



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

## 52 UA Council 17 Agenda

December 9th, 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. Election Commission            | 6:10 - 6:30 |
| 4. UA Spring Initiatives          | 6:30 - 6:50 |
| 5. Chair of MIT Corporation Visit | 6:50 - 7:10 |
| 6. Council Reflections            | 7:10 - 7:30 |



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**52 UA Council Session 17 Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>Living Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present?</b>
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y
East Campus	Miana Smith	Y
MacGregor	Albert Gerovitch	Y
Maseeh	Zach Villaverde	N
McCormick	Yara Komaiha	N
New House	Sarah Edwards	Y
Next House	Thomas Adebisi	Y
Random Hall	Sonia Reilly	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	N
Interfraternity Council	Max von Franque	Y
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Ivan Marshall	Y
Interfraternity Council	Nico Salinas	Y
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	N
Off Campus	Sam D'Alonzo	Y
Panhellenic Association	Lindsey Bjornstad	N
Panhellenic Association	Stephanie Zhang	Y
Panhellenic Association	Valerie Chen	Y

**6:05 Meeting begins**

**6:07 Minutes Approval**

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MacGregor	Albert Gerovitch	Y
Maseeh	Zach Villaverde	-
McCormick	Yara Komaiha	-
New House	Sarah Edwards	Y
Next House	Thomas Adebisi	Y
Random Hall	Sonia Reilly	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	-
Interfraternity Council	Max von Franque	Y
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Ivan Marshall	Y
Interfraternity Council	Nico Salinas	Y
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	-
Off Campus	Sam D'Alonzo	Y
Panhellenic Association	Lindsey Bjornstad	-
Panhellenic Association	Stephanie Zhang	Y
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Minutes approved.

**6:10 Election Commission**

- Seraphin Castelino has been nominated to the election commission
- She would be helping run winter off campus rep elections

Miana motions to vote. Sarah Aaronson seconds.

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Maseeh	Zach Villaverde	-
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New House	Sarah Edwards	Y
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Interfraternity Council	Ivan Marshall	Y
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Living Group Council	Jason Ye	-
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Panhellenic Association	Lindsey Bjornstad	-
Panhellenic Association	Stephanie Zhang	Y
Panhellenic Association	Valerie Chen	Y

Vote passes.

- Danielle will follow up with info on winter election for off-campus rep

### **6:11 PM UA Spring Initiatives**

- Several UA initiatives that councillors can give feedback on
  - UA Hackathon
    - Will plan to give updates to council regularly, hope councillors can help us advertise as well
    - Give testimonials about problems on campus so that people who have not been to campus (i.e. freshman, those not invited back in the fall) know what the key problems are
  - Q-Week part 2

- Make sure the rules are clear about what are the protocols for q-week
- Event point values should be equally weighted so everyone has a chance to win
- Off campus students didn't need the q-week distraction/entertainment as much
- First week of classes is generally tough for many people, especially those already a part of other clubs/organizations
- Hoping for more engagement with three classes back on campus
- Alumni Event
  - Something good about remote events; baker has been able to connect virtually with alumni who are not in the boston area which they will do moving forward

### **6:25 PM Chair of MIT Corporation Visits**

- Diane Greene is new chair of corporation and first woman to do so
- She will be talking to council next year, what should she talk to us about?
  - What is her broader vision of the corporation
  - What is not working with the corporation right now
  - What ideas does she have for non-COVID MIT
  - What does the corporation see as their role within the MIT community?

### **6:35 PM Council Reflections**

- What has gone well in council this year and what hasn't?
- How can we do things better in the future
- Breakout room discussions
  - What is the ideal role of Council? How should time be spent at the meetings?
  - What is the role of a councillor, especially in relation to constituents, and what is the best way to fulfill that role?
  - What should the Council On-boarding process look like?
  - What did you like about Council this year? What didn't you like?
- General feedback
  - Decision and policy making body rather than just an advisory board
    - More of what we did over the summer
  - Having administrators visit more regularly, make it more of a common occurrence
  - Gain a more robust understanding of the UA as a whole
  - Nice to have a group to talk and debrief about campus policy, especially during COVID
  - Sometimes hard to consult and provide feedback without understanding the full context of the situation/project
  - Subcommittee/working group structure within council to help write policy for those who are interested in doing so
    - Topics of interest: reacting to/reviewing campus policies and values (accountability), communications between admin and students
  - Centralized place for updates on UA committees
  - Standardize council across administrations
- Will send an anonymous feedback form as well

### **7:05 PM Motion to Adjourn.**