

Attendance:

Alexa Martin

Sophia Liu

Daysi Gomez

Jacqueline Liu (Simmons)

Rob Bugliarelli (Maseeh)

Ayomide Fatunde (Panhel)

Arjun Mithal (IFC)

Rex Shepherd (IFC)

Ato Kwapong (IFC)

Jack Gordon (IFC)

Ryuga Hatano (Random)

Sabrina Madera (Senior House)

Allie Stanton (East Campus)

Emily Crandall Fleischman (LGC)

Emily Tang (New House)

Christine Hi (Panhel)

Sarah Melvin

Megan Kralj

Yuge Ji

Kate Farris

Shannon Hwang

Olivia Brode-Roger

Allan Sadun

Minutes:

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

State of the UA:

- Currently in elections
- On Monday the election link was sent and did not work
- Chair of the election commission, Scott Perry, resigned
- Former chair wants to remain a part of the election commission
- At the end of this semester we will vote in a new commission of 6-8 students who can work over the summer
- UA Officers appointed Obasi as the election commission interim chair
- We can potentially extend the election period
- There has been a lot of churn in this election

- It appears that to maintain whatever faith remains in the election process we should keep things as stable as possible
- Approx ¼ of the undergrad population have voted
- Committee Updates handed out
- Committee chairs want leadership training
- Summer training this past summer was really helpful
- Incorporating more trainings as a whole would be great

Vote: Obasi as the chair of the election commission: 0 opposed, 4 abstaining, passed

Off Campus Rep:

- Megan was the third candidate in the slide deck
- Course 8, sophomore
- Tech for HSSP
- Hoping to propose an email list for all off campus students
- Off campus students are currently were unaware of events happening on campus
- In the long run, hoping to host joint events with dorms or living groups or Greek life
- Hoping to get a space for off campus students to hangout
- There were not fourteen people at the meeting so we cannot vote on her
- We will be sending an online vote to approve Megan as off campus rep

MIT Student Finances:

- Inputs for student funds come from Student Life Fee, Donations, GIB, Career Fair, Contracts, Fees/Taxes
- Outputs go to UA, student groups, GSC, other governing bodies, SWE, Senior Class Council, Ring Committee
- Senior Class ~\$420K
- Ring Committee ~\$120K
- UA/Student Groups ~\$450K
- SWE ~\$140K
- GSC ~\$800K
- UA funding sources come from student life fee and GIB
- SWE's budget comes from career fair
- Senior Class budget comes from career fair
- GSC has some money from career fair and also from student life fee
- Ring Committee gets their money from contracts
- Rhat: Is there an auditing system? Is there a way for someone in the senior class to know what their council is spending on?

- Any undergraduate can know what the UA and GSC is spending on, however, other budgets are not transparent
- This year there was an additional implementation that budgets of SWE and Senior Class must be open to their constituents if they asked
- Kate: A lot of the money that fund groups on campus is not controlled by students themselves
- Sophia's concern is that when you associate money with professional development or a part of the student experience, it is dangerous to have something be monetarily driven
- Get in groups of 3 or 4 and discuss what the ideal budget system would look like
- We as a body can change how SWE and Senior Class get their budgets
- GSC asked Sophia what are the funding principles we can both agree upon
- Suzy has agreed to give us \$60K more next year
- We have agreed that student life fee will be split between undergrads and grads and both groups want to remove the fee for medical
- Rhat: Generally suspicious of ring comm
- Yuge: We should have members of those groups here to answer questions
- Sophia requested the ring comm budget and they refused
- Jackie: Greater transparency is needed, but overall we don't know all the details of all the student groups so we shouldn't be making the decision for them
- There are practices that UA Council can take to control ring comm's budget for instance freezing their finance accounts until they release their budget
- Jack: If it's a group under the UA, it makes sense that they must be transparent in their spending, however, if they get the money from an outside contractor that is their money

Vote: To close meeting: 2 opposed, 2 abstaining, passed

Vote: To open meeting: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Vote: To change the agenda to speak about amendments: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Amendments to Bylaws:

- Must be approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority in council and $\frac{1}{2}$ in class council or $\frac{1}{2}$ in council and $\frac{2}{3}$ in class council
- Considering changing Class Council bylaws that budgets for council's are presented at the start of the year
- Ayo: I would rather have an end of the year report of council's budgets
- Jack: We should have a database with budgets for all councils over years
- Rhat: What if instead of approving, we just required them to publish their budgets

- Jack: We can create a google drive for UA Council members and have class council budgets in it
- Sophia: There is no process to remove a class council or ring committee member external to the group
- Sophia will draft the amendment to be voted on for next meeting
- Create new amendment for ring comm to submit a detailed budget to the UA for approval via a simple majority prior to the ring comm receiving funds for operations that year
- Allie: Why do we have the right or need to control ring comm funding if they are getting all of their money from an outside contractor
- Sophia will draft up a removal and transparency mechanism

Vote: To change agenda to have policy platform presenter present: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

Policy Platform:

- Presented by Shannon Hwang
- We have shortened the policy considerably
- It is now more about internal issues rather than external
- We have made the platform less partisan
- Jack: Robert and I really like the changes made
- We can have a longer discussion at the next meeting about the red text

Vote: Straw poll on approving green text: 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, passed

- Allie: There weren't 14 members present when voting to approve the off campus rep which is required according to the bylaws
- We will now send out an online voting system for counselors to vote to approve the off campus rep
- Looking to move our next meeting to next week or in three weeks

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