



42 U.A.S. 11

Summary of 42 U.A.S. 11 – February 28, 2011

This meeting began with a special Guest Speaker: John Reed, '61, SM '65, Chairman of the MIT Corporation. After some brief introductions, Reed talked about his responsibilities as Chairman of the MIT Corporation, the impact of visiting committees, and the power of the Corporation. In the subsequent Q&A, Reed was asked about following up with student input, student engagement, deferred maintenance, institute finances, the uniqueness of MIT culture, Kendall Square, and business experience and advice. For the most part, Reed seemed interested in student opinions and input; for more thorough responses, please consult the minutes.

Afterwards, the Senators reported on their committees, and Exec updated Senate briefly on Institute Committee vacancies. Leah Flynn, the Director of SAO, also updated Senate on new positions in the SAO office.

Alex Jordan, UA Chief of Staff, invited the Institute Committee on Race and Diversity to come for an open forum Q&A with regards to diversity. Senate provided some feedback, but generally, Senate seems happy with the current state of diversity at MIT. Some preferred more large-scale events, and others would like to see the smaller minorities represented in some way.

Then, Senate began confirmation of members to FinBoard. Emily Zhao moved from Vice Chair to Chair of FinBoard, for the remainder of the semester, and 4 other members were approved as members-at-large after a long confirmation hearing.

After approving minutes, 42 U.A.S. 10.4, the bill to amend Senate Bylaws to remove restrictions on Vice Speaker, passed. Subsequently, Janet Li, current Chair of the Public Relations Committee, was nominated and elected as the Vice Speaker.

42 U.A.S. 11.1, a bill to call a referendum on dining in conjunction with the presidential election ballots, passed as well.

For some final business, some modifications were made to Institute Committee Representatives, Rachel Meyer was selected as the Senate Representative to FinBoard, and Shuang Chen was appointed as the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms.

Respectfully submitted,

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