



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

53 UA Council 5 Agenda

December 7th, 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. Flu Vaccine and Booster Mandates | 7:10 - 7:20 |
| 4. COVID Policies | 7:20 - 7:30 |
| 5. Mental Wellbeing + Community Support | 7:30 - 7:40 |
| 6. Climate and Sexual Harassment | 7:40 - 7:55 |



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53 UA Council Session 3 Meeting Minutes
Oct 12th, 2021, 7-8 PM ET, UA Chambers & Zoom

Living Group	Representative	Present?
Baker	Madison Wong	
Burton-Conner	Ankita Devasia	
East Campus	Brendan Vaughan (proxy)	Y
MacGregor	Shruti Ravikumar	Y
Maseeh	Octavio Vega	Y
McCormick	Adina Golden	Y
New House	Christian Camacho	Y
New Vassar	Tina Lu	
Next House	Swapnil Garg	
Random Hall	Ret	Y
Simmons	Jordan Wilke	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	
Panhellenic Association	Ashleigh Teygong	
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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Simmons	Mohan Richter-Addo (proxy)	Y
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Council Attendance & Feedback

- When you transition your successors, please let them know that council is important
- Catherine: helpful to get information to council members earlier

Flu Vaccine & Booster Mandates

- We're mandated to get flu vaccines, 500 students haven't gotten the flu vaccine
 - Going to withhold students registration if they do not get the vaccine

- Adina: I haven't heard anything but it was really busy during the week that the flu vaccines happened
 - More on campus, e.g. in the stud where people drop off their tests
- In EC, people generally do their flu shots because it's so close to campus
- Catherine: people promoted it, it was way better than the two afternoons at the stud
- YJ: it was so much more hype two years ago - the stickers and numbers
- Adina: it's better to frame things as a reward
- Danielle: as the UA we're hoping to do an instagram campaign
- YJ: it closed too early this year, 4:30pm
- MIT is thinking about mandating the booster
 - people are somewhat more covid vaccine mandate than booster mandate
 - Some people don't want a booster bc they're concerned that if other countries don't have one, why should we get two
 - YJ: they should know what it means to get a booster/science behind it
 - People who have gotten it have been knocked out for a day
 - Not knowing what the health impacts are
 - David: If they want it to be mandated, then there should be a way for s3 to approve booster symptoms for extensions
 - Camacho: most of the booster spots were during finals week and people could not take a break
 - Kat: more people would go if there was information as to how to get an appointment off-campus
 - YJ: if they're gonna make it mandated for spring semester - there needs to be enough time for people to get it in the Spring

COVID Policies

- YJ: UA has a covid policy team set-up and they had a meeting to talk about new policy for the spring
 - Trying to figure out a way for people to have their masks off in small groups
 - Adina: instead of having pods, if you're in a small group of four people and you're in a private area
 - Catherine: also meetings on what does that mean for FSILGs
 - Disciplinary actions with larger events
 - Camacho: even in New House, a lot of people don't wear masks in community lounges
 - Adina: in discussion: on upper level floors or common areas it would be okay to not wear a mask
 - Requiring stricter rules on high-impact weeks and relaxing them after
 - Catherine: emphasis on education as far as knowing your body and circumstance
 - Being okay with putting a mask on if you've been traveling or putting a mask on
 - YJ: when you're in your own living group, it would be ideal to not wear a mask but what if people visit
 - Catherine: making sure people don't feel forced to take off their masks even if there are less intense restrictions

Mental Wellbeing & Community Support

- Free meal plan between Dec 18 - Jan 3 for on-campus students

- UA talked with Dean Randall - they have trainings
- Have you heard about students not getting all the support that they needed?
- Catherine: people would go to trainings but it's not our job to be therapists to the people around us
 - It's more important to just get mental health staff and more resources
- Danielle: students were given the option to get therapy outside of MIT and Dean Randall will be making resources for insurance
- Referrals don't always work
- MIT medical has outsourced a telehealth service which should reduce wait times

Climate and Sexual Harassment

- Danielle: We've brought up the increasing presence of sexual harassment and assault to admin and they're aware and creating trainings
 - Catherine: within sororities and IFC - it's resulted in members losing their member status
 - Don't know if it's a lapse in education - there's sexual harassment training that's mandated
 - YJ: emphasize this before rush/recruitment
 - Catherine: panel makes it clear that there are certain things that are no tolerance, respect is essential for being a part of the community
 - VPR got restructured - Kelly doesn't have much bandwidth rn but work with VPR to do better education
- YJ: could be good to do internal pulse checks

Catherine motions to adjourn, Adina seconds