



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

## 52 UA Council 7 Agenda

July 12th, 2020, 5:00-5:30 PM EDT, Zoom

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| 1. Roll Call    | 5:00 - 5:05 |
| 2. Amicus Brief | 5:05 - 5:30 |



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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	Seif Eses & Albert Gerovitch	Y
Maseeh	Zach Villaverde	N
McCormick	Afeefah & Yara Komaiha	Y
New House	Sarah Edwards	Y
Next House	Thomas Adebisi	Y
Random Hall	Sonia Reilly	Y
Simmons	Shaida Nishat	Y
Interfraternity Council	Sam Costa	Y
Interfraternity Council	Jaya Kambhampaty	Y
Interfraternity Council	Nico Salinas	Y
Interfraternity Council	Max Porlein	Y
Living Group Council	Jason Ye	Y
Off Campus	Sam D'Alanzo	Y
Panhellenic Association	Kate Nelson	N
Panhellenic Association	Stephanie Zhang	Y
Panhellenic Association	Valerie Chen	N

10 people here.

### **5:09 Amicus Brief**

- Benjamin Bret Lane explains the GSC's efforts
  - Connected with other graduate student governments
  - Amicus brief is a way to be involved in a lawsuit without being a directly involved party
  - Can present the judge with factual support for an argument of any party involved
  - Goal is to provide student stories that the judge will likely be receptive to
  - Pro-bono work from a group of lawyers including Clifford Chance as well as a boston-based firm Mintz Levin
  - Initially 10 student groups involved from many schools around the country (limited availability to onboard beyond that)
    - Including harvard grad and undergrad student governments
  - Aiming for 20 groups now since they were given more time to develop brief
  - Currently have around 10 vignettes that cover a wide array of student perspectives on the issue
    - 7 international students
    - 3 domestic students
    - 1 of these from an Iranian grad student at MIT
- Any potential downsides?
  - If the litigants felt that the amicus brief detracted from their main legal argument
    - Likely not the case because MIT general counsel is supportive of our efforts

Motion to vote on approaching to sign onto the amicus brief by Sarah Aaronson. Seconded by Jaya.

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Motion passes.

**5:30 Motion to Adjourn.**