



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

52 UA Council 19 Agenda

February 18th, 2021, 7:00-8:30 PM ET, Zoom

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| 1. Roll Call | 7:00 - 7:05 |
| 2. Minutes Approval | 7:05 - 7:10 |
| 3. Chair of MIT Corporation Visit | 7:10 - 8:00 |
| 4. Election Code Vote | 8:00 - 8:15 |
| 5. Council Meeting Schedule | 8:15 - 8:20 |
| 6. DEI Strategic Plan & Task Force 2021 | 8:20 - 8:30 |



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52 UA Council Session 19 Meeting Minutes
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Living Group	Representative	Present?
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y
East Campus	Sara Zangi	Y
MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y
New House	Duha Syar	Y
New Vassar	Tina Lu	Y
Next House	Meghana Vemulapalli	Y
Random Hall	Margaret (Ret) Wang	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	N
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Orrie Page	N
Interfraternity Council	Nick Mannhardt	N
Interfraternity Council	Max von Franque	N
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	N
Off Campus	Sam D'Alonzo	Y
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	Y
Panhellenic Association	Catherine Washburn	Y
Panhellenic Association	Maria Ascanio	Y

7:05 Meeting begins

7:05 Chair of Corporation Visit

- Danielle Geathers introduced Diane Greene and Vrajesh Modi from the MIT Corporation
 - Diane Greene, Chair of the Corporation
 - Vrajesh Modi, Past UA President and Member of the Corporation
- Overview by Diane Greene
 - Discussed her background at MIT and the role of the Corporation which currently has 78 active members and several focuses. The focuses ranged from education, research, DEI, education in technology, housing and child care, climate and sustainability and the college of computing.
 - Gave an overview of MIT Visiting Committees which are a major part of the Corporation. The process is more rigorous than our peers and 400+ people are involved. The finalized reports from the Visiting Committees are sent to the Chair of the Corporation & the Provost. They are also given to relevant senior administrators.
 - Discussed the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC)
 - An institute committee of Corporation members, faculty, grad students and undergraduates.
 - On the undergraduate level, these student members were nominated through the Institute Committee nominations process-- be on the lookout for applications towards the end of the year!
- Overview by Vrajesh Modi
 - Described his experience with the Corporation and the way new alumni can get involved. Seniors should be on the lookout for opportunities to apply.
- Q&A Discussion with Undergraduates
 - What did you learn from your experience with Google Cloud and how is that experience similar to being Chair of the Corporation?
 - What is the MIT Corporation's role in setting MIT's budget allocation (for research vs operations vs student life) and how have these allocations changed during COVID?
 - Who makes decisions about financial aid at MIT?
 - Who makes the decisions about MIT's investments and how can the Corporation influence this process?
 - What does it mean for something to be a priority of the Corporation? How does something get set to be a priority and what does it mean after you define something to be a priority?
 - How does the Corporation prioritize undergraduate needs?
 - Most of our peers have published ESG frameworks and standing committees on shareholder responsibility. How does MIT address these issues, considering that ACSR hasn't met since 2008? Do you know about MITIMCo's plans for the future regarding taking a lead investor role in shareholder resolutions?

8:00 Minutes Approval

Minutes approval.

Sarah Aaronson motions, Sam seconds.

Living Group	Representative	Present?
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y

East Campus	Sara Zangi	Y
MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y
New House	Duha Syar	Y
New Vassar	Tina Lu	Y
Next House	Meghana Vemulapalli	Y
Random Hall	Margaret (Ret) Wang	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	-
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Orrie Page	Y
Interfraternity Council	Nick Mannhardt	Y
Interfraternity Council	Max von Franque	Y
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	-
Off Campus	Sam D'Alonzo	Y
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	Y
Panhellenic Association	Catherine Washburn	Y
Panhellenic Association	Maria Ascanio	Y

8:06 Election Code Amendment

- Inflexible election code (current one on the UA website), particularly during a pandemic
 - Needing to collect signatures, having a budget, etc. doesn't make sense during a pandemic
- Amending the code with an emergency clause that allows for changes in the code during the semester

Jaya Motions to vote. Catherine seconds.

Living Group	Representative	Population Vote
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y 100%
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y 100%
East Campus	Sara Zangi	Y 100%

MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y 100%
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y 100%
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y 100%
New House	Duha Syar	Y 100%
New Vassar	Tina Lu	Y 100%
Next House	Meghana Vemulapalli	Y 100%
Random Hall	Margaret (Ret) Wang	Y 100%
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	-
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y 100%
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	-
Off Campus	Sam D'Alonzo	Y 100%
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	Y 100%

Amendment passes.

8:13 Council Meetings

- Monthly meetings in the constitutions
 - If we want to change cadence, we must vote on it
- If we do biweekly one-hour meetings, can be more of a productive meeting if given agendas/action items further in advance

Motion to approve biweekly meetings by Sam. Seconded by Jaya.

Living Group	Representative	Present?
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y
East Campus	Sara Zangi	Y
MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y
New House	Duha Syar	Y
New Vassar	Tina Lu	Y
Next House	Meghana Vemulapalli	Y

Random Hall	Margaret (Ret) Wang	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	-
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Orrie Page	Y
Interfraternity Council	Nick Mannhardt	Y
Interfraternity Council	Max von Franque	Y
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	-
Off Campus	Sam D'Alonzo	Y
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	Y
Panhellenic Association	Catherine Washburn	Y
Panhellenic Association	Maria Ascanio	Y

- Weekday nights w2m, mon-thur after 5 PM
- Motion to add and agenda item. Meghana motions, Jaya seconds.

8:18 PM DEI Strategic Action Plan & Task Force 2021

- Engaging constituents in these two items would be extremely valuable
 - tf2021.mit.edu
- Think about how to engage your own communities, Yu jing will share blurbs for email or you could host office hours

8:22 PM Motion to Adjourn.

Laura motions, Jaya seconds.