

# UA Exec and Committee Updates

*November 24, 2010*

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

- Accomplished:
  - Held 42 U.A.E. 9
  - Is developing ways to gather input from undergrads on the Chancellor Search
  - Is working on putting together communication to the community on dining
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will hold 42 U.A.E. 10
  - Will continue to work on the above tasks
  - Further work on online registration, advising, etc.

## **UA Chief of Staff (Alexandra Jordan)**

- No update submitted.

## **UA Treasurer (Ellen McIsaac)**

- Accomplished:
  - Reimbursements
  - Met with SAO about UA accounts
  - Spring budget draft
- Will Accomplish:
  - Reimbursements
  - Final spring budget
  - FinBoard allocations for Spring I cycle

## **UA Secretary-General (Alec Lai)**

- Accomplished:
  - Took minutes for 42 U.A.E. 9; revised 42 U.A.E. 9 and released it
  - No minutes this past week for U.A.S.
  - Updated attendance sheet
  - Compiled Exec Updates
  - Met with the Public Relations committee
  - Submitted summaries of the meetings to the Tech as the UA Update (delayed till Tuesday)
  - Finished UA Newsletter 4; sent for publishing
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will take minutes for 42 U.A.E. 10 and 42 U.A.S. S.B. 2 and conduct normal procedure
  - Will work on attendance policy
  - Will meet with communications officers of the administration
  - 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 finish discussion/report on internal and external communication, now including the previous idea of a memo on proper forms, strategies, and syntaxes on argumentation and persuasion tactics
- Will Accomplish, if time permits:
  - Will discuss the potential of and begin creating a UA Hitchhiker's Guide

- Will continue to work on two new initiatives: UA Connections (on mapping communication lines to faculty and administration) and UA Personal (achieving personal touch with the students).
- Will 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)**

- No update submitted.

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

- No update submitted.

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

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on Alumni Relations (Ashley Nash)**

- No update submitted.

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

- Accomplished:
  - Held a larger brainstorming meeting with representatives and input from all of the Athletics representative bodies on campus
  - Consolidated ideas into three broader categories – things DAPER can do with more funding, things DAPER can do with policy changes, and things the UA can do
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will take these ideas and formulate two documents
    - Recommendation “white paper” from the UA Athletics Committee on priorities for athletics at MIT
    - A concise list of ideas that the UA Athletics Committee can pursue in 2011

### **Chair of the Committee on Dining (Vacant)**

- Vacant – no update submitted.

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

- Accomplished:
  - Looked through some material in Institute Archives
  - Asked CIT to update website to make data vault work
  - Wrote newsletter article
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will publish the data vault
  - Will publish the bylaws of the standing committee
  - Will update Constitution based on recent Senate legislation

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

- No update submitted.

### **Chair of the Committee on Nominations (Alexandra Jordan)**

- See UA Chief of Staff for updates.

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

- No update submitted.

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

- No update submitted.

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

- Accomplished:
  - Gave away roughly 960 lightbulbs
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will put up posters

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

- Will Accomplish:
  - Committee bonding

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

- Will Accomplish:
  - Will have allocations and present them to Senate

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

- Accomplished:
  - Ran "Thanksgiving Dinner with the UA"
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will put up sign in the old Game Room asking for student input
  - Will discuss the best way to distribute UA documents (fact sheets, newsletters, etc.) with Phil Walsh
  - Will plan and execute UA Study Break (Dec 8)

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

- Accomplished:
  - Finished enrollment report draft
  - Scheduled meetings for research on TA evaluation system
- Will Accomplish:
  - Will research TA evaluation system
  - Will find all undergraduate classes scheduled between 5-7 pm in Spring 2011 and email professors beforehand to try and reschedule
  - Will find recurring spring violations so that we can check the syllabus at the beginning of spring to see if violations are being repeated

### **Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Athena Printing (Allan Miramonti)**

- Accomplished:
  - Met with Oliver Thomas
  - Formulated a basis for gathering feedback
- Will Accomplish:
  - Tuesday 11/23, the printing committee will meet to draft a questionnaire to give to senators
  - Will plan to send senators to ask for feedback by December 6th