

UA Council Meeting
May 14, 2013

Welcome and Attendance

Exec Update (Q&A)

- Bexley, End-of-term notices
 - Data has become available regarding Bexley resident current living preferences for next year and “blocks” available across campus
 - Meetings to take place with the RACs to distribute current residents through other dorms
 - There are enough blocks to accommodate all the residents
- Community Picnic for Dean Hastings
 - An estimated 6,000 people attended
 - The UA spoke at the event and awarded him with the Larry G Benedict award for student life for his 7 years of service
 - The current and past presidents (8) of the UA determined that Dean Hastings was deserving of this award which was presented with a plaque and
- Sean Collier Memorial Service Follow Up Meeting
 - Looks like there will be a GSC-hosted acoustic BBQ next week to honor Sean Collier
 - We will provide advertising and any support they request
 - Discussion regarding having an event in one year to honor Sean
- Fall Festival
 - Daniella is going to send an e-mail to undergrads looking for feedback and ideas for this fall’s Fall Festival
 - Event will be the end of September most probably
- Sustainability Committee
 - Trash to Treasure pilot program is in effect
 - EC, Maseeh, BC, and Next House have bins in the dorms to put their unwanted items
 - All the items will be sold at a “back to school” sale in the fall
 - Please publicize the program, especially if you live in one of the four participating dorms!
 - Even if you don’t live in one of the 4 dorms, you can still bring your unwanted items to those dorms
- Reimbursements
 - George has set a deadline for this Thursday to submit all of your reimbursements

Approval of Minutes

- All minutes from this semester
- Vote: Passed!

Varsity Pre-season Dinners

- Varsity athletes have practice before the start of the year
- They're on campus, but they don't have meals
- DAPER organizes a program to provision meals
 - The program started two years ago
 - Last year, we subsidized \$4,130 and received much praise from student athletes
- Another request has come in for \$4,130 to fund the dinners for this coming fall
- Proposal to increase from last year
- We could also do a bit of research over the summer to see if DAPER has the funds, and the officers could appropriate the funds at that time
- Proposal of \$4,130 increased in proportion to tuition (3%)
- Final Proposal: Between \$4,130 - \$7,000 voted on by Officers over the summer using above criteria
- Vote: Passed

Approval of the Report of the Working Group on Orientation

- Past 2 semesters, taken a look at many aspects of orientation in detail
- Main reasons for doing this report is that the UA hasn't had an official study since 2006.
- After last year's Orientation review, there were a few disagreements.
- Report first sent to UA exec, then Admins were involved in discussions
- Comments from both were incorporated into the revision
- Process: Committee writes a report and brings it before Council to confirm this represents the viewpoints across campus. This becomes the view of the UA.
- Early returns are very expensive for MIT - conversations with Dean Humphreys to determine what the expenses are.
- Generally feel that the suggestions are accurate
- Options: Vote on report now and trust revisions OR postpone vote
- Some action items are being implemented in the upcoming Orientation.
- Haven't had a chance to read thoroughly enough especially constituents.
- Statement: "We think the Committee on Education has done a lot of great work, and this report is going in the right direction. We will review the recommendations more thoroughly in the Summer."
- Vote: Passed

Confirmation of Nominees for the Judicial Board & Election Commission

- Outgoing UA President appoints these candidates and they are confirmed by Council
- Currently have one person on the Judicial Board, and he is graduating.
- Jonte wants to appoint two people he is confident in, and get the third from recommendations from Council
- Election Commission is supposed to have 8 members on the board, Jonte recommends we have 5.
- This year we operated with two. The year before that we operated with 1-3. Before that it

was much larger.

- Their job is to ensure fairness in terms of the use and application of the governing documents
- Vote: Passes

Review of Nominees for the 2013-2014 Executive Committee

Approval of Officers

- Sidhanth Rao '14 to be President
- Devin Cornish '14 to be Vice President
- Shruti Sharma '15 to be Chief of Staff
 - Vote: Approved
- Cory Hernandez '14 to be Treasurer
 - Vote: Approved
- Isaac Silberberg '16 to be Secretary
 - Vote: Approved

Notice of Appointees for the Executive Committee

- The members of next year's exec team will represent almost all dorms and many living groups
- It's 55% male, 45% female; 65% Insider UA, 35% Outsider UA; 60% Senior, 20% Junior, and 20% Sophomore
- List has been sent out with the agenda
- Housing and Dining will work with DormCon (and the FSILGs)
- The remodeling of the student center is under Special Projects and MIT2030

Oath of Office for New Officers

Adjournment & Closing Roll