



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

**50 UA Council Session 8 Meeting Minutes**

February 27, 2019, 8:00pm - 9:30pm in W20-400

<b>Living Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present?</b>
Baker	Hannah Mahaffey	x
Burton-Conner	Alice Zhang	x
East Campus	Adriana Jacobsen	x
MacGregor	Anthony Cheng	x
Maseeh	Kye Burchard	x
McCormick	Afeefah Khazi-Syed and Yara Komaiha	x
New House	Lia Hsu-Rodriguez	x
Next House	Erick Eguia	
Random Hall	Amanda Putnam	x
Simmons	Carlos Sendao	x
Interfraternity Council	Sam Ihns	x
Interfraternity Council	Ato Kwamong	[rep sent]
Interfraternity Council	Daniel Gonzalez	x
Interfraternity Council	David Poberejsky	x
Living Group Council	--	
Off Campus	--	
Panhellenic Association	Amanda Horne	x
Panhellenic Association	Vanessa Wong	x
Panhellenic Association	Charlotte Folinus	x

President's Questions	7:30 - 8:00
1. Roll Call + Introductions	8:00 - 8:05
2. Approval of 50 UAC 7 Minutes	8:05 - 8:10
3. IFC Bylaw Changes	8:10 - 8:25
4. Election Code Vote	8:25 - 8:30
5. Presentation from MIT Corporation Members	8:30 - 9:30

### **8:05 Motion to Approve UAC 6 Minutes**

- All in favor. None opposed.

### **8:08 IFC Bylaw Changes**

- Bylaws; only person-to-person medium allowed; no mass advertisement
- What about speaking to large group of prefrosh at an event? Up to discretion of recruitment chair
- Considered quality of life changes, doesn't realistically change rush numbers or dorms
- Do not want people rushing in dorms, so now prosecuting houses that rush in-dorm
- Orientation Leaders are now allowed to speak about their experiences
- Why through this means, instead of PRC chairs ("de-affiliated" brothers) like Panhel? Didn't want to restrict people/have people "de-affiliate"
- Why did we hear about this through MIT Confessions first? Somehow leaked from draft email sent to rush chairs
- What about rushing during events put on by dorms? Realistically, cannot prevent these 1-on-1 conversations, but purposefully making sure no targeted rushing in dorms/convincing prefrosh to go to rush events instead of dorm events
- Looking forward to good relationship with dorms

### **8:16 Election Code Vote**

- For the past 3-4 at least years, needed Council's vote to push back the start of UA Elections
- Vote to permanently push this date back: 2 weeks before Spring Break for signatures; then Spring Break; 2 weeks after Spring Break is campaigns; 1 week later is voting period
- Biggest concern would be campaigning straddles CPW
- This affects UA P, UA VP, and Class Councils
- 8:19 All in favor. None abstaining. None opposed. Passes!

### **8:20 State of the UA**

- UA Elections
- ARM Coalition Subsidies for senior ball/senior week → UA and Class Councils decided to re-appropriate budgets from last year for Professional Development/Ticket Subsidies for this. 3K for senior ball, and 10K for senior week events. If it goes over budget, the UA will pay for extra. Will this be allocated in the future, or is this one-time? Likely, yes. Eventually will be from

administrator's budgets instead of from UA's. We also want to see how many students will take advantage of this.

- Student Life Fee increase will be \$28 this year. To make up for loss of career fair revenue.
- Bystander Training Pilot.
- CUP Proposal Phase Two. VC Waitz has submitted proposal. Continuation of CORE GIRs on PNR + fall credit limit increases for exploratory credit. Will also add more 1-3 unit exploratory credit. Sophomore exploratory will be removed, and any one is eligible for major advisor. Approval will be accepted/rejected by CPW.
- Advising Pilot. 50 students from traditional, 50 from seminar will have advisors with expert in life/wellbeing, etc. This is through academic advising, not residential.
- TechMart Advisory Committee. Looking for marketing and programming ideas.
- Careers Committee: Suggestions include career-exploration fair not jobs-fair, centralizing career resources, and how do we get first year programs about career exploration and not finding an internship.
- Shuttle Committee. Happening next Friday.

### **8:33 MIT Corporation**

- Here to answer questions.
- Effectively, tasked with maintaining integrity of MIT and financial stability for generations
- Provide advice to MIT leadership on long-term planning and strategic issues
- Approve budgets
- Approve new degree programs
- Approve degrees
- Elect President and other Corporation Officers
- What is the different form MIT leadership? Corporation is a Board of Trustees, so sits across the Institute and hold leadership accountable
- Org Chart exists online
- Corporation has 78 members; 8 ex-officio, 25 Lifetime members, 25 Term members, 15 Alumni nominees, 5 recent graduates
- The Corporation meets 4 times a year
- Committees of the Corporation: executive committee, CJAC, 31 visiting committees, risk & audit, development, membership and screening for nomination, MITIMCO Board

- How are people selected for visiting committees?  $\frac{1}{3}$  Corporation,  $\frac{1}{3}$  nominated by President,  $\frac{1}{3}$  alumni
- How can students raise issues to the Corporation? Email anyone on the Corporation. Participate in a visiting committee. Speak to CJAC.
- How should MIT balance research and educational parts? Cannot have quality education without quality research performed by the same people. And vice versa. Undergraduate, and graduate experience is very different. Difficult to distinguish when students learn in residence halls versus class versus thesis/lab.
- To what extent should shared governance between students and administrators play a role? Huge fan. Title does not give you monopoly on good ideas. Try to understand where the other party stands in terms of how much they want to involve you. CJAC is a great example of shared governance.
- What weight is given to the voices of recent graduates/undergraduates in the Corporation? It's very important. When VC is given as a reason for doing something, probe deeper but hope leadership can provide rationale by themselves.
- Do you also have full-time jobs? Yes!
- What are the biggest challenges facing the world? And how is MIT preparing for those? Cost of tuition. Proportionally increase financial aid when tuition increases. Read the Treasurer's Report.
- Why don't units reflect the amount of work put into a class? In aggregate, likely balances out. Could put out recommendations for leadership via UA committee.
- Who executes MIT 2030? Actual execution is left to leadership.
- What role did the Corporation play in the College of Computing? Confidential information. No Corporation members on working groups of College.

#### **9:40 Motion to adjourn**

- All in favor. None opposed.