



UA Cabinet + Operations Meeting Agenda - Thursday, October 19, 2017

5:35pm Officer Updates

Student Life Funding Update

- Senior Class getting \$225,000, SWE \$25,000 going up to \$75,000, UA and the GSC getting about the same amount of money
- We'll give them budgets in April or May, provost approves in August
- A little different than how money just shows up now
- Ticket fund for tickets who cannot pay for events, Cindy and Suzy want to fundraise for that, if they get extra money it will go toward professional development
- Total amount of money coming from Career Fair will be reduced because the Career Fair directors are shifting their funding model to add diversity
- Keep in mind the context of Senior Class budget, goes back to 2014 levels because CF money has ballooned
- Want to do a gradual phasing in

Student Center Renovations

- Suzy wants a working group for Gus to focus on smaller changes (carpeting, paint, furniture, etc)
- Will be meeting with Gus
- Renovating bathrooms

CUAFA

- Raising the cap for international students, international students who live and study abroad is capped at 6%, no cap for international students who live in the US
- Compared to peer students, we accept very few international students

UA Officer Office Hours

- On off weeks if anyone wants to drop in with any questions

5:40pm Committee Updates

- **Marketing:** taking over Facebook page, reviewed logo proposals yesterday, finalized by early next week, hype video made for Trashion show for early November, form to make marketing request
- **Community & Diversity:** talking to MindHandHeart and S^3 about having events
- **Innovation:** has 18 members, onboarding, reserving large event space in E51, talked to HackMIT people
 - Collaboration with Technology to do a TedTalk
 - Concern with student life hackathon is participation, engage with average student body to let them know it is something that is in the works, have students say what they are lacking instead of trying to define it for them
- **Special Projects:** Living Pink survey is happening, last run 4 years ago by GaMIT, updates to the UA office happening (artwork for main space, large canvas and event to paint on it), form to add ideas to the office, look for a new coffee table
- **Technology:** first committee meeting, projects, student life hackathon, cyber security event, met with Chris Murphy from IS&T to get access to MIT app, if you guys are interested in testing out MIT app improvements, meeting with Judy Robinson
- **Finboard:** appeals are now over, doing odds and ends with new groups, \$20k set aside for appeals, asked for \$25k
- **Public Affairs:** had Nadia Okamoto event, people came, attendance could have been better but overall good event, 20 mins of her speaking, 20 mins questions was better format than originally planned, voter registration, booths in lobby 10 3 days in a row, Caroline Mak planned another event with pizza and voter reg, presence of politically active clubs on campus meet and see how Public Affairs could be an ally, host workshop to help students understand local, state, government, meeting with PKG about turbovote, spring break trip, writing more articles for Terrabyte, everyone follow and share the page when it goes live!
- **Wellcomm:** First meeting with committee right after this, mural application closed, 15 submissions, process putting together review committee, coordinate with Karen Singleton, etc, MIT app has a blank square, Dean Randall is looking to fill that with a resources guide, on a working group to develop that, making changes to “doc in the dorm”
- **Events:** fall study break, paint pumpkins for all undergrads, Tech Twinkles installing lights by dorm row, focus on wellness and mental health side, try to get mugs with business cards with resources, more dorms included in initiative this year, reaching out to EC, Random, Next House, meeting with Colin about budgets

- **SAC:** met with Kim Haberlin about Senior House report, figuring out how this is going to translate into policy and who is going to do that, Kim wants Allie to do that, JosB designing website with org charts, saying who in admin they should talk to
- **Education:** event to help freshmen choose majors, tbd if conjunction with UAAP, CoE is doing its own office hours, want feedback on ways it could be more useful for students
 - Sarah: met with new Dean of Engineering, wants to do a major exploration event for freshmen in engineering, seems to be eager to engage with students in general
 - He wants to form a student advisory committee for school of engineering, so in next month or so application will go out, looking at 10-15 students
- **Sustain:** asked for feedback from undergrads about large campus wide improvements, 168 responses so far, top 3 are solar panels, large community garden, reverse vending machine (put cans into a machine for change)
 - Solar panels might not be viable because of space, logistics constraints
 - Community garden is most viable
 - Bring back trash on my bag challenge to carry around trash for a week
 - Planet Earth showings
- **Alumni Affairs:** speaker lecture style series is over saturated, developing new ways to interact with alums, mixer with Boston alumni chapter, set up events (ex. Hiking trips), more activity focused, going to summarize advice on how to get through MIT and life skills, tomorrow meeting with student alumni association
- **Community Service:** 9 person committee, separated to logistics, outreach, reflection, will receive training by PKG on different workshops, definite event with LSC, prospective date Nov 9, sell snacks fundraiser for hurricane relief, prepare packets for schools nearby for Halloween

6:00pm Discussion

First Year Experience Class

- Currently thinking about the name being “Redesigning / Designing the First Year Experience”
 - When you say “redesign” people who like it wouldn’t be drawn to it
- Alternative pathways through MIT: people who took time off, graduated early, where they lived, etc
- Almost not count in any if it only counts for certain departments (ex. Course 2), interested in getting diverse range of student perspectives, also expect high interest
- Major representation is important, but purpose of design process will correct for some
- Reach out to different student organizations in each major to get specific feedback, everyone is really conscious of the fact that we are overrepresented

- GIRs haven't fundamentally changed over the last 50 years, Ian thinks if it is a more grassroots thing from students there is a better chance
- Why is this getting changed now?
 - Values such as hands on learning, lack of computation
 - Also considering ways to make all GIRs P/NR no matter when you take them
 - But could be an outcome of leaving everything the same

Dining Discussion

Admin are writing the RFP for the new dining plan, this is likely what the new plans will be

- Anyone who lives in the 5 dining dorms will not go on voluntary meal plans
- Dining dollars are redeemable on campus food places (ex. Stata, Stud)
- Star market doesn't accept seaborg cards but Hmart accepts techcash
- Does dining dollars go off techcash? Ex. Au Bon Pain accepts techcash
- This would start Fall 2018

Is there student input after bids are open?

- Written into RFP has food standards, but can't do much to ensure quality otherwise
- Also have to have similar quality food across all dining dorms
- Was the voluntary meal plan demanded by students? Yes, also from survey data
- Are there talks to convert dining dollars to something usable? Can talk to Peter
- When Rebecca's going into Walker this November, could also have them accept dining swipes
- Suzy wants late night dining on second floor of student by summer 2019
- Guest swipes?

Can donate unused meal swipes to a meal bank

- As of now, if anyone is struggling with getting food, can go to S³ and get meal swipes that way
- By December 1st, will have big campaign on campus for students to donate guest swipes, meeting with people in S³, Dean Randall
- Vendors have implemented this at other schools
- MIT has leftover money, so vendors will definitely be getting enough money
- Food insecurity working group has the same people, but working group is looking beyond into food pantries, other solutions

6:28pm Announcements

Next meeting in Random, Suzy Nelson, Dean of Student Life is coming

- Bring questions!

- Be prepared to tell her what you are working on!

All UA study break on Monday October 30th at 5pm, tell your committees about it :)

6:30pm Done :)