



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

52 UA Council 13 Agenda

September 16th, 2020, 6:00-7:30 PM EDT, Zoom

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| 1. Roll Call | 6:00 - 6:05 |
| 2. Minutes Approval | 6:05 - 6:10 |
| 3. Publics Affairs Consensus Decision | 6:10 - 6:30 |
| 4. Institute Committees | 6:30 - 6:40 |
| 5. Class of 2024 Elections | 6:40 - 7:00 |
| 6. Judboard and Election Code Amendments | 7:00 - 7:30 |



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Living Group	Representative	Present?
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y
East Campus	Miana Smith	N
MacGregor	Seif Eses	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	N
McCormick	Yara Komaiha	Y
New House	Sarah Edwards	Y
Next House	Thomas Adebisi	N
Random Hall	Sonia Reilly	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	Y
Interfraternity Council	Diego Escobedo	N
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Sam Costa	Y
Interfraternity Council	Nico Salinas	Y
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	Y
Off Campus	Sam D'Alonzo	Y
Panhellenic Association	Kate Nelson	Y
Panhellenic Association	Stephanie Zhang	Y
Panhellenic Association	Valerie Chen	Y

Sarah Aaronson Motions to approve minutes. Sam d'Alonzo seconds

Living Group	Representative	Vote?
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y
East Campus	Miana Smith	-
MacGregor	Seif Eses	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	-
McCormick	Yara Komaiha	Y
New House	Sarah Edwards	Y
Next House	Thomas Adebisi	-
Random Hall	Sonia Reilly	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	Y
Interfraternity Council	Diego Escobedo	-
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Sam Costa	Y
Interfraternity Council	Nico Salinas	Y
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15 yes's

6:08 Fiona lays amendments to judboard bylaws and council bylaws on the table

- Fiona briefly goes over the amendments which we have previously reviewed in council and layed on the table (but that motion died after 3 meetings)
- Plan to hold population vote in a coming meeting (details will be shared as soon as they are available)

6:14 Danielle lays election code changes on the table

6:18 PM Class of 2024 Elections

- Sarah Pertsemlidis is the election commissioner for the upcoming October class of 2024 elections
- Will be emailing out to all of class of 2024
- Plans to keep previous election rules (not the updated one for the spring)
- May add a rule that prohibits use of personal social media accounts
 - Actually may drift away from this
- Having trouble with petition/signature forms given virtual nature of year
 - Use honor code since you typically can't verify signatures anyway
 - Earlier campaigners will have advantage
- Try to eliminate barriers for participation, i.e. number of signatures and social media account stipulations
- Ask the Tech is they would be interested in interviewing candidates
- Signatures may predispose 2024s living together to run vs. 2024s living at home
 - Many councilors agree that we need to give all 2024s an equal opportunity
- Yara mentions hosting a "running a virtual campaign" info session
- Do we have a concern that there will be too many candidates?
 - If not, than no need to add stress of signatures
 - Maybe show commitment in another way i.e. come to at least one mandatory info session (emailed excuses will be accepted)
 - Could combine it with how to run a virtual campaign event
- Also consider the impact of MIT Confessions
 - Talk to moderators if needed
- Budget for class council
 - If you want campaign website, illustrator/canva premium, campaign photos
 - Small budget can make things more equitable
 - Potentially around 50 dollars
- Timeline
 - Email this week
 - General info session September 29
 - All packets and forms due October 5
 - Official candidate week October 6, campaign starts October 7
 - Perhaps we can offset the campaigning and voting period
- Will contact judboard to see if any changes need to go through council
- Host a forum to get candidates in front of voters
 - Make sure everyone knows the difference between class councils and UA positions-- both candidates and voters
 - Ask MIT students if we can have the week leading up to elections to highlight different guidelines
- Task Force on class council elections
 - Current class councils
 - Elections commission + any interested councilors

6:57 PM Public Affairs consensus decision

- Mallika and Chase, co-chairs of public affairs present their consensus decision
- Sam D'Alonzo mentions the closure of post office in the stud given absentee ballot mailing
 - Can we push admin on this to secure voting opportunities for those on campus?
- APART made a recommendation in emergency academic regulations (no enforcement) that no psets due or exams on Election Day
- MITVote also has several initiatives

Motion to vote on consensus decision

Miana motions to approve. Yara seconds

Living Group	Representative	Approved?
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
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East Campus	Miana Smith	Y
MacGregor	Seif Eses	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	-
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16 yeses, the motion passes.

7:15 PM Institute Committees

- Because of leaves of absences and newly added positions, we need new representatives for several committees
 - Council on Family Work: Chelsea Zhang
 - Creative Arts Council: Annie Bryan
 - Campus Planning (given faculty approved addition): Amelia Dogan
- Will vote on them another time

7:20 PM Motion to Adjourn.