42 U.A.S. 1
Minutes from September 27, 2010

1 Summary of Senate Meeting

At this first official Senate Meeting under parliamentary mode, Senate began by taking the Oath of Office, receiving the Senate binders and a brief orientation as well. Senators were informed of their responsiblities, heard procedural related remarks, and learned the methods and skills of drafting legislation. Afterwards, the first guest speaker was Oliver Thomas, Manager of Faculty and Student Experience from IS&T, who gave a brief introduction to Athena Printing, the topic of discussion for the next meeting. Then, there was a lengthly discussion with Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex, over how to utilize the former Game Room in the Student Center. Ideas included a cafe-like lounge space, vending machines, arcade games, late night snacks, Jamba Juice, and much more. After closing discussion, Senate confirmed Daniel Hawkins as the Chair of the Committee on Housing, discussed and made final changes to the Fall budget, approved Fall 2010 FinBoard Appeals, approved Class Council Budgets, and finished up with some closing remarks.

2 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

3 Roll Call

The following members were *absent* without being excused:

David Jia, Senator for Macgregor
Liyan David Chang, Chair of SCEP
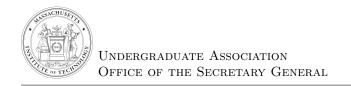**Christine Chen, Chair of the Events Committee**

The following members were *late*:

Jason Hu, Senator for Next House
Richard Dahan, Chair of the Committee on Student Life

4 Senator Orientation

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
This is going to be the first voting session, so we're going to start off with the Oath of Office for senators.

4.1   Oath of Office and Presentation of Senate Binders

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Please stand, and raise your right hand.

All Senators
I do solemnly affirm to execute the duties and responsiblities of the position to which I have been elected. Further, I will seek to maintain the integrity of the UA and its Constitution. I understand that failure to perform my duties, as stated in the Constitution and other rules of this association, will result in my immediate removal from office of the UA Senate.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
With that said, we have binders for you. I think we have enough for every senator here.

Passes out binders

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright, so, if you open them up, the first thing you'll see is the Constitution. It's one of our governing documents, and it's probably the most important. We request that you read the Constitution before next week. There's important stuff in there to help you understand how the UA is put together. Immediately following that is the org chart, which is a summary of the Constitution, in so far as it describes how the UA is set up. After that, you'll find a list of the officers and a list of the senators. The next three pages are org charts of the administration.

Cameron McCord, Senator for Fraternities
I didn't get a Constitution.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
We ran out, but I can get you bylaws.

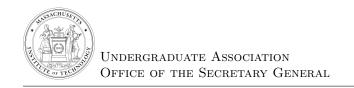**Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate**
Then, it's leadership, senior leadership, and student life. The next page is the list of expectations. For the most part, these are taken from the bylaws. Bylaws are the final authority. We went over the expectations last time. Everyone should be up to speed. You should show up, communicate with constituents, work on a project or join a committee throughout the course of the semester.

Now, we're going to get to the topic we have today - writing legistlation. Our job is to go to constituents, find out what they need, and draft legislation to tell Exec what to do.

This bill is to get a Saferide TV.

You start with the number of the session of senate; then, put the meeting number before the period, and the reference number of the bill is the second number. You can look at the LaTeX code on the left side of the front of this page. Flipping back to the actual bill - you have the title, of course, and then you have the whereas clauses. This is where you describe the problems you're trying to address. In this case, we were trying to put an informational display outside the student center to show the different times when the shuttle will arrive. The first whereas clause was very clear and direct, and the other whereas clauses provide more information.

The middle clause is 'be it....Senate'; that clause shows what is being expected and tasked to Exec. After that, you have all people that sponsored the bill. You'll go to constitutents, and based on

their feedback you'll find that the UA should take certain action. Based on that, we encourage you to speak with other members of the senate and some of the principal officers to see whether the idea you have for addressing a specific problem is going to be a good one for this specific issue. From there you can start laying out the structre of the bill like we discussed. Put you name at the bottom of the bill and submit it to ua-senate-officers as a piece of legislation you'ld like to put on the agenda.

One thing we didn't mention last time was that agenda items are due the Saturday beforehand at noon. That's to provide you with 48 hours to know what is actually going to occur at that meeting. This allows you to send your agenda to your constitutents and let them see if there's soemthing they don't like. Once it comes up in the meeting, there will be a vote. If they think it's good, they will approve it. After that, it goes to the President to be signed or vetoed. If approved, it will go to the appropriate committee to find steps to do it. Things we have direct control with: events, providing money to support processes, passing budgets, things with direct control by senate.

In some other cases, we dont have that luxury. Tim, can you pull out a resolution from last year? Other times, we have issues where we don't have direct control over the circumstances. Essentially what happened in this bill is we were asking the administrators for report on a topic. We as senate don't really have direct authority or power on this. Therefore, we pass a resolution which is not binding because we can't actually do anything. It's a way that senate can send a very strong message to the administration. As representatives of your respective constituencies, together we represent the whole undergraduate student body. I think that's a basic primer in the general idea of legislation.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Write bills; it's what you're here for.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
So, if we flip over to the other side, I guess we'll go into teh technical details. I said before, we use somethign called LaTeX. Essentially what tha tallows you to do is to make a tex document that runs it through a program that wiill generate a pdf that will format it in a certain way. Being that, everyone here does not have experience in latex; it's not going to be required that your bills will be sumbitted in latex. We will go through the process of putting it in this format. THroughout the year, I hoep you will taike the initative to learn.
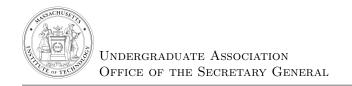
Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
We'll also probably go more in depth in the retreat.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
We'll have more hands-on activities. You have a title. If this were for meeting 2, you'd put 2.x. We'll order the legislation, and assign the final number. From there, you put yourself or the authors of the bill, and any cosponsors of the bill. In general, when you go to write a bill, it's usually good and looks better. If the bill is not really sponsored by you, find maybe a committee chair that has come competency in this area. If it's a bill on the Game Room for example. You might want to talk to Eddie to see if he was on board with this before you actually write the document. Do it, and that's that. Then, you'll acutally write the rest of it.

So, the last page you see in the binder is a cheat sheet for using LaTeX. So, do we have any further questions?

You should have all the docs you need to function like a senator.

4.2 Introduction to Procedure, Best Practices, and Skills

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Let's discuss how Senate is going to work. We follow parliamentary procedure, and we use Robert's Rules of Order. It dictates a certain style for runnning meetings and a general order of how things should be taken up and addressed or discussed as an assembly. What that means for all of you is that when we're in parliamentary mode, we're following these rules.

Could you pull the agenda up? Oh, it's already up.

The way we're doing Senate this year, we're going to try to put the discussion near the beginning of the meeting so you can come in fresh to represent your constitutents. I saw a lot of people were out and emailing. It's really exciting to see that in the first week, especially because most of you were doing it cold. So, the first item that I believe that we're going to be taking up under paliamentary mode, with the exception of the minutes, will be a confirmational hearing. If it's seconded, we'll open up discussion on a topic. From there, there's a number of things you can do. You can raise your hand to get on queue. Hopefully, how it works is, we'll discuss an issue. Then, we'll call the question. We'll put the actual agenda to the body to decide whether or not it's something we want to do or add to our set of policies. Essentially the way voting works is, we'll state the qeustion like - consider insert the text of the bill.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Jonté will say like 'the question on the table is to consider bill/resolution 42 UAS 7.4 as displayed on the projector or as written. All in favor say Yay; all opposed say Nay.' If it's clear, it passes. If it's not clear, we divide the body. Then, it goes to a hand vote or secret ballot or any of the voting means prescribed in the bylaws which y'all will be reading this week. Then, Jonté bangs his, gavel and it passes or not.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Generally, that's how it works. Does anyone have any questions on how it works?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
I would recommend being famililar with it. Google some things. There are different motions you can use strategically to kill a bill, put it off, or try and get it passed, etc. Most of the time it won't require that much strategy. But, if you have a question about the bill, things like that are nice to know.
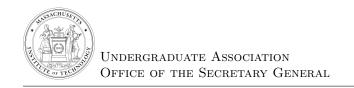
Chris Sarabalis, Senator for Bexley Hall
When do these go to discussion? Are all bills at one point or put into all different sections of the bill?

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
It can be spaced out or put all in the same section. I'll go ahead and discuss that now. There are differences between the discussion mode and parliamentary modes. In the discussion mode, we're going to ask that you have laptops closed. During parliamentary mode, the default will be: you can have them open, but you may be asked to close them. Of course, if we need to find out some

information, like we're having a discussion on the budget and someone doesn't remember that line item, then someone should pull out their laptop and try and find it. The idea is not to be like amazingly difficult, strict, upset, etc. if you have your laptop out. It's more a matter of respect and contributing your opinions. So, that's the main difference between all the modes. I think that goes over most of the procedures for Senate. Is there anything you guys feel I should've addressed that you have questions about? Anything intimidating to you? Generally, we try not to be jerks in Senate, but I'll leave that to your discretion. Essentially, when a group of people want to be jerks to each other, it's not very productive. We're contributing 2 to 3 or even 4 hours a week at this meeting; we should respect each other's viewpoints.

I was talking about how you can motions them to your advantage. Instead of letting a discussion die out before you put it out for a vote. You can call the question early, if you see the assembly is either not properly ready to take action on it or is convinced that this action is going to pass. That's kind of the more boring stuff. Senate would be disorganized if we didn't have a set of rules or procedures.

The last thing I wanted to hit on today is going to be on actually running things in your constituencies. With all communication on your constituencies, I would encourage you to collaborate with the other senators that you're working with. Try to put together a joint email as often as possible, so it carries more weight and isn't confusing. In terms of the actual events that you'll take on with the actual constituency fund, you'll come up with ideas; I would suggest that if you're getting started to bounce those ideas off principal officers. Once we get the mentorship up, you can also speak with your mentor to speak about certain ideas that you have. From there you should put together a semiformal request and send it to Senate officers. We're going to try and work with you guys to take an idea and move it to something more mature and cost effective and valuable.

In terms of getting input from constitutents: Your request to us is going to be a request for money from a constituency account or line item, depending on how you think about it. You'll want to list the actual full amount. For example, last year I ran an event at Next House. I got pizza, chips, etc. and budgeted 150. We submitted it to the speaker. Based on that, we got feedback on what was good. We put our survey to constituencies to see what kind of food they wanted, what they wanted to discuss, etc. Based on that, we had an idea; we're going the right direction on this, etc. So send us an email with that information and generally try to go through some type of process where your trying to figure out what you actually want. The event will be more successful. Try to keep it realistic.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Or, it will probably get vetoed.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
What we're trying to do is to kind of have a topic every week. What you're responsible for doing is to go out and find what people's ideas and thoughts are on this issue. The last piece of this is not just communication; if you've talked to many people who aren't interested in the UA, you'll know that they have a low level of communication. You guys know from your job descriptions that that's not what we do. So, a main component of these events should be informing the constituents about what the UA does and what you guys can offer to them and trying to get a more positive conception of us. Any questions? In addition to that, you can work on a project. The deadline was today, but if you have an idea, please talk to me after the meeting, and we can see if it will work.

Last thing on expectations: joining a committe. By now, you guys have all seen the budget, and we've had kind of a good idea on what each committee does. I urge you to find out more and try and actually get involved with the committees. I think the committees are going ot get started very soon. yOu don't want to miss out on taking the intitative.

I think that was a brief orietnation of thigns. After we hear the update from Exec, which will be soemthing that will be on our agenda every week, I forgot to put that on the agenda, we'll acutally move into the main section of the meeting and we'll start with approval of minets. Any questions?

Chris Sarabalis, Senator for Bexley Hall
Where can you find list of committee chairs?

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
You can find the list on website. Just click on the people section, and you can see the committee chairs.

Jessica Chen, Senator for MacGregor
When will the committees be determined?

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Commtitee chairs are deciding on that. They recruit on a rolling basis, but the bulk membership should be ready by the end of this week.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Any more questions? Each week we're going to try and have the Exec update us; senate didnt feel very informed about the happenings of Exec, so each week, we'll have updates from the President. If you look under Transparency, you'll have the list of updates. So, I'll turn it over to Vrajesh real quick.
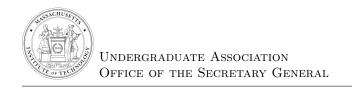
Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Tim is showing you where you can find all the minutes and updates. I encourage you to check the website if you have any questions.

There were two questions: one was the UA allocation. You'll see less earmarked money when you check it today. The other question was the cost of putting the UA newsletter in the Tech. The cost is kind of expensive; it would double the cost for that. So unfortunately, that does not seem plausible. They've never gotten a request from an internal group, but they also print 8000 copies. I don't think it's feasible for us.

Last friday, we met with Dean Hastings. The two topics we discussed were online reg and mentoring programs. On online reg, basically, according to Dean Hastings, the timeline seems on track and will be piloted in the spring. From our perspective, we kind of felt a little bit like the admin were steering, but the admin seems on track. So, we'll just keep an eye on it.

With regards to the mentoring program, we'll be reaching out to the career office in order to basically work with them to see if we can use their resrouces to build that into the administration. I don't think the UA has the capacity to run the mentoring program for all the freshmen year after year. It needs to be part of the admin, and their recommendation was that we approach them.

There's a committee called the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee, CJAC. This committee has 3 undergraduates, 3 graduates, and some more. If we have an issue, this is one of the channels

I go through. We'll have the first meeting this Thursday. There will be 3 meetings. If this makes a difference for you, talk to me after the meeting. I don't want to go into it now.

The second committee meeting soon is HSG. There was a meeting last week that I went to with Collins, Dean of Housing. This is the committee that discusses what is going to happen in the summer. If you have any problems, you can bring that to me or you can also bring it to your Dorm presidents or vp's.

Sammi and I will be meeting with Dean Colombo; if there are any items you want us to bring up, please let us know. The final note is about the advisory committee. That commmittee is going to be visiting us this Thursday, later this week. It will be meeting with certain admins. Basically, they'll be providing a report on how we're performing and where we can improve. I would encourage you guys to come, and you'll get fed dinner. You can meet some pretty awesome people. There's some pretty high power. You get to have dinner with them, talk about Senate, etc. I would encourage you to attend - 7:45 to 8:40, here. Are there any questions I can answer?

Daniel Hawkins, Undergraduate Audience Member
Are the HSG meetings open?

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
No.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright, I think we're going to move on to our first item in parliamentary mode - the approval of minutes.

5   Approval of Minutes from 42 U.A.S. SB1

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright so, the way that this will get started. We'll open up discussion on the minutes, and someone can motion to approve, ask questions, or things like that. Does anyone have any questions, concerns, or amendments?

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
I'd like to comment 33 pages - hot damn.

Alec Lai, UA Secretary General
Don't worry 53 is coming next week.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
On that, we're going to try and keep the minutes under 15 pages.

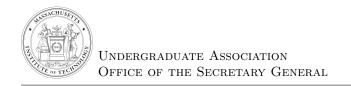**Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities**
If minutes are longer, we're going to task the Secretary-General with a bill.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
I motion to approve the minutes.

Janet Li, Chair of the Committee on Communications
Second.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
A motion has been put to approve the minutes. All approve? All opposed? Alright, minutes are approved.

The minutes from 42 U.A.S. SB1 were approved.September 27, 2010

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
We're now going to have a short recess.

Recess Begins: 8:24 PM; Recess Ends: 8:30 PM

6 Introduction to Changes in Athena Printing

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright, we're going to come back to the meeting. We're going to have a quick introduction from Oliver Thomas.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Oliver has basically been my contact last year. He's here to introduce Athena Printing right now. Next week, we'll be talking about Athena Printing broadly as a Senate. Over next week, use this like kind of a catalyst for conversation.
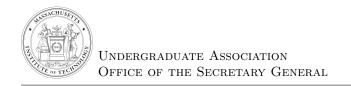
Oliver Thomas, Manager of Faculty and Student Experience from MIT IS&T
Hello, everyone! I'm Oliver Thomas, and I'm with IS&T I think I have 90 seconds or so, so I'll keep this very brief and give a recap about Spring, then Fall. This past spring we had pilots of Hold and Release printing, and the other was actually an open group on Athena printing. We presented a report with phase 1 recommendations to Dan and, my boss, Marilyn Smith, and we got to go ahead and actually make a fair amount of recommendations and improve structure. The recommendations basically said we shoud be trying to improve, increase the number of hold and release printers, etc.

I don't know how many of you were here for the task force. There were couple of items on Athena and printing. One thing about the working group that went really well is that, we decided to focus on cost reductions pretty much entirely through reducing waste. What I'd like to talk about next week, in addition to giving you maybe a more in-depth overview of recommendations is where we are today and where we are in infrastructure. The UA can help us figure out policies for student printing, where it makes sense to have scanning, multifunction things like copiers, and son on. We're going to start working on infrastructure in the Fall. We'll basically have fall term to work with you and GSC to see what makes the most sense.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Thank you very much!

7 Discussion

7.1 Student Center Game Room

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Today, we have Phil Walsh. He's really an incredible resoruce, and we can continue to go for for advice on a whole bunch of issues. He's kidn of our guest expect today to be part of the discuison about student center and in particular the game room downstairs. he'll make a few remarks to get us started. I know that all of you gathered feedback, so let's make it a lively discussion.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
Thanks for having me tonight. I put together this handout, so you can have sort of an orientation. Just to go over that before we have the actual discussion: It was designed by Professor Catalano. In 1988, we had substantial renovation. If you can imagine the Student Center being built with a lot of public areas having dark wood. It wasn't functional. There was no opening between the first floor and the 3rd floor. The only opening was the first floor to basement.
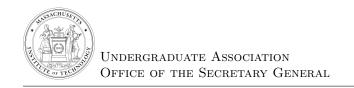
In the 80s, the students led a charge claiming that the building needed to get changed. The COOP actually had the main building here. The decision to acutally move to Kendall Square got the administration to invest in the building. They opened up the atrium, added a front to the building, renovated stratton lounge and the balcony above, etc. It gave a living room feel to the building. It also forced the institution to think about the retail space in a different way. There's about 16 spaces given truly to MIT organizations and outside groups.

Pretty much everything you see on first floor and basement is in that investment portofoilio. Those two are on the investment potfolio. The portfolio was meant to bring revenues into the endowment. This building always had that area because a lot of the things that you see today were inexistant in the 60s, 70s, or even 80s. No one had a personal computer, so there was no online commerce. We had to have services on campus with people. Since the major renovation, we've had things that have been improved in the buildilng.

Renovation of the first floor lobby: that used to be all painted white. No one sat there, and it had 2-3 park benches. Then, the reading room, which this group made happen; the institute invested in transforming it into what it is today.

The building has 273000 square feet with 110000 assignable. I mentioned how the lower part is part of MITIMCO. The second through fifth floors are academic spaces. The building is managed by CAC, and we're part of the DSL. We manage the building in partnership with facilities. This building is one of the heaviest used buildings on campus. We did a study with the institution. At the time we did the study, 90000 people went through it during the course of the week. We went into a slump in early 2000, but that was brought back up. We're probably exceeding that number now. Plannign is on an ongoing basis and sometimes periodically, when something big happens. When the institution decides they need to something specifically the involves us, at Dean Colombo's request, the Dean has asked that we enter into a period of planning again for this building. You'll hear more and more about setting up a planning group that the UA will definitely be part of to talk about this building and a floor plan that we will use for this building.

Daesun Yim, President of the 2014 Class Council

So, what's the general direction for what you guys had in mind?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
At the current time, as far as the institution is going, we have Dean Colombo as the head of our organization asking that we start the process thinking about the current needs in our community. It will probably take the form of some quick fixes that don't cost much money and are easy, and other things that are more substantial. W1 is coming online with a dining facility. When you add something, you have to add how that impacts things around it. We have to consider down the road that there are shifts and changes in dining that will be a reasonable discusison. Hopefully the work that we do will lay a foundation for the inclusion of DSL space planning this coming year. This is how you develop concepts and feed them into the system.

The last page I have on here is just brainstorming. I did not focus on just the Game Room, though, I know that was your homework assignment. I also wanted to open it up to the Center as a whole. I know this is a creative community. I'd love to hear your ideas. What works? What doesn't? What's missing? Or, we could create somethign new.

Can I give you a little bit of information? It was a retail area. We had Newbury Comics there. It sat vacant for about 3 years when we tried to get our retail partners to let us do something else with it. With the help of this group, we were able to set it up as a lounge. That led to it becoming a game room. We had an opportunity to move the Game Room upstairs. Game Room shrinks to half the size becaues the Federal Credit Union wanted space in the Student Center. The lounge area now shrinks, and thats where we are today.

I need to let you know. People want to introduce an ATM into that space from Citibanks. That's not something we can easily say no to, and we did get included in the contract langauge that, should MIT determine it needs to be something else, we can choose to move it.

Alexandra Jordan, UA Chief of Staff
Clarification - is the ATM plug-in or mobile?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
It's a plug-in.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
That seems like a big room for a single ATM.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
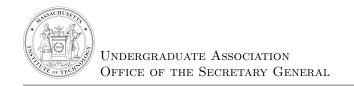We'll push it to the corner, so it doesn't impact anything.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
Would the idea be to keep it a lounge and stick an ATM in?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
Right now, it's a lounge; there are some other ideas.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
We don't really have anything on campus open past 11 or midnight. I notice that a lot of my friends in Simmons really like that option. I was wondering if we could turn it into an ice cream shop, something cafe like, so if my friends not in Simmons are studying at 1 AM they can go there and stop by.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
We once had a 24-hr student run coffee house. Unfortunately, we had to close it around 2002. In the last five years of its operation, it was using a fair amount of money. As a matter of fact, in 1996, it lost 38,000 dollars. The Student Center Committee which was a group very much in existance in previous times, fell on hard times. They went from 150000 a year to about 12000. So, the Coffee Hosue went into a tailspin. We got the losses down to about 1000 a year in about 3 years. Then, it started to slide again. Part of that was the location, the 3rd floor, but there were also changes in the dining system. The nice thing about the Coffee House was it was avaiable 24-hrs a day, and to be honest, we haven't found anythign quite similar to that. I know there's a group of students that are interested. I'm not quite sure where it's going to go.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Does the former game room have the water and electricity to support this?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
It lacks water and electricity.

Alexandra Jordan, UA Chief of Staff
It could, though?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
It could, but there's an additional cost.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
I think we're going to operate on queue now.

Daesun Yim, President of the 2014 Class Council
Maybe this idea has been thrown around: it could be a vending machine that sells coffee or something in the Student Center, so it can be easily accesssed.

8:53 PM: Richard Dahan enters.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
It's never been discussed in too much detail. It's an interesting idea.

Shuang Chen, Senator for Simmons Hall
My constituency suggested KFC/Taco Bell, Chick-fil-A, and some suggested more chairs or a lounge area for eating.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
When it was an arcade, was that ran by the institute or contracted out?

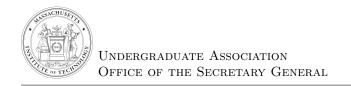**Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex**
It was contracted out. It was a sweet deal, and they used to get fifty percent of the revenues. Most are 35 percent tops. They had a pretty good deal, but they had to stop it a few years ago.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
Some people were kind of interested in arcade games again.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
So, it would be like the traditional pinball, etc.? Within that industry there are only a few that sell traditional arcade games.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
I'd be more interested in old school games: Pacman, Space Invaders, etc.

Betsy Riley, Senator for East Campus
I'm from East Campus. The most popular items were Jamba Juice and ice cream. East Campus also liked the idea of just putting in a traditional game room. Air hockey also came up.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
When we had a game room, for a lot of years, it was just games and pinball. We tried introduce pool, airhockey, ping-pong, etc. The participation was kind of light. We had to take out the tables, and give them to dorms.

Will Steadman, Senator for Senior House
I'm a senator from Senior House. There was a lot of interest in the 24-hr coffee. So, I'm looking more in the automated machine direction. How successful would it have to be? A lot of people were happy as it is now. What do you want?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
I think some people like the extra space. I also think that we, as an office, we're always trying to find other things. We're kind of, in some ways, ahead of some of that curve, but we're always looking for some new ideas.

Alexandra Jordan, UA Chief of Staff
I was just wondering how limited CAC is by LaVerdes in terms of contract. If we put a service there like a coffee machine, would it be competition to LaVerdes? Would they be upset by competition?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
Historically, it woudl be. I think there used to be 5 exclusive agreements. Over the years, we've been able to eliminate all 5 clauses. I think in fairness to vendors, you're always trying to think if you're putting it in an unfair advantage. Putting an all night vending, that might hurt them. It might also make them be more creative and do somethign different. Or, LaVerdes might say they want to run it, so they dont have to be open. That's the flip side. I think the reasonable thing to look at is a 24-hr option.

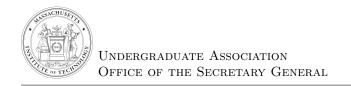**Daniel Hawkins, Undergraduate Audience Member**
I'm not a senator. I don't represent anyone officially. The people I talk to, none of them have been happy with the current selection of food service in the Student Center. Can you speak to the lengths of the contracts?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
The way food operators work, we really only have 2 vendors - LaVerde's, which has contracts with the investment side, (LaVerde's as a company was sold 3 years ago, sold to the 660 corporation, associated with BU and elsewhere in Boston) and the other vender of record is actually Campus Dining. They have the 2nd level that is part of the academic space and is part of the basic MIT program. They also have the tenant on the 1st floor for Cambridge Grill, Dunkin Donuts, and Anna's. Dining is tenant so they can change operations as time goes on. I know it's meant to provide flexiblity to be able to change different food products, food lines, etc.

Owen Derby, Senator for Fraternities
I'm a senator for fraternities, so we have a different interest. They definitely like it as a lounge.

Keeping it as a lounge and adding vending machines would be very useful for us.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex

Around the idea of vending, what are some things people like to see? We have soda, snack food, etc. Major requests I've heard were cheaper drinks than LaVerdes. People are tired of expensive gatorade.

Cody Zoschak, Senator for Fraternities

Everyone keeps focusing on the use of the building late at night. We have to consider those that don't live near our classes. In the middle of the day, some of us need to do use it for space. I'd like to backup vending, but I'd be against anything that involves moving tables out.

Adam Bockelie, Chair of the Committee on History

I'm also for keeping the lounge, but to make it more effective...

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall

Is it actually a reasonable option to move from tenant into academic? One of the ideas passed through Random is to convert it into a student study center...

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex

There is the ability to convert investment portfolio space into academic. There's a value assigned to the space. That value does not change over time. We can buy the entire portofolio for 3.3 million dolalrs. Currently the Instutite only gives you one methodology for doing that. So far, that's not an option. That doesn't mean people won't keep trying. I think having that flexiblity would be helpful.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall

I put my weight on the vending machine option. When it comes time to start planning renovations, I would ask you to keep in mind methods that don't look like a big hunk of metal.

Almas Abdulla, Senator for McCormick Hall

We support the idea of keeping it a lounge. It should be redecorated into a better study environment in terms of putting in more comfortable chairs, bigger tables, get together to study together areas, etc., and also vending machines that offer better snack food, better choices than Verde's, etc.

Daesun Yim, President of the 2014 Class Council

Once W1 comes into play, there's going ot be a lot of overlap, I feel, between the type of food offered at W1 and the 2nd floor. They're also geographically near each other. I think we have to talk to the people there and get them to consider changing the quality of the food.
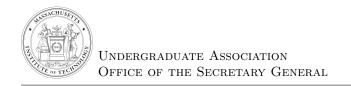
Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex

I think if W1 ends up being successsful, there are hopes that likely there will be some impact here. I think there will be different opportunities to use it as Center.

Eddie Obropta, Chair of the Committee on Space Planning

Just reinforcing some lounge type ideas. I think a good solution would be a coffee place, but without the coffee - a Starbucks lounge, for example - the aesthetics of how that looks. You know - a coffee space.

Sivakami Sambasivam, Senator for Sororities and Secretary of the 2011 Class Council

I was actually going to suggest a Starbucks type space, but there's coffee and lounge space.

Will Steadman, Senator for Senior House
I feel like there seem to be two major ideas. We can turn it into a coffee space or a vending space. Can we get a survey to do so? To see how senators stand?

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
I would prefer this time for brainstorming. I would encourage senators after the meeting to write a bill.

Will Steadman, Senator for Senior House
There's the idea of a game room where it's archaic. You can also have computers with maybe modern computer games.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
We can't exactly do a strawpoll, by the way. We can fall to a formal question or motion to the assembly after hearing responses from constituents.

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
I'm just curious what timeline we're looking at. I'm a senior, but I'm worried about when this will happen and if it will affect a group like 4 years later.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
A lounge can certainly happen really quickly. I'm expecting in the next week or so, we'll have a project team. That process will probably take us into the spring. Depending on the outcome, that feedback will be processed. There will also be things that plant seeds for much more substantial renovations until down the road. Before we did the first floor lobby renovations, that came out with a series of renovations. One of the basic elements was creating a lobby area. Within a year we could make it happen. I can't give you an exact number. The dean wants this as a priority area, so we're putting in a lot of work.

Daniel Hawkins, Undergraduate Audience Member
I'd like to offer a constraint for brainstorming. I think a key aspect is it's on the 1st floor. I think, in my opinion, it would be something that students should use intermitedly between classes, as opposed to be something that would be used late night.
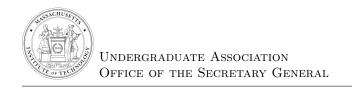
Owen Derby, Senator for Fraternities
You asked for spaces that aren't used. The 3rd floor I don't think is ever really used. Do you have an idea of how often it is used?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
Two years ago, we finished a study - the ASA, GSC, and UA all participated in this process. This is the first time we've done this process. It laid a framework for what needs to be changed on the campus. This lay a framework based on data that we need to look at spaces, their usability, availablility, etc. I know that during the academic year, our space is heavily oversubscribed. That availability is based on the type of space and time of day. In the summer, during IAP, Kresge sits vacant. I'd be happy to share any usage data that this group would like. We can go as deep as you would like. It's a fair question in terms of the use of spaces. During the day, you have departments and conference groups that use the spaces. Around 4-5 in the afternoon, they flip over, and it's more used for meeting, functions, rehearsals, etc.

Tim Robertson, Senator for East Campus

Could you comment on the priorities of the space from the Institute? Would you want it to make students happy or make students happy while making you money?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
Because that space is in the investment portfolio, as with all spaces in the building, CAC and DSL ges not one dime. from one angle, i dont get too hung up on the revenue portion, unelss the entirely portfolio isn't doing well. I'm kind of giving a mixed message. I'm more concerned with what the students want.

Tim Robertson, Senator for East Campus
But, you're putting an ATM in there.

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
The ATM was mandated. What I got was the option to move it.

Tim Robertson, Senator for East Campus
How much of a priority is it to diversity and icnrease your protfolio? How improtant is that to you. if you put in antoehr coffeeship, we have laverdes and dunkin donuts - it doens't seem like it will mesh will. While, if we had froyo, it's a compeltely different investor, it might be better instead of a place that might vacate in a couple of years. have you looked at that?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
It has been sometimes helpful to identify new vendors. As for instance right now, for those that have been in the basement, the MIT optics shop, we've been working with them for a very long time, and we've convinced them to move. By getting more space, you might get more attraction. Because there's no likely tenant for the space they vacate, and I know we need some meeting spaces, we've gotten approval to shift that over to a small meeting space. Down the road, if some tenant comes over, we may be forced to vacate it. Right now, the fact that theres not a demand, is working to our favor. You'd also note that the first floor is a more likely place to get a tenant.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
I wanted to advise Senate and the asseembly that we're at our scheduled time. I think we have 4 people still left on the queue. So, I will advise people that have already spoken to consider if their idea is better on the mailing list this week. Hopefully we can continue this discussion and have it go into actual discussion or legislation. I'm going to go through the last few people and after that, we'll decide what to do next.

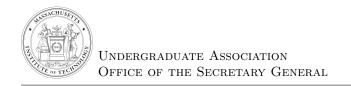**Suan Tuang, Senator for New House**
One of my constituents suggested that the former Game Room be used as P-Set lounge. Students can sign in; there can be an official schedule for which class should be used during what time. There can be an online chart to officially manage this. TAs can also hold their office hours there. We know some TAs hold office hours in the Stata Center cafe whcih is far away.

Evan Moore, Senator for New House
Many New house tenants expressed interest in there being a food vendor that is cheaper than LaVerde's.

Daniel Hawkins, Undergraduate Audience Member
If the consensus does move towards some food, Taco Bell, etc. - would that space be put into Dining's portofolio?

Phil Walsh, Department Head and Director of the Campus Activities Complex
If we have new food come in, it should be a part of Campus Dining.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright, thank you very much for coming today!

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Based on this discussion, try and use the mailing list this week.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
It would be really awesome if whoever decides this bill includes a couple different cases. Prioritize them, and also say: if we want this, this is how to procede. If you guys can provide us with an If-Then kind of flow chart, vaguely, then that would be really helpful.

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8 Confirmation of Daniel Hawkins as Chair of the Housing Committee

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Next on the agenda is confirmation of Hawkins as Chair of the Housing Committee.

Sammi Wyman, UA Vice President and Chair of the Committee on Nominations
As many of you know, Housing has increased its priority status as an issue over the last couple of weeks because W1 is coming online next year. It became a really big and important issue. We decided to revive and fill the vacant chair slot.

Daniel Hawkins, Undergraduate Audience Member
Hi everybody, I've been involved with the UA a lot. I was a senator for a year and part of another year, and I was the Vice Chair of Student Life last year. The Housing Committee hasn't really has a huge reason to exist which is why it's been vacant. But, with W1 coming online, it's more of an issue. The other main issue right now, I think, is finding out where the PBE brothers are going to live. I think we have a responsiblity to ensure that students have access to affordable Housing matters socially, academically, culturally, etc.

Adam Bockelie, Chair of the Committee on History
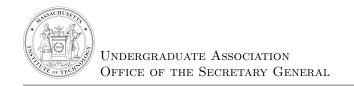What is the best strategy for filling W1, and how do you determine that?

Daniel Hawkins, Undergraduate Audience Member
You guys. That's up to you. I'm going to be here every Senate meeting, and I expect all of you to let me know what your constituents think, especially you, Samuel. I think that's how we should decide. I think it should be a very gradual thing. I think the Phoenix Group should have a big say in how it happens. We don't know yet, I guess, is the solid answer.

Adam Bockelie, Chair of the Committee on History
What role does the UA Housing Committee have in the W1 process, and what's decided by the Housing Strategy Group?

Daniel Hawkins, Undergraduate Audience Member

Hopefully the Housing Commtitee has a role in that process. The Housing Strategy Group will be making the decisions, but hopefully we'll get some input, though. I've set up meetings with people on the group to figure out how we can make a difference and not step on others' toes. I don't really have an answer yet, either.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Just as a piece of information, the way this usually works is: the candidate introduces themself, they take questions from the assembly, and then we go into a closed session where we vote whether to confirm the candidate. I would encourage you to ask your questions because if I don't hear very many questions soon, we're going to close discussion and take a vote. *Pause* Seeing no further questions, we'll move into closed session. So, if you would, please step out.

Daniel Hawkins confirmed.

9 Fall 2010 Operating Budget

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright, this is the budget that you guys saw last week. Since then, the special budgetary senate commtitee has drafted a list of recommended amendments. We're going to pull up the slate right now.

So, we met and put together a list of recommended amendments. The motion here is to approve all of them as a package. You guys can choose to strike certain proposed amendments from this slate. I think we'll begin with discussion. The first item is to increase the overallocation rate from 20 percent to 30 percent for the Spring/IAP allocation cycle.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
I talked to Kerri and she was comfortable and supportive of it.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Here's a bit of background on the way way we do FinBoard. Everything that's left over goes to FinBoard allocations for the next semester. All of the money we're currently discusisng in the budget will go to into the IAP/Spring round of allocations. We overallocate a certain percentage, and by overallocate I mean that we say the total amount of money available for student allocations is 20 or 30 percent larger than the actual money available. Traditionally, student groups underspend the amount allocated. We've also been running up surpluses. By increasing the overallocation rate, we can provide more money to students and come closer to target on how much we actually want to spend. Does anyone have any questions?
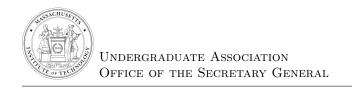
Chris Sarabelis, Senator for Bexley Hall
How much money is overallocated?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
20 percent of $112,000.

Jessica Chen, Senato of MacGregor
You said that the student groups are underspending, so you're overallocating for underspending?

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students

So, they underspend because in some cases they cannot go over. So, if they have $100, they can't spend $100 and accidentaly spend $102, so they aim for $98 and it adds up way under. For the most part, it's not that they're beinig irresponsible.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Did you have anything you want to add?

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
I think, last year, 70 percent of the allocated expenses were spent. The idea is rather than put a lot of effort on making sure they're spending the money, you overallocate, and they end up underspending just the right amount.

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
Overallocating will help us give groups more money run larger events as well those that are unexpected.

Sivakami Sambasivam, Senator for Sororities and Secretary of the 2011 Class Council
We allocate all the money we can allocate. The groups that don't spend all that money will be used to allocate for other groups

Will Steadman, Senator for Senior House
What happens if they do allocate all their money?

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
I think the first source will be FinBoard's money, and then we'll come into the UA reserve.

Will Steadman, Senator for Senior House
Can we move on then?

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Is that a motion to close discussion on FinBoard? *confirmed in so many words* The question is will we close discussion on this line item?

Close Discussion

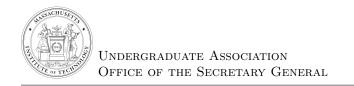The next is to change Events Committee to be funded by Student Life Fee and not by SAO.

Is there any discussion? Alright, then we'll move on.

That line item, $17,500 for SCEP, is decreasing to $7,500 for student-faculty dinners, and $10,000 will be added to the semesterly allowance.

The next part of this is that the amount of income for Student Faculty Dinners is decreasing and added to income.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
The budget you saw at last week's meeting included $10,000 more for dinners than past years. Due to accurate concerns from this assembly, I was able to go back to DSL, and $10,000 of that money was no longer earmarked for Student Faculty Dinners and back into our allowance. That being said, we've had to close off dinners in the past. The idea is that what we'd like to do is at $2,500 dollars to the prgoram from the UA allowance to help support it so the idea is that anyone who

wants to do it can.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
The intergovernmental dinners - that's being changed from $420 to 240$. Discussion?

Dinners with Dorm Execs. I can't really comment on that, so if you have and quesiton about why that line item is being removed.....

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
Why is the line item being removed?

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
I don't think it's very useful getting dorm governments to come to Exec, and it didn't really exist.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Further questions? Alright.

For SCEP, that should be the final budget number for meeting food changing from $720 to $500.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Is the chair of SCEP here?

Alec Lai, UA Secretary General
No.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
I would like to motion to approve the change to Final Meeting Budget.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
I would like to mention that it doesn't matter.

Alexandra Jordan, UA Chief of Staff
Are we amending it because it's not possible to have that many meetings?

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Yeah.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
I was just going to add to your response. Additionally, the full committee is only going to meet every other week. He says we're going to have a full meeting every week, but I don't think...

Richard Dahan, Chair of the Committee on Student Life
In addition to a full meeting. SCEP doesn't need to have long meetings to have reports. And the food for them is more than some of the other meetings.
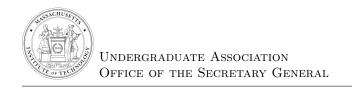
Vrajesh Modi, UA President
I move to close discussion.

Joint seconded.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
A motion to close discussion on meeting food has been introduced. Do we have any objections to voting? All those in favor of moving on, please signify by saying Aye. All opposed?

Elections Server Co-Location—it's now spread over two semesters. Any discussion on this?

The last bit is the scanner. The idea is to change the purpose from scanner to digital camera and to change the total to $150.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
So a digital camera doesn't quite equal scanner. So scanners are much easier to get better resolution and better backing. I would like to make a motion to strike the scanner amendment from this slate.

Joint seconded.

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
I believe we already own a scanner, and therefore getting another scanner seems redundant.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
We do have a scanner, and it's somewhat difficult to use. Only some people can make it work.

Tim Robertson, Senator for East Campus
It's inconvenient if someone new were to use it.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
In my opinion, it's a lot easier for Ellen if she can just use a digital camera.

Will Steadman, Senator for Senior House
Didn't they plan on installing scanners?

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
He was asking about IAP and next semester, which leads the question of the first semester. Also, it's difficult to use those.

Adam Bockelie, Chair of the Committee on History
Point of information, a new scanner is 88 dollars.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
Who is Ellen?

Assembly points at Ellen

Okay, oops....and what does *she* want?

Ellen McIsaac, UA Treasurer
I would prefer a scanner. It's easier to have multiple receipts and the formatting just looks nicer.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
When you have to sort through lots of receipts, anything that can make your life easier is greatly appreciated. I'm for getting Ellen what she wants. I would like to call the question.
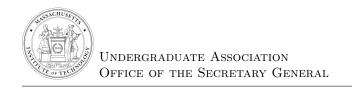
Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright so, it has been motioned and seconded - the question is whether we will strike this line item from the list of recommendations that may be approved as a slate. Are there any objections to voting? That doesn't constitute a majority.

I'm dividing the body. Those in favor of . . .

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities

Striking this and leaving the scanner in for 300 dollars.

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
I was dividing the body on the discussion to close the discussion.

Too much confusion.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Those in favor of striking the last bullet point? Those opposed?

The motion passes.

Alright the slate is being updated.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
I move to vote on the updated slate. It has been motioned and seconded. Any objections? Just a typo.

Betsy Riley, Senator for East Campus
Just a change from 10 to 14.

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
I appeal from the decision of the chair. Motion to divide vote doesn't need a second.

Chris Sarabelis, Senator for Bexley Hall
Motion does need a second.

Cody Zoschak, Senator for Fraternities
In the spirit of things, let's move on.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Seeing how there isn't a second of the motion against the Speaker.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
Seconded.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Seeing as how the motion has expired, I don't think it matters.

Daesun Yim, President of the 2014 Class Council
I think people are unsatisfied with the slowness of the process due to parliamentary matters.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
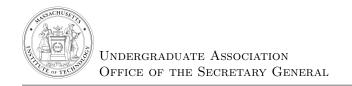The decision of the chair has been appealed. Can we take that vote now and we can make a decision? All those in favor of appealing and going back to the discussion of the last line item...etc

Motion passes. Tim hits gavel.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Whenever the speaker has personal involvement, he should defer to someone else, that's what just happened.

Krishna Esteva, Senator for Fraternities and Chair of the Committee on Sustainability

Motion to vote on the slate.

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
Isn't the motion to vote on the question of the vote?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Historically, the chair asks for objections to voting, if he gets more than 1-2 people opposed, then we get to vote to vote. If no one opposes, then we don't need to vote to vote. So once the question has been called, then the chair repeats and we take the vote.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
So, the question has been stated— are there any objections to voting? Seeing none. All those in favor?

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
Motion to divide body.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Dividng the body. All in favor? All opposed?

The motion passes.

We should actually not move onto the next item, but we should vote on the budget.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
I move to cut the line item for senate constituency fund from $4,500 to $2,250—in half.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright the question is, I'm repeating the question—the question is whether or not we'll cut the line item from $4,500 to $2,250. We will now begin discussion on this motion.

Krishna Esteva, Senator for Fraternities and Chair of the Committee on Sustainability
Are we cutting the amount that each Senator has in half, or the total amount in half?

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
It's up to speaker, but my intention was $75 per Senator.

Chris Sarabelis, Senator for Bexley Hall
Point of information - how many groups are there?
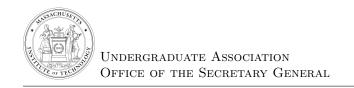
Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
There are 30 senators. It's currently 150 each. I'm making it $75 each or allow the Senate to allocate however.

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
My recollection is that, for the past several years, the $75 Senate Constiteuncy Fund has been underspent and it's all the Bylaws mandate. I believe not everyone will use it all. I also believe that if we do run out, we have enough money in discretionary funds to make up for it. I would like to see this reduced because I doubt they can spend it on anything.

Alexandra Jordan, UA Chief of Staff
The point of increasing it was because we want to encourage new senators to spend more money on

constituents. We have the money to spend. We don't gain interest putting it in the reserve. Just cause we did something in the past doesn't mean we should do it this year. I don't oppose $2,250, but I think you guys should think about how seriously you guys take your role.

Richard Dahan, Chair of the Committee on Student Life
Building off of what Alex said, the amount of money depends on how strong the Senate is this year. I think this year is much stronger and can spend above $75.

Daniel Hawkins, Chair of the Committee on Housing
Having been a senator, I didnt spend my fund at all. I think that the reason I didn't spend it was because it was too small, and I couldn't do anything for my dorm with just $75 dollars. I think we should raise it to see how we can get more Senators involved.

Krishna Esteva, Senator for Fraternities and Chair of the Committee on Sustainability
I motion to vote.

Seconded.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
The question is—should we cut the line item for the Senate Constituency Fund from $4,500 to $2,250? Is there any objection to voting? Seeing no objections—a Motion to divide the body has been introduced and seconded. As a point of information, if I hear divide the body once, I'm going to take it, and it doesn't need to be seconded.

Would all those in favor of cutting this line item in half please raise your hands. All those opposed?

Motion fails.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
I would like to change discretionary funds from $10,000 to $7,000 dollars.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
Why?

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
Again, I don't think there's a basis for spending that much money. It's sort of a policy difference. We can still allocate money from the reserve. It just takes a slightly higher vote. I don't trust this body to not be impulsive. I would like the money to be lower.

Tim Robertson, Senator for East Campus
The funding allocated each year has rarely been completely used. It seems prudent of us to allocate the money so that if something does come up, we have it there. I would much rather have money to spend than have money I don't have and to go through another procedure to get it.
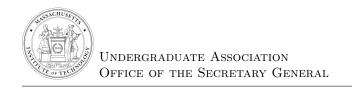
Jessica Chen, Senato of MacGregor
What does the Senate Discretionary Fund do, and what is used for? What has it been used for in the past?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
One of the projects from last year was to fund a SafeRide TV. Historically, it has been used for projects that have come up via the Senators or the Special Projects Committee.

Alexandra Jordan, UA Chief of Staff

The role of the Special Projects Committee has been taken over by the Chief of Staff. There is no budget for it. If we need funds for projects, the Chief of Staff will come before Senate.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
$500 dollars times 4 projects was rolled into the Senate Discretionary Fund so it can be pulled from that because of special projects.

Richard Dahan, Chair of the Committee on Student Life
My comment is that, in addition to Chief of Staff, CSL has plenty of stuff we'll be asking for. You'll see good stuff in terms of getting money from Senate Discretionary and coming before you here. I don't care if it needs more votes. Is there anything in terms of number of meetings before the vote and such?

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
It doesn't take more time to do it.

Richard Dahan, Chair of the Committee on Student Life
But what majority do you need to win?

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
I believe it's the same. Let me verify it.

Katherine Fang, Senator for Sororities
I think that, especially last year, we used the discretionary fund for a lot of different reasons we didn't foresee. I think having the money there is better than not.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
Even to allocate from discretionary, we need to vote.

Katherine Fang, Senator for Sororities
I'm saying like vote again for reserves.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
You don't have to vote again.

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
You can allocate directly from the reserve.

Daniel Hawkins, Chair of the Committee on Housing
I think, at this point, spending from the reserve is a less-defined thing than spendinh from Senate Discretionary. There's not a clear purpose in mind for the reserve.
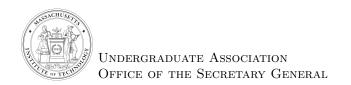
Adam Bockelie, Chair of the Committee on History
Motion to close discussion.

Seconded.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
All those in favor of closing discussion, please raise your hands. Those opposed? Alright. So, I guess now we're going to go into the vote. The question on the table is whether to change Senate Discretionary from $10,000 to $7,000. Are there any objections?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
We just did that.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
All those in favor, please raise your hands. Those opposed. The motion does not carry.

Motion fails.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
I call the question of the budget.

Seconded.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Are there any objections to voting? We will vote on whether to close discussion. All those in favor of closing discussion, please raise your hands. All those opposed. Alright, we will now vote on the budget. Will all those in favor of approving the budget please raise your hands? Opposed? Alright the budget is passed.

Budget passes.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
Point of information Article 4 Section D of Senate bylaws, I think the budget is unconstitutional because we allocate an overhigh amount of the - nevermind...

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
You have to go a lot lower...

Ellen McIsaac, UA Treasurer
I didn't know what happened.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Did we allocate too much from the reserve?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Point of privilege— I think we wasted too much time talking about this. This should've happened on the mailing list.
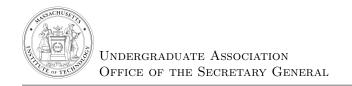
Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
We're moving to FinBoard appeals.

10   Fall 2010 FinBoard Appeals

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
The UA gives a lot of money to student groups each year. What they did, instead of having the burdon on you guys to decide which student groups get how much money, was to create a group that decides how much money to give each student group. We take a Saturday or Sunday out of a weekend, and we look over budgets of all of the student groups to decide how much money we give them based on the policies we set. Policies do change, but we follow the UA rules. What we're doing right now is appeals. Usually we do allocations beforehand, so for the fall, we did allocations

in May. However, some student groups, depending on whats going on, don't apply or they change schedules or events, or they decide they need more money. So, we do something called appeals. This is just basiacally what we decided. Listed is the amount of their original request, the amount of they requested in appeals, and what we decided to award them. They have to write a budget defense, and we use that to make our decision.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
Are these requests here the appeals then?

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
These groups didn't like it or didn't apply for one.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall
Is there a version of the original allocations?

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
Thats on the FinBoard website.

Jessica Chen, Senato of MacGregor
Are any of these in addition to what they already got?

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
Whatever we put on the board is replacing what they originally had.

Laura McCulloch, Senator for McCormick Hall
Do student groups ever lose money during appeals?

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
Yes, it's possible. It could be that they ask for less money. Sometimes their application is just much worse, and we end up having to allocate less.

Will Steadman, Senator for Senior House
Motion to close discussion.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
It has been motioned and seconded to close discussion on this issue. Are there any objections? Since there are no objections, we're going to move into voting. Those in favor of approving FinBoard appeals, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Alright, they stand approved.

Motion Passes - Approved

Cynthia Bouldrick, Chair of FinBoard
If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

11 Class Council Budgets

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Now we move into approving the 2014 Class Council budget.

We will now open discussion.

Allan Miramonti, Senator for Random Hall

Do we normally give that much money for sweatshirts?

Sivakami Sambasivam, Senator for Sororities and Secretary of the 2011 Class Council
Why does the UA have a stay in Class Council budgets?

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
Class councils get their money from the student life fee. However, the various class council members have to get approval to use their budget.

Sivakami Sambasivam, Senator for Sororities and Secretary of the 2011 Class Council
How does the Senate control the budget? Doesn't it go straight through SAO?

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
SAO was in favor of bringing the budgets before Senate.

Daesun Yim, President of the 2014 Class Council
Someone said that $9,000 dollars is a lot for sweashirts. I'm not spending an enormous amount on sweatshirts.

Sivakami Sambasivam, Senator for Sororities and Secretary of the 2011 Class Council
Our class did it a couple years ago. It shouldn't be that expensive.

Amanda David, President of the 2013 Class Council
Last year we spent $7,000, and we took orders before purchasing them.

Laura McCulloch, Senator for McCormick Hall
I was going to suggest that perhaps you survey the class to see how many sweatshirts you need to purchase.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
So given that, by the numbers you just gave, you subsidize $3,000. Is there any reason you triple that? Historically, people haven't spent $20,000 on events. Instead of overflow, we decided to spend it on items that may benefit our class.

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
Just as a point of information, I guess. The purpose of process this is not to micromanage the Class Councils, but to see if there are some grandscale problems.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
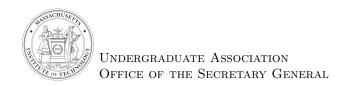I think spending $9000 is very high.

Sivakami Sambasivam, Senator for Sororities and Secretary of the 2011 Class Council
These budgets will be sent through the students. They were elected to represent their constituents. They won't be elected again if rampant.

Adam Bockelie, Chair of the Committee on History
I think if they want to spend $9,000, we can't stop them. Does that mean $4,500 for sweatshirts and $4,500 from?

Daesun Yim, President of the 2014 Class Council
Response not recorded.

Cody Zoschak, Senator for Fraternities
Motion to close discussion.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
A motion to close discussion has been put forward. All those in favor? Discussion has closed. All those in favor of voting for this budget—to approve it—please say aye. Those opposed? The budget is approved.

Budget passes.

We'll now do the 2012 budget.

Krishna Esteva, Senator for Fraternities and Chair of the Committee on Sustainability
Motion to close discussion.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
All those in favor of closing discusison, please signify by saying aye. Those opposed? All those in favor of voting to approve the Class of 2012 budget, please signfiy by saying aye. Those opposed?

Budget passes.

Brief description by 2013 treasurer

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
It has been motioned and seconded to close discussion. Those in favor? Those opposed? The budget stands approved.

Budget passes.

There is no 2011 budget. Funding comes from career fair.

12 Slate of Institute Committee Representatives

Sammi Wyman, UA Vice President and Chair of the Committee on Nominations
I move to approve the slate of nomminees?

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright the motion is on the table, is there any discussion?

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
Do you have any particular concerns about the slate of nominees?

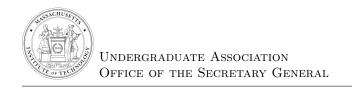**Alexandra Jordan, UA Chief of Staff**
No, I'm really excited, and I think they'll do a really good job.

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
Motion to close discussion.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright, it has been motioned and seconded to close discussion. Are there any objections to voting

for the approval of the slate? Seeing none, the question is whether or not we will approve the slate. All those in favor of approving the slate as it stands, please signify by saying aye. Those opposed? So, it passes as it stands.

Motion passes.

13   Closing Remarks and Discussion

Closing remarks. Alright, it's 11:05 PM right now. In general, I would say we could've made this faster if we had discussion on ua-senate. Granted, a number of things didn't come on until the day before.

Someone requests to be added to the queue.

I'm not sure what you are attempting to do?

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
I want to comment.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
I don't think that's in order.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Aren't we in discussion? *Points to agenda.*

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
That's an error — okay, fine, let's have discussion.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
You should've scheduled the budget meeting earlier. How are we supposed to do this 24 hours earlier?

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
I think that was based on the situation.

Rachel Meyer, Senator for Off-Campus Students
I think that you should've taken that into consideration before yelling at us.
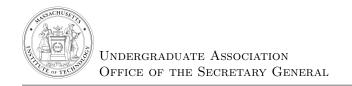
Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
I wasn't yelling.

Alex Dehnert, Assistant to the Vice President on Information Systems and Senator for Independent Living Groups
I think that it is okay to save particularly important topics for discussion in session.

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
He mentioned subcommittees, which I would like to comment on very quickly. One of the applicable motions is the motion to commit. This motion forces the Speaker to make a subcommittee to deal with the argument intead of wasting everyone's time. Everyone interested in it meets and we discuss it later. It wasn't applicable to the budget because we needed to approve it this meeting. Generally those smaller committee meetings, we stay fairly on topic, and we get it done.

Owen Derby, Senator for Fraternities
Are we appointing a Parliamentarian and Seargant of Arms?

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
I have heard 1-2 on Parliamentarian and none on Seargeant of Arms. This person assists the Speaker in bringing the assembly to order and in escorting confimation candidates in and out of closed sessions. I think those are the only pending appointments right now.

Sammi Wyman, UA Vice President and Chair of the Committee on Nominations
I think this meeting was a good example of appointing both positions.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Alright, is there any further discussion?

Vrajesh Modi, UA President
The first thing I want to do is to make sure you understand is the amount of work NomComm has done. If you looked at the UA Office reservation calendar, you would see entire days blocked off. 60 interviews in 2 days—that's a lot of work to turn around the entire NomComm slate.

If you haven't seen those big posters, the State of the Institute is this week. So you should go. Reminder that on Thursday we would love to have you tell us what you want me to do - the UA Advisory Committee will be meeting with members of the UA.

You guys are in the UA, so you get a special t-shirt.

Special thanks to Alec for taking minutes and working on the October newsletter all weekend.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate
Thank you guys for going out to your constituents and getting information from them. Our topic next week is Athena printing and changes to it. You guys got a brief introduction from Oliver Thomas. He's going to be back next week to have a more extended discussion. I'd also appreciate it if you can give some feedback on how the discussion went. In addition to that, Thomas Kochan, the Chair of the Faculty will be here next week, so it should be pretty exciting. The last couple things— please get in touch with your consitutents, and start thinking about how you guys are going to fulfill your requirement to be on a committee or take on a project. With that said, I think I'm going to...

Suan Tuang, Senator for New House
Are you going to give us more logistics on our retreat?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
Yes, I don't have the full agenda, but we're going to leave here at 9:45am on October 9th and, we're going to drive down to the hotel, eat lunch, do programming stuff, and get back 4:45 ish on Sunday.
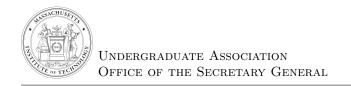
Tim Robertson, Senator for East Campus
Whats the hotel name?

Tim Jenks, Vice Speaker of the Senate and Senator for Fraternities
The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis.

Jonté Craighead, Speaker of the Senate

If there are no further questions, we'll move on to closing roll.

14   Closing Roll Call

15   Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alec Lai
UA Secretary General