



**51 UA Council Session 5 Meeting Minutes**  
 November 13, 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm 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	x
Random Hall	Amanda Putnam	x
Simmons	Carlos Sendao	x
Interfraternity Council	Sam Ihns	x
Interfraternity Council	Ato Kwapong	x
Interfraternity Council	Daniel Gonzalez	x
Interfraternity Council	David Poberejsky	proxy
Living Group Council	--	
Off Campus	--	
Panhellenic Association	Amanda Horne	x
Panhellenic Association	Vanessa Wong	x
Panhellenic Association	Charlotte Folinus	x

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| 1. Roll Call + Introductions       | 7:30 - 7:35 |
| 2. Student Committee Membership    | 7:40 - 7:50 |
| 3. UA Sustain Budget               | 7:50 - 7:55 |
| 4. Compton Lounge                  | 7:55 - 8:00 |
| 5. IS&T Student Advisory Committee | 8:00 - 8:10 |
| 6. Cabinet Updates & New Officers  | 8:10 - 8:15 |
| 7. DSL Visiting Committees         | 8:15 - 8:30 |

#### Enclosures

- A. Student Committee Members
- B. UA Budget for Sustain Committee
- C. IS&T Student Advisory Committee

### **7:39 Start Meeting**

Motion, seconded, all in favor. Passed.

### **7:40 State of the UA**

- About 230 people voted
- Prioritized the democratic results of elections for undergraduate representatives
- Mahi: Rationale for guidelines committee
  - Top five except Luis who will be serving on climate committees
  - Bryan with stronger interview and better fit for guidelines
- Graduate students with less diverse distribution of majors for committee members
- Tried to balance representation from engineering and SHASS
- Fiona: Rationale for climate committee
  - Members follow closely with election results
  - Lilliana will be an alternate to Arber

### **7:50 Motion to Vote on Committees**

Motion, seconded, all in favor. Passed.

### **7:51 Budget**

- AJ: wanted to take 6,000 from 200,000 reserves for UA sustain committee budget
- New fund process
- How did we come up with current allocation? Use previous years as ballpark.
  - Flawed process to give numbers before having budget items
- How will sustain use the additional funds
- The Hive: sustainability office contributed 20,000, but wants the committee to contribute so it maintains a student run organization (approx 4,000 contribution)
- Increasing from 50 to 80 members, in need of more funds for subcommittees
- All the projects for sustain are exciting!
- Previously no checks and balances on UA reserves so now we have
- Last year, more of a push to use reserve funds

### **Motion to Approve Budget**

Motion, seconded, All in favor. Passed.

### **7:56 Compton Lounge**

- Banana Lounge is very costly for UA
- Cannot add to institute budget for this fiscal year
- Increase in budget that Compton Lounge is looking for additional 40,000
- Could dip into our reserves in the near future

### **7:59 IS&T**

- Emma: Chair of SIPB
- Meet with chair of IS&T to better their communication with students
- Used to be a student advisory committee for IS&T
- Lack of communication with students
- Complaints of wifi in dorms, the help desk, public computing desks
- IS&T ready to restart efforts, looking for student representatives to start committee in February
- Making ISTAB a UA committee? Communicating with GSC?
- SITB is a 50 year old organization that wants to improve the student computing experience at MIT
- Could reach out to Mathais who has previously worked in this space

- Did interview for the committee this year, can get you the contact of the representative chosen
- Will this be structured like an institute or ad hoc committee? To be determined

### **8:07 Motion to Appoint New Officers**

- Fiona Chen for Assistant Policy Officer
- Naomi Michael for Secretary

Motion, seconded, All in favor. Passed.

### **8:10 Cabinet Updates**

- McCormick Mc<sup>2</sup> party and Baker Live Like You Mean It
- Could reach out to Mathais who has previously worked in this space
- Did interview for the committee this year, can get you the contact of the representative chosen
- Faculty meeting next week
  - If you have questions Dean Huttenlocker

### **8:15 DSL Visiting Committee**

- DSL visiting committee: yesterday and today
- DSL visiting committee lunch and student roundtable
- Why are students unhappy with us?
- DSL comes in with premade solutions, mutual selection brought up heavily
- DSL doesn't understand the background of mutual selection
- Commencement: transparency is not the same for admin and students
- Visiting Committee reports confidential to Corporation
- Condensed version of report may be available to UA
- Previously, visiting committee reports are unavailable but cited as reasons to remove mutual selection-- Follow up with Suzy
- Current mutual selection conversation: tough housing process for New house, but very little conversation
- Wanted data from dorms but no meeting concerning follow-up
- Survey for first year housing to be sent out later by DSL
- If they don't reach out to dorm presidents by thanksgiving, let Mahi know

### **8:24 Motion to Adjourn**

Motion, seconded, All in favor. Passed.