this, we could take a 5 minute recess to give the Chief of Staff more time.

Ryan: COS—would you want to recess or approve these next week?

David: Well the ones that Exec approved are functionally approved. You guys are just reviewing those. There's at least one that I would like to definitely get out sooner rather than later—CSL. It's an important one. I'm pretty flexible with whatever you guys want. We can do it now if you want me to do it now.

Will: To clarify, Exec made appointments and then Senate is supposed to review whatever Exec has passed. We can decide whether we want to do this at next meeting or now.

Jonte: The ones that were approved by Exec are functionally installed. They just need to be presented in Senate. Senate says, thank you for doing this, because senate was not in session. For the ones that have not been approved yet, Senate can pass those or ask Exec to. They won't be operating this week.

Rachel: Motion to have a slate of past candidates and a slate of new nominations (2). Then of committee chair/officer positions, I think there are only 3, and two aren't here, so we can do that one today. Postpone the other two, vote on everything else.

Allan: Alex is here as Treasurer.

Will: Alex, you can speak for up to two minutes about yourself if you wish.

Alex: Since I've been a freshman, I've worked in the SAO on the 5th floor, which deals with all student group money, their accounts, their funding. I haven't been dealing with the UA but I've been doing stuff with student groups. I knew a lot coming in about Finboard. I still work with student groups, administrators... it's easier for me to talk to them about the budget, reserves, etc... getting Finboard allocations passed and everything. I'm currently appointed for Treasurer and Finboard Chair, which is a lot of work, but it's definitely helpful, with my committee and with admins up there.

Allan: Just a note: Alex wasn't approved last year because she was studying abroad and could not go before Senate.

Leonid: Motion to close discussion and vote.

Rachel: On both positions?

Will: Both unless someone wants to do otherwise. Generally we have closed discussion when people are being voted on.

Janet: That means I don't take minutes either.

**Alexandria Hall is approved as UA Treasurer and Finance Board Chair.**

Will: Now for the nominations approved by Exec.

David: Above the line are the people Exec approved over the summer. The ones below are the ones we could talk a little more about. The ones above, I'm presenting all as a slate. Underneath are Kathryn

Vogel for CSL, David Chang for CUAFA. How that happened – for both CSL and CUAFA, these are critical committees. We had two students not be able to make meetings at the last minute. We scrambled to find people. For CSL in particular, we wanted a balance in terms of representation, so east campus, west campus, and affiliated. Katie is Sigma Kappa. The other thing for CSL was someone who has more presence, and Katie has that. For CUAFA, that was a last minute decision. The current plan is that I'll be there for one semester until the one who was previously approved, Michael Hwang, can make meetings again. That was a scramble to find someone for CUAFA in a day.

Will: Any questions?

Katy: Is the Committee on Undergraduate Advising and Financial Aid one committee?

Rachel: It's Undergraduate Admissions.

David: Oops, yes.

Karan: Could you quickly explain to Senate what the difference is between CSL and the Institute CSL?

David: Sure. So faculty have their own governance system just like students do, with a Faculty Floor and committees. Ours match up with departments – for instance, SCEP with the Department of Undergraduate Education. There is a corresponding faculty committee with each department. CSL reflects DSL, where faculty have oversight over what the Department of Student Life does.

Will: That summarizes it.

Leonid: Motion to divide the slates.

Will: Objections? No? Motions on top?

Allan: I thought we didn't have to vote on that, and were just informing Senate.

Rachel: Unless Senate wants to object.

Will: Now let's do the two below the dashed line.

Ryan: It sounds like you were struggling to fill them in a short time, and did a good job to fill them.  
Motion to close discussion.

**Kathryn Vogel is approved as a UA representative to the Committee on Student Life.  
David Chang is approved as a student representative to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid.**

Will: Is there anything else people want to review? Otherwise this is all I have for the agenda.

Allan: I will bring the rest of the people before you next time. The Webmaster (CIT), Vice Chair for SCEP, and recently a new Alumni Relations Chair, who hasn't been approved by Exec yet but will be. For next Monday.

### 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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