

**Attendance:**

Alexa Martin  
Sophia Liu  
Gabiella Baracchini  
Daysi Gomez  
Makenzie Patarino (Baker)  
Rob Bugliarelli (Maseeh)  
Emily Tang (New House)  
Ryuga Hatano (Random)  
Jack Gordon (IFC)  
Emma DeSoto (BC)  
Sean Parks (IFC)  
Meredith Loy (Panhel)  
Sabrina Madera (Senior House)  
Allie Stanton (East Campus)  
Jacqueline Liu (Simmons)  
Emily Crandall Fleischman (LGC)  
Christine Li (Panhel)  
Ayomide Fatunde (Panhel)  
Ato Kwapong (IFC)  
Sean Parks (IFC)

Sarah Melvin  
Elizabeth Cox  
Kelly Barton

**Minutes:**

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

**Budget:**

- Want to allocate \$1000 to UA Marketing Committee and other \$3000 allocated to the discretionary fund
- Discretionary fund goes to food for these dinners and other projects like a mailchimp account

**Vote:** Allocation of \$4000: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

**State of the UA:**

- We have a new ASA Admin (Maria)

- She is here 12:00pm - 4:30pm on Mon-Thur and 4:00pm - 6:00 pm on Fridays
- We have a full board on the ASA
- Thursday April 13th Cindy will be hosting a presentation on the post election working group
- Community updates
- Communication updates

### **Student Life Fee:**

- This has been a particular issue the entire year
- We voted for an increase in the fall and this was not translated into an actual increase
- UA budget approx 400K
- SWE budget approx 128K
- Ring Comm budget approx 120K
- Senior Class Council budget approx 420K
- GSC budget approx 850K (reserves at ~120K?)
- MIT has a bundled fee and we cannot say exactly where it goes and how much money we get from it
- We aren't charged for IT and residential college fees like other schools
- Essentially Peter Cummings and Suzy Nelson propose how the student life fee will be broken down to upper level administrators

### **New Community Service Committee:**

- Kelly Barton presenting from the UA Public Affairs Committee
- On the Public Affairs Committee it was thought to have a community service aspect
- As vice chair I wanted to further develop the community service aspect of the committee
- I spoke to PKG and many students have come to them wanting to be a part of the Community Service Committee
- PKG offered to fund a new Community Service Committee
- There will be a chair, vice chair, two logistics coordinators, and two reflection coordinators
- Everyone on the committee will go through training on how to be a leader
- Goal is to have trips to various places in Cambridge and grow over the years
- Public Affairs committee is currently working on the Terabyte and defining the boundaries of the UA with politics
- GSC also has a public service partnership
- It could be a long term goal for students to apply through the UA to get funding for service trips

**Vote:** To create Community Service Committee: 1 opposed, passed

**Reserve Funding Proposal:**

- If reserves  $\geq \frac{1}{3}$  of operating budget for the fiscal year, unspent funds are put into the UA Finboard for the upcoming year
- If reserves  $< \frac{1}{3}$  of operating budget for the fiscal year, unspent funds will be divided evenly between the UA Finboard and reserves for the upcoming year
- These allocations can be adjusted by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of all council representatives

**Vote:** To approve amendment to ua bylaws : 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, passed

**Off Campus Rep:**

- We have had four applications so far of which three could serve next year
- We will vote on the last member of this council to serve
- There was an email to all undergraduates regarding this
- First candidate: Amelie Kharey- believes off campus students are underrepresented in student government, will communicate extensively with off campus students
- Second candidate: Samir Wadhwania- recognizes off campus students are not represented well and wants that to change
- Third candidate: Megan Kralj- lives off campus and wants to provide better resources to off campus students

**Community Committee Report:**

- Presented by Bruke Kifle from the UA Community Committee
- The mission of the committee that was established two years ago is to foster a widespread sense of community throughout the undergraduate body
- We want to ensure community spaces on campus
- As of today there are a little over 60 cultural groups at MIT
- We reached out to as many groups as possible to get a understanding of the current system and what issues they encounter on campus
- We digitally outreached through surveys and forms
- Met one on one with approx 25 group's exec members
- There is a need for greater financial support and streamlined process in terms of reimbursements
- There is further a lack of community spaces on campus
- There is limited visibility for student groups and their events on campus
- There is a lack of communal spaces on campus that encourage community amongst groups
- We have created a list of five recommendations that we will propose to the Chancellor

- 1) Develop multicultural center to foster interactions between student groups and create a space for the student associations to meet
- 2) Annual multicultural celebration with the goal of bringing MIT students together
- 3) Greater financial support and counseling in ideation, organization, and execution of campus wide events
- 4) Establish a cultural or international midway at the start of the second semester for students to identify and engage in groups with which they identify
- 5) Construction of more mirrored dance spaces on campus
  - Multicultural center will be in W31 where groups will share a suite where they will have lounges and office space

**Policy Statement:**

- Presented by Elena Alberti from the UA Public Affairs Committee
- Long term we need to be able to work with the MIT DC Office, like the GSC does, to advocate for student interests
- We can't do this if we don't have a clear document of student interests
- If this fails and continues to fail it may end up going through all undergrads for a referendum such that the bylaws are amended to allow for some sort of document to pass, because it is crippling our ability to advocate for student interests on the national scale
- Elena is here to answer any questions about the document
- IFC feels as if the document is too specific, could be better to have a more broad base
- Currently Council will vote on the document and public affairs will have no say on whether it passes or not
- There is a mechanism for an online vote of council members if need be

**Open Discussion:**

- Emailed Suzy about CPW Policy, she did not say no so presumably you can host events that are not officially events that are quiet and not publicized after 1:00 AM
- IR wants data on what clubs every student is a part of during MIT... thinking about careful wording in how the usage statement for this data is important.

**Vote:** Motion to adjourn: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining passed