



UA Cabinet + Operations Meeting Minutes - Thursday, December 13, 2017

5:30 pm - 5:50 pm:

- Officer Updates
 - SwipeShare (Alexa)
 - On Demand Shuttle System (Alexa)
 - DSL Visiting Committee (Alexa & Sarah)
 - Advising (Sarah)
 - FYE (Kat)
 - MIT Medical Committees (Mo)
 - Student Rep Feedback for Institute Committees (Mo)

5:50 pm - 6:15 pm:

- Committee Updates
 - Committee Feedback
 - Brainstorm for next semester

6:15 pm - 6:30 pm:

- Student Center Discussion (Nenye)

Officer Updates

We started **Swipeshare**, in the first week there were 652 guest swipes donated. Will check with S³ about increased usage

DSL Visiting Committee: Alexa, Sarah, and others talked to people in the Corporation about what could be better. Corporation wrote a report, shared with Suzy. Big takeaway was a need to improve spaces, especially Student Center, liked idea of Wellness Hub, so that will be prioritized. Report also talked about food insecurity and student engagement and trust of administration, expanding resident peer mentor program. They want DSL to be more than a

transactional support place and way to help students build character. Expanding PKG and the idea of service, start social impact UROPs, etc.

Advising: Met with math and mechanical engineering department yesterday to brainstorm ways to improve department. Some pieces we need to do at an institute level, will bring those back to Ian. Need advisor-advisee mapping system at institute level that departments can edit for their specific needs. Useful for advising to be symbolically viewed as more important at the institute level.

FYE: We have good pre-registration numbers, looking at data from MIT and other schools, created list of top 10 things students and faculty want from the first year.

Institute Committees: Will send out an evaluation form for chairs of all institute committees to ask how the students are doing. For each person, want to get a feel for their attendance, participation, qualitatively what students are speaking up about. Also should ask the students how they feel.

Chancellor Advisory Committee will be coming back next year!

MIT Medical Committee: reached out about having some students on their committee.

Committee Updates

Innovation: Malte meeting with people around campus to see what makes a good social space. Also working on Innovation week.

Technology: Michael working on student life hackathon with Willy, settled logistics. Officially February 17-18th. Met with Lean On Me and innovation initiative.

Wellcomm: Voting happening for murals in mental health and counselling. Met with Dr. Singleton about new initiative for fsilgs to increase accessibility for programming.

Alumni: speaker series based on MIT better world, will have panel and breakdown dinner afterword

Sustain: Had Trashion two weeks ago, was very successful, have top three designs in the Pru, starting dorm electricity competition, started working group for large garden on campus as a space for students to garden and also have research projects. Outreach subcommittee will work with MIT office of sustainability

Events: Finding better space for Tech Twinkles, which happened last year. Working on SpringFEST, talking to agent. Will be a study break when we come back.

Campus Planning: Talked briefly about student center changes during IAP, in the summer Gus has talked about bigger changes, mainly decor and lounge changes, hoping to inform with people from architecture department. Trying to spruce up capital projects website, have parallel website for ideas such as the Greek village.

Education: finished student faculty dinners, less than average number of violations, continuing to look into advising, having a set of checklist questions for advisors and students to go over. Sending out survey to get feedback about mid-semester faculty evaluation, reached out to Chair of Faculty about faculty response to mid-semester feedback.

Campus Planning Discussion

What spaces do you want more of?

- Dollar room off infinite is centrally located, accessible, can be used as studying or nap room
- First floor student center couches makes it easy to run into people you weren't planning to see. It's open and can facilitate unexpected interactions. Comfort of furniture is also really important.
- Napping ability, Cheney room (women's room on third floor of finite)
- Hammocks!
- Treehouses!
- Lighting is very important, something that people take for granted, also Seasonal Affective Disorder, can we turn up lighting during the winter
- Spaces that aren't just classrooms, or like Barker reading room
- Good chairs to sit in when studying
- CSAIL has phone booths specifically for webcasts, there's no space for students to take important phone calls on campus
- Sloan refreshes couches every two years. We can move the couches to the student center!
- Model spaces: Martin Trust Center is set up as an incubator, with kitchenette, ping pong table
- Accessibility to bathrooms and water fountains, having clean bathrooms without having to go up or down a floor
- More lawn chairs, like the ones on McDermott
- Add a swing to the park where Bexley was
- MIT undervalues grass
- Playgrounds!

Lots of ideas in 2030 plan. A main concern that faculty has is lot of these decisions have been made or thrown out without consensus based community framework. Residence halls are above the student center, and rightfully so, but from campus planning standpoint the student center is the top priority.

We're not meeting over IAP, but you're welcome to talk with Sarah, who will be here over IAP. We will have a mini retreat when we get back in February to bring on board the new Councilors. We are also doing a new round of recruiting next semester.