

# UA Exec and Committee Updates

October 27, 2010

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

- Accomplished:
  - Worked with NomComm on smoothing out the Institute Committee nominations process
  - Met with the Registrar's Office to determine the progress of online registration
  - Set up meetings for midterm reviews with committee chairs and principal officers
- Will Accomplish:
  - Midterm reviews this Saturday for committee chairs and principal officers

## UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)

- Accomplished:
  - Wrote and submitted 42 UAS 4.1 (and 4.2)
  - Submitted NomComm slates to fill vacancies on DAPER Advisory Board, Hobby Shop Advisory Board, Medical Consumers Advisory Board, Commencement Committee, MIT Online Study Group, the Council on Family and Work, and the Committee on the Library System
  - Met with Betsy Hicks to discuss changes to financial aid
  - Met with Jaime Peraire to discuss impacts to financial aid from new dining plan
- Will Accomplish:
  - Continue to fill vacancies on institute committees
  - Introduce changes to Exec Bylaws
  - Meet with reps from Institute Committee on Student Life and Committee on the Undergraduate Program

## UA Treasurer (Ellen McIsaac)

- Accomplished:
  - Reimbursements with the SAO and Student-Faculty Dinners
- Will Accomplish:
  - Not job in UA – but working on Dining, feedback requested
  - Looking into reimbursement turn-around times with the SAO
  - Medium Events fund
  - Improvements to SFD reimbursements for spring 2011

## UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)

- Accomplished:
  - Took minutes for 42 U.A.E. 5; revised and posted 42 U.A.E. 5
  - Took minutes for 42 U.A.S. 4: revised and posted 42 U.A.S. 3 (along with 42 U.A.S. 1, 42 U.A.S. 2, and 42 U.A.S. E1)
  - Sent emails to all constituencies regarding senator attendance
  - Created form for Exec Updates
  - Compiled and printed Exec Updates
  - Finished and submitted UA Newsletter #3

- Will Accomplish:
  - Will take minutes for 42 U.A.E. 6 and 42 U.A.S. 5 and conduct normal procedure
  - Work with Committee on Communications on developing projects – attending their meeting Wednesday night
  - Will work on increasing updates – as mentioned at retreat, and work on the other internal tasks as specified by the internal communications discussion group (Notes by Anika Gupta)
  - Will meet with various members of the UA to take opinions on how to improve internal and external communication and the state of the UA
  - Will finish white paper on internal and external communication
- Will Accomplish if time permits:
  - Continue work on two new initiatives: UA Connections (on mapping communication lines to faculty and administration) and UA Personal (achieving personal touch with the students).
  - Hoping to develop a memo on proper forms, strategies, and syntaxes on argumentation and persuasion tactics
  - Consider meeting with area communicators (such as secretaries of admin, other student groups, other university governments) to discuss ideas

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

- Accomplished:
  - 42 U.A.S. 4 Legislation and Discussion
  - 42 U.A.S. 3.1 Established Alumni Committee
  - 42 U.A.S. 3.2 Established Subcommittee on Athena Printing
  - Approved Events Vice Chair, FinBoard Appeal, and Additional Institute Committee Reps
  - Developed methods for consistently documenting non-legislation items approved by Senate
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will hold 42 U.A.S. 5: NomComm bylaws amendments, further discussion on dining and enrollment
  - Will reach out to Leah Flynn as Senate Guest

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

- No update submitted.

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

- Accomplished:
  - New Trader Joe's schedule accurately reflected shuttle arrival times
  - Negotiated a discount for shuttle services
  - Met with CAC regarding bringing food vendors to campus
  - Met with Ace Tickets for more information
  - Negotiated with Shaw's regarding the catering website
- Will Accomplish:
  - Look into Target shuttle
  - Follow up with Kerri Mills regarding Ace Tickets
  - Research possible Staples/Target tent event

### **Chair of the Committee on Alumni Relations (Vacant)**

- Currently vacant – no update necessary.

### **Chair of the Committee on Athletics (Riley Brandt)**

- Accomplished:
  - Met with committee to discuss research priorities for DAPER
  - Two new members joined
- Will Accomplish:
  - Consolidate research into > 10 tangible areas of improvement
  - Begin working on identifying which are top priorities
  - Meet with DAPER to discuss some of the ideas and the paper's progress
  
- Putting up signs in the old gameroom and old ABP – “What do you want to do with this space?”
- Figure out a schedule for UA blogs and office hours

### **Chair of the Committee on Dining (Paula Trepman)**

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on History (Adam Bockelie)**

- Accomplished:
  - Finalized changes to Election but decided to delay presentation to Senate
  - Compiled initial list of keywords for organizing UA documents
  - Continued to work on the history of UA membership
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will start to organize/tag documents
  - Will examine governing documents to find conflicts with to-be-proposed Election Code
  - Will work with Alexandra Jordan to outline proposed new governing document for committee bylaws

### **Chair of the Committee on Housing (Daniel Hawkins)**

- Accomplished:
  - Chair met with members for the first time
  - Spoke with MIT Disabilities Office about enrollment and how it might affect them
  - Spoke with the New House housemaster, Wesley Harris, about the process of starting a new living group (W1)
- Will Accomplish:
  - Speak with Simmons Housemaster, John Essigmann about the process of starting a new living group (W1)
  - Speak with MIT housing to find out what the process will be for placing students in W1 next year

### **Chair of the Committee on Nominations (Sammi Wyman)**

- See UA Chief of Staff for updates.

### **Chair of the Committee on Space Planning (Will Steadman)**

- Accomplished:
  - Met with Phil Walsh on Walker and the Student Center
  - Committee met, organized next meeting

- Will Accomplish:
  - Meet with student groups about Walker
  - Improve the lounge area in the student center. Get feedback and sent to Phil Walsh.
  - Talk with administration about coffee machines. Set up an appointment.
  - Plan areas for bike racks.

### **Chair of the Committee on Student Life (Richard Dahan)**

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on Sustainability (Raimundo Krishna Esteva)**

- Accomplished:
  - Scheduled an energy auditor
  - Contacted Tide
  - Designed a poster for washing machines
- Will Accomplish:
  - Meet with John DiFava
  - Distribute CFL Lightbulbs
  - Contact EHS

### **Chair of the Events Committee (Christine Chen)**

- Accomplished:
  - First full committee meeting last Wednesday
  - Josh Velasquez will be creating survey
  - Narrowed down the potential acts for Spring Weekend based on pricing and availability with agent and committee
  - Received Athena locker space within the UA locker
- Will Accomplish:
  - Undergraduate survey November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Look into old ticketing format since there are no more SAO tickets

### **Chair of the Finance Board (Cynthia Bouldrick)**

- Accomplished:
  - Presented appeal of Hillel to Senate
  - Planned date for policy meeting next funding round
- Will Accomplish:
  - Writing new policy on furniture purchasing for student groups
  - Funding application for IAP/Spring 2011 allocations
  - Dates set for office hours

### **Chair of the Public Relations Committee (Janet Li)**

- Accomplished:
  - Ran successful UA Booth with Idea Wheel, Tim the Beaver, and the raffle
  - Waiting to hear back from CAC about putting up signs in the old Game Room and Au Bon Pain's vacancy in the Z-Center to ask for students' ideas for those spaces
  - Worked with Senate Officers to set a deadline for Senators to plan dates of constituency events
  - Wrote a blog post that will hopefully go up on the website soon

- Will Accomplish:
  - Running UA booth every Friday to increase UA awareness and promote positive image
  - Still working on and planning Dorm Storm/UA-Awareness Day/UA Study Break
  - Will work out logistics of tasking a different committee chair to blog every week
  - Working on ways to improve Office hours/UA Q&A/Dinner with UA Officers

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

- Accomplished:
  - Met with Bio Head briefly to discuss possibilities for Introductory Biology
  - Meet with Donna in UAAP about Freshmen Subjects schedule
  - Draft of GIR white paper
  - Quarterly emails to alumni
- Will Accomplish
  - Finish GIR white paper and run it through ua-admin and ua-scep-members
  - Research dictated by UA Senate