



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

## 52 UA Council 20 Agenda

March 2nd, 2021, 8-9 PM ET, Zoom

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| 1. Roll Call           | 8:00 - 8:05 |
| 2. Minutes Approval    | 8:05 - 8:10 |
| 3. Climate Action Plan | 8:10 - 8:50 |
| 4. Budget Update       | 8:50 - 8:55 |
| 5. Task Force 2021     | 8:55 - 9:00 |



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<b>Living Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present?</b>
Baker	Madison Wong	Y
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y
East Campus	Brendan Vaughan	Y
MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y
New House	Duha Syar	N
New Vassar	Tina Lu	Y
Next House	Meghana Vemulapalli	N
Random Hall	Margaret (Ret) Wang	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	Y
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	Leif Clark	Y
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	Y
Panhellenic Association	Catherine Washburn	Y
Panhellenic Association	Maria Ascanio	Y

### **8:05 Meeting begins**

### **8:05 Minutes approval**

Sarah Aaronson motions, Adina seconds.

<b>Living Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present?</b>
Baker	Madison Wong	Abstain
Burton-Conner	Sarah Aaronson	Y
East Campus	Brendan Vaughan	Y
MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y
New House	Duha Syar	-
New Vassar	Tina Lu	Y
Next House	Meghana Vemulapalli	-
Random Hall	Margaret (Ret) Wang	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	Y
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	-
Interfraternity Council	Orrie Page	-
Interfraternity Council	Nick Mannhardt	-
Interfraternity Council	Max von Franque	-
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	-
Off Campus	Leif Clark	Abstain
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	Y
Panhellenic Association	Catherine Washburn	Y
Panhellenic Association	Maria Ascanio	Y

Minutes approved.

### **8:10 Climate Action Plan (CAP)**

- Extremely important that councilors reach out to constituents related to legislation
  - Need to ensure that constituents should also back the legislation
  - Reach out UA public affairs chairs if you need any guidance

- Student CAP Proposals
  - Structure & Process
    - Accountability, Representation, and Transparency are the guiding principles of this proposal
    - Propose an MIT climate council that feeds into the steering council
    - Iterative drafting process to help create a CAP that is a living plans/documents
  - Student Education
    - Classification of classes focused on/related to sustainability
    - Grant funding for professors who want to rewrite curriculum & create sustainability classes
  - On campus sustainability
    - Ambitious, quantitative institute goals for GHG emissions, water/energy consumption, waste reduction
  - Private sector engagement
    - Engagement defined under four dimensions
      - Research funding, donations, etc.
      - Stakeholder in community
      - Advising stakeholder
      - Receiving advice from stakeholders
    - 6 Standards
      - Zero tolerance for climate disinformation
      - Aggressive GHG reduction targets
      - Shouldn't promote climate denialism politically or through a think tank
      - Pro-climate forward thinking, not greenwashing
      - Zero tolerance for anti-climate policy lobbying
      - Focus on environmental justice
  - Investments
    - Transparency and public commitments (murkiness regarding endowment)
    - Climate & ESG goals for MITIMCO
    - Accountability and input
  - Public Sector
    - Many existing, decentralized engagements leading to many gaps/untapped potential
- Q&A
  - No mention of divestment in these proposals
  - How to pull out of engagements that go against standards-- MIT should start thinking about these via a committee tasked to come up with standards of engagement
    - overall committee structure will also help with transparency in decision making generally, as at the moment most of the decision making with the CAP happens via Maria Zuber, with the Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) as only an advisory body right now
  - Proposals would not force sustainability into courses they don't need to be in, rather these proposals seek to give professors resources necessary to achieve their goals
  - Why allow these proposals to change after being presented to admin? -- Because some of the standards are stringent and very ambitious, we still want to leave open the possibility for dialogue between admin and students who may disagree.
- 1st Climate Action Plan from 2015: <https://climate.mit.edu/climateaction>
- Current Proposals: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d77GMX4t-LR\\_BS80mxj9yErySPXL00hDafjQgyNtZjk/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d77GMX4t-LR_BS80mxj9yErySPXL00hDafjQgyNtZjk/edit)

- Slide decks presented at council:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FKIXsFK1X8zFdZHHBL6qmrEFelaG\\_1GVyPSYwi-A2hE/edit#slide=id.gc309aedee4\\_0\\_3799](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FKIXsFK1X8zFdZHHBL6qmrEFelaG_1GVyPSYwi-A2hE/edit#slide=id.gc309aedee4_0_3799)
- Published Tech articles: <https://thetech.com/2021/03/04/student-proposals-cap-op-ed>

**9:05 PM Task Force 2021**

- Task Force 2021 leadership visiting council in two weeks
- Councilors asked to gauge constituents on a few TF2021 proposals by next council as well
  - See email for more details

**9:06 PM Motion to Adjourn.**

Sarah motions, Jaya seconds.