Attendance:
Alexa Martin
Sophia Liu
Gabriella Baracchini
Daysi Gomez
Katharina Gschwind (BC)
Allie Stanton (East Campus)
Leigh-Ana Rossitto (Panhel)
Makenzie Patarino (Baker)
Rob Bugliarelli (Maseeh)
Daniel Yahalomi (UA)
Rex Shepherd (IFC)
Arjun Mithal (IFC)
Jack Gordon (IFC)
Robert Binkowski (IFC)
Ryuga Hatano (Random)
Jacqueline Liu (Simmons)
Sabrina Madera (Senior House)
Emily Crandall Fleischman (LGC)
Emily Tang (New House)
Elizabeth Gaylord (Next House)
Ayomide Fatunde (Panhel)

Sarah Melvin
Sarah Wharton
Kate Farris

Minutes:
Vote: Motion to approve minutes from last week: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

State of the UA:
- Contacting individuals for the admin for the UA, interviews will be held Friday
- ASA is having a hard time recruiting people to run, please encourage students to run
- The question "When does MIT speak" and "When does the UA speak" regarding political issues has been on everyone's minds
- We had our first student life fee meeting:
    - We agreed on what the student life fee intent should be

- For student faculty dinners we over spent last semester by $3,000 however Denny Freeman covered costs and we closed down dinners for a period of time and have since reopened
- We would like to standardize Denny's contribution to be a set contribution for upcoming years

Off Campus Rep:
- We have not had an off campus rep for a long time in the UA
- These elections are supposed to happen in December and there has been a trend of this not happening
- Essentially the off campus rep is elected by anyone who lives off campus, they do not have to get signatures but do have to submit a petition
- They are typically elected in December

Committee Updates:
- Daniel Yahalomi is here from student support and wellness and he is going to update us on what the committee has been working on
- We had a couple goals for this year:
    - We felt in the past our events were not attended well and did not achieve the goals we were trying to accomplish
    - We decided to change the committee to have every committee member to work on improving student life type tasks
    - We asked every committee member to come up with an idea or issue they thought they could fix on campus and then summed those to create concrete goals
    - We led the red flag campaign which occurred in October
    - We revised the S^3 survey, met with Dean Ranel the head of S^3 and revised the survey to include students ability to give responses on the deans and these responses to be readily available by students
    - We are now working to create a mural for the hallway for people to go to Mental Health in Medical. The hallway is currently dark and gloomy so we want to commission a set of students to create a colorful mural on that wall. That email will go out in the next couple of weeks
    - We are trying to generate a form if you need help or a friend needs help on a set of questions, if it's immediate vs less urgent, and making clear what is private and confidential and making the student body more aware of what services are available for students

On Demand Shuttle System:

- We have come up with an on demand shuttle system that is supposed to help the safety factors that students were concerned about
- This on demand shuttle system will drive students straight to where they live
- It will be integrated into the MIT app and there will also be a phone number
- It will begin in the Fall
- It will work to replace saferide after a certain time, most likely in later hours
- Before the hour this begins, safe ride will run normally as it currently does
- The capacity of the shuttles will be 15 passenger vans
- It would cost $1000/iPad/shuttle if the bus were to stop at any location rather than set stops

Elections Discussion:
- Our last election commissioner resigned
- Scott Perry is our temporary electee for the election commissioner
- In his application he stated he wanted to be election commissioner so that everyone has a fair chance to run in the elections, he wrote the code for the elections this past fall, and was involved in election commissioning in high school
- He lives in Maseeh

Vote: To approve Scott Perry as election commissioner : 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Elections Updated Deadline:
- Petitions were sent out that include a packet with information that all candidates need to know to run for office
- Petitions are due the 24th
- Campaigning will begin April 3rd
- Scott will review the petitions and will also need to do work on the survey to conduct voting and already has the code to process the results
- Scott hopes to continue to run UA elections in future years

Vote: To approve the new elections schedule : 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Amendment to Update Council Bylaws:
- In the UA Council Bylaws there is a provision on how to spend budgeting
- Sophia proposes that if the reserves are at ⅓ of the operating budget for the fiscal year, the extra money will be reallocated to Finboard to be allocated to all student groups
- This would be voted on in the next council meeting
- Can consider filling up the reserves to ⅓ and then reallocating whatever is left over

- Council contains the right to vote to reallocate the reserves at any time, for instance in emergency cases
- Sophia will write up multiple proposals and we will vote on the at the next meeting

Political advocacy platform:
- The GSC has an external affairs board that presents and drafts their policy platform and they only need a majority approval of council
- The GSC sends reps to DC where they meet with senators, legislators, and lobbyists where they advocate for MIT students
- Any policy statement is approved by their external affairs board where they have an online voting process
- Any movement of any policy action can be temporarily blocked by the GSC President and Chair of the External Affairs Board
- Our platform requires a lot of input from every constituency on campus and requires a unanimous or nearly unanimous vote
- Elena Alberti, the chair of the Public Affairs Committee, has been looking extensively into this and has worked with others to create a draft of a set of statements
- Right now we have it that our policy statement must be voted on unanimously or unanimously minus one
- Suggestion to put the advocacy platform on a google doc for people to comment on

Closing Remarks and Open Discussion:
- Asked about the CPW events 1:00 AM deadline, only quiet events can still happen
- MIT admissions does not want to promote a culture to not sleep during CPW
- We want to know if we can get a written policy stating that it's okay to host events after 1 AM as long as they are not advertised or need to be registered
- Chancellor Barnhart and others are unhappy with low student participation rates in her student quality of life surveys
- This is one of those surveys that really is meant to help students- if you don't participate in this survey, admins will think everything is fine
- Admins considered not putting out the student quality of life survey but ended up doing it
- Mobile version of the survey is really poor

Off Campus Rep
- Through DSL we can reach every off campus student
- Jack: We should not include an off campus rep until the next cycle so we can further discuss this
- Olivia: The off campus rep has existed in the constitution for a long time, and as someone who lives off campus my first preference would be to have an off campus rep right now

- Kate: The UA has no framework right now for how any council member is supposed to represent or reach out to their constituents
- Sophia is going to email off campus students and hold open interviews that council members can attend and Sophia will then present 2 or 3 people who Council can vote on, as the bylaws have a provision to appoint an off-campus rep in case of an absence.

Vote: Motion to adjourn the meeting a 8:48PM : 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed