



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

53 UA Council 3 Agenda

October 12th, 2021, 7-8 PM ET, UA Chambers

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| 1. Roll Call | 7:00 - 7:05 |
| 2. Minutes Approval | 7:05 - 7:10 |
| 3. Institute Committees | 7:10 - 7:25 |
| 4. Food Insecurity | 7:25 - 7:40 |
| 5. Undergraduate Concerns | 7:40 - 7:55 |



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Living Group	Representative	Present?
Baker	Madison Wong	Y
Burton-Conner	Ankita Devasia	-
East Campus	Brendan Vaughan	Y
MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y
New House	Christian Camacho	Y
New Vassar	Tina Lu	Y
Next House	Swapnil Garg	Y
Random Hall	Rachel Shen	Y
Simmons	Mohan Richter	-
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	Y
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	Y
Panhellenic Association	Catherine Washburn	Y
Panhellenic Association	Maria Ascanio	-

7:05 Meeting begins

7:10 Minutes approval

Living Group	Representative	Vote?
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7:11 Institute Committee Updates

- Had a lot of time conflicts, so currently have interim representatives
- Will vote offline
- CUP - Zawad and Ananya were nominated, COC - Haley and Favour were nominated, DAPER - Prosser, Council on Family and Work - Grace

7:14 Food Insecurity

- Student Financial Services Office hired a staff person who is an advisor for students
 - Wants to look at food insecurity

- Also make groups for financial education at MIT
- Daily Table exists, please pub it to your communities (it is actually at cost)
- The prices at the new restaurants in the stud are really high
- Tina: Tim's Mart (Pick 6 for New Vassar Breakfast)
 - Dormcon dining chair is working on expanding hours
- Brandon: Tech Mart was at-cost but some things were still expensive, people used to go pretty frequently and now no one goes bc it is all the way in Vassar
- There's a shuttle that will run in front of daily table

7:20 Undergraduate Concerns

- Adina - McCormick
 - Prices at the stud are really expensive
 - A lot of the dorms don't have Area Directors
- Madison - Baker
 - The prices are so high because small businesses and it's really hard to find workers
 - Everyone's just exhausted from being back in person
 - S3 has done a great job
 - '23s haven't taken a test in person not in PNR
- Catherine & Ashleigh- Panhel
 - It's really brutal to go from virtual to in-person, especially from '24s
 - Figuring out MIT all over again
 - Burnout and mental health issues
 - Restaurants in the area close early too
- Brendan - EC
 - Lots of haziness in academic violations (e.g. professors posting psets three days before they are due)
 - Bigger classes are better about it, smaller classes, it really depends on the professor
- Octavio - Maseeh
 - Long weekend was not an actual break
 - Professors have not eased back into in-person learning
 - Catherine: If people are sick and don't have COVID, they don't have resources to make up
 - Email covidclasshelp@mit.edu if there is a class issue
- Yu Jing - COVID Testing Pilot
 - Panhel - it's hard for off-campus individuals to remain on schedule
- Tina - New Vassar
 - Professor of 18.02 wanted to record their class
 - Told them the video will charge the department \$20K for the video
 - Madison: MIT encouraged people not to record
- BSU - Flyers in New House
 - Violent, racist, sexist, offensive language on the posters
 - The BSU and ASA have been talking to /will talk to New House Leadership
 - Community allowed these signs to stay up for more than 24 hours
 - New House is touted as a diverse dorm
 - Make sure there is accountability
 - For a lot of the international first-years, this was their first instance of racism in America
 - Something needs to change about the MIT undergraduate experience because if someone is comfortable enough to say that, something is wrong
 - In EC, AD checks party cultures/party emails
 - Anger behind these posters is concerning
 - Kinda reads like the worst of MIT Confessions
 - People say worse things when they think they are anonymous
 - Messaging about this is currently: don't be racist in public

- The more people that understand that this is unacceptable and reprehensible the better
- This is not a single, isolated event
- How do we deal with these events and move forward with them
- First-year opportunities to learn diversity norms - maybe they haven't gotten a chance to learn about this in the past
- Next House: someone didn't clean their dishes and expected someone else to clean it up, incorporating kitchen etiquette could help

Catherine motions to adjourn

Adina seconds