

UA Exec and Committee Updates

September 22, 2010

UA President and Vice President (Vrajesh Modi and Sammi Wyman)

- Sent emails to undergrads recruiting for UA Committees
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- Prepared and presented the State of the UA to the Senate
- Confirmed Guest Speaker for 42 U.A.S. 3 – Professor Bish Sanyal, Former Chair of Faculty
- Finalizing the membership of Advisory Committee, which will be next Thursday (9/30) from 7 pm to 10 pm

UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)

- Establishing contact with committee chairs to establish role of chief, confirm membership, and decide on meeting times
- Assisting/managing the NomComm process
- Student Rep Agreement to be introduced/explained to all reps once Senate approves reps

UA Treasurer (Ellen McIsaac)

- Budget was presented and discussed at 42 UAS SB1 on Monday and will be voted on at 42 UAS 1 next Monday

UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)

- Accomplished:
 - Took minutes for 42 U.A.S. SB1 and 42 U.A.E. 1. Revised U.A.E., working on U.A.S.
 - Established minutes template in Word for U.A.E and in LaTeX for U.A.S.
 - Sent “UA Updates and Answers” to the Tech for first issue this Friday
 - Compiled committee updates for Exec
- Working on:
 - UA Newsletter for publication this weekend
 - Establishing an attendance template for meetings
 - Making reservations for the next few Exec meetings in the dorms
 - Establishing an effective compromise for minutes at U.A.S. and U.A.E. to be submitted
 - Brainstorming for the UA Booth and potential forms of personal communication, in conjunction with Committee on Communications

Speaker and Vice Speaker of the Senate (Jonté Craighead and Tim Jenks)

- This week:
 - 42 U.A.S. SB1 Special Budgetary Meeting, first meeting of Senate: Senator Orientation Part I and discussed Fall 2010 Operating Budget
 - Appointees for the Special Budgetary Senate Committee [3]
 - Appointees for the Nominations Committee [2]
 - Senators completed a survey on their interests
- Upcoming:
 - Following Special Budgetary Senate Committee
 - 42 U.A.S. 1: First voting session of Senate
 - Discussion on Student Center Game Room

Speaker and Vice Speaker of the Senate (Jonté Craighead and Tim Jenks) (continued)

- Upcoming: (continued)
 - Senator Orientation Part II: Intro to legislation writing, LaTeX, and AFS, senate binders, operating budgets, and Finboard appeals
 - UA Retreat, October 9th-10th – please RSVP to ua-senate-officers
- Note: Senators may invite you to attend constituency fund events.

Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems (Alex Dehnert)

- Cleaning up the UA website, fixing links, etc.

Assistant to the Vice President on Resource Development (Diana Hsieh)

- Address student feedback about Trader Joe's shuttle
- Look for food vendors to bring on campus for a day
- Negotiate student MIT movie night

Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Riley Brandt)

- Established goals:
 - Improve student athlete experience at MIT
 - Will take concrete student suggestions and pursue these improvements with DAPER
 - Will partner with SAAC and CSC to promote athletics

Chair of the Committee on Communications (Janet Li)

- Updating the UA poster in the Infinite
- Publicizing UA Exec meetings in dorms with emails and possibly flyers
- Updating people section of website to include pictures and descriptions of positions

Chair of the Committee on Dining (Paula Trepman)

- Set up potential goals for the upcoming year:
 - Keep students informed and receive constant feedback
 - Vendor event where students can try foods from different vendors to provide feedback
 - Work with Sustainability to promote composting in Dining Halls
 - Fill the vacancy in the Z-center left by Au Bon Pain
 - Vendor in Pritchett
 - Meetings with dorm Dining Chairs to maintain quality and variety
 - Switch vendors in Lobdell Food Court
 - Perhaps purchase fruit and vegetable vending machines

Chair of the Committee on History (Adam Bockelie)

- Finished updating the Constitution with new Amendments from last year
- Working on other governing documents

Pending Chair of the Committee on Housing (Daniel Hawkins)

- Sent emails to DormCon, Phoenix Group, and residential groups
- Will be working on developing the mission and goals of the Committee on Housing

Chair of the Committee on Nominations (Sammi Wyman)

- Solicited applications to fill 10 vacancies on Institute Committees
- Received over 45 applications
- Assembled committee: UAVP, Senate Vice Speaker, Chief, Hawkins, Allan Miramonti, Rachel Meyer
- Conducting interviews Thursday-Sunday
- Releasing nominations to Senate Sunday afternoon – goal is 2 PM

Chair of the Committee on Space Planning (Edward Obropta)

- Interviewed one new member; plan to interview more
- Preparing for the first meeting
- Plan on discussing with the committee, but tentative goals include: picnic tables and contacting IS&T, etc. about Athena clusters

Chair of the Committee on Student Life (Richard Dahan)

- Met this week and established a basic plan for the semester:
 - Continue to analyze shuttle survey data and present a report
 - Work with Space Planning on Athena clusters and printing
 - Get administrators on the same page with regards to hacking
 - Work on the Go Cross Campus project
 - Develop PLUS, including more involvement from the SAO
 - Begin coordinating Wellness week at the end of the semester
 - Work out a system for potential Special Projects

Chair of the Committee on Sustainability (Raimundo Krishna Esteva)

- Interviewed five people
- Plan to meet with administrators in the near future
- Begin working with Committee on Dining on composting in dining halls

Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)

- Work in terms of Fall Festival
 - Tech ad in 9/21
 - Drop posters in the Student Center
 - A frames went up on 9/21
 - Tabling and selling tickets all week and next
 - Undergraduate emails sent
 - Targeted email blasts sent

Chair of the Finance Board (Cynthia Boulbrick)

- Held office hours for summer/fall 2010 appeals (deadline Wednesday night 11:59 PM)
- Will be preparing appeals for approval by Senate at 9/27 meeting

Chair of the Student Committee on Education Policy (Liyan David Chang)

- Established goals:
 - Building relationships:
 - Meet with professors regularly to just chat
 - Join meetings that Chief of Staff is having with institute representatives
 - Support the growth of SCEP members
 - Enrollment:
 - Talk with key faculty and undergraduate officers about GIRs
 - White paper on ideas on how to handle overflow
 - Subject Evaluations: White paper that supports learning
 - Advising Center: Keep track of progress by talking with freshmen and UAAP
 - Textbook Info Project: Keep abreast of progress