



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

Cabinet Meeting 3

November 7, 2019 7:00PM in W20-400

Agenda

7:35 - 7:45 Officers' Updates & Feedback

Updates on Policy Initiatives, UA-wide Matters
Feedback from Committees

7:45 - 7:55 Committee Matters Arising

Pressing Committee-Specific Issues (outside of updates below)

7:55 - 8:25 Discussion: Internal UA Culture

Improving Cohesion within the UA
Ensuring a Safe, Fun, and Productive Environment within Committees

Attendance + Committee Updates

Committee & Chairs	Committee Updates	Present?
Alumni Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Subcommittees: Major-specific, Mentoring, Social, Engineering Challenge -CAPD Mixer on 11/7 -Possible collab w/ Innovation + Tech? 	X
Campus Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with Facilities to get our swings up! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Also hearing back on proposals for increased lighting and coniferous saplings! - Check the deck presented to Gus here! - Collab with Innovation for moss pilots 	X
Community & Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic Organizer Dinners with PKG - Self care night with Cru and the SPXCE - Connecting with URM groups on campus - Departmental Support Project analysis - Gender Neutral Bathrooms project progression 	X
Community Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning a hunger banquet with PKG - Setting up service series for next semester - Committee publicity 	
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Subcommittees: Student/faculty interactions, grade transparency, mid-semester evaluations, advising, violations -Emailed faculty about informal evaluations -Planning physics mixer for early spring 	X
Events		
Finboard		
Innovation	<p>To share three key updates from the past month:</p> <p>First, we welcomed 12 new members to UA Innovation. A wonderful diverse group of students</p>	X

from all parts of our MIT community

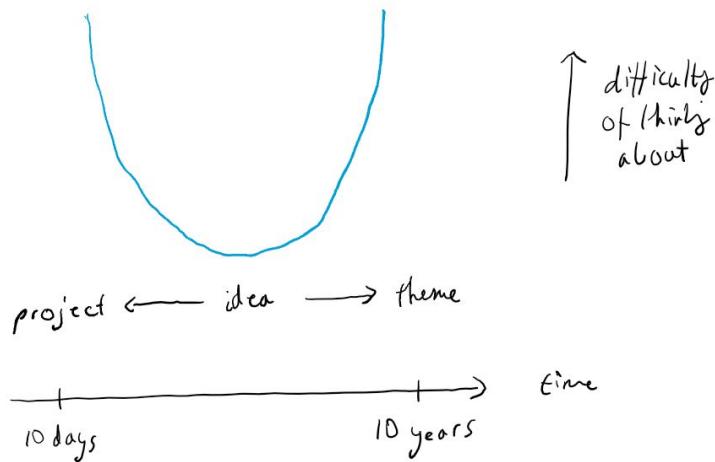


Our onboarding meeting (10/15)

Second, our eight existing projects have been making good progress: *Banana Lounge* celebrated 100k bananas delivered and a quarter million student visits, back in October (10/25); *Arts* built and deployed a mobile cart with art supplies for campus; *Infinite Space* is working with OEL to engage students on issues around the world; *Good Grub* has been working with “6am health,” the company that makes the new vending machines

we've been trialling; *Spaces of Quiet* has completed work on the Walker Quiet Space and is working to ensure space is available for peace 24/7; *Community Centers* has had a number of meetings with faculty; *Innovation Challenge* has started thinking where to take things next; and more

Third, we've been continuing to evolve our team to better work on big and meaningful challenges facing students. Operating with the vision of "our heads in the clouds; and hearts on the ground, serving people here and now," we are launching ten new projects focused on making a difference in both the next 10 days and the next 10 years



These revolve around our five key values in UA Innovation: 1. bringing people together, 2. universal access to resources, 3. connection to real world issues, 4. feeling empowered to make a difference, and 5. seeing things with perspective and empathy

We started this process last week (10/28), so exact problem statements are still being decided. The first seven projects revolve around: students feeling like they have the "time" to work on things they care about; being more aware of the world outside of MIT; feeling happy; not going hungry; helping students find peace; challenging ideas and beliefs; and connecting students past freshman year

Involvement	<p>Members have started individual projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interconnectedness between committees - Greater presence of UA for student body - Events for students to connect with UA - Raising awareness for social issues - Website for feedback from students - Clarify information on UA committees roles - Develop more direct contact with Admin 	X
Public Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Terrabyte on MIT app -Coffee with city councillor series 	
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reps attended Students for Zero Waste conference Oct 11-13th @ UPenn - GBM #2 @ ESI on Nov 2nd, with MIT Divest, MIT Waste Watchers, ESI as guest groups - Upcoming major events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nov 21st - UASP Thrift x Choose to Reuse popup in Stata (by curved mirror, under paper cranes) - Trashion Show Dec 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 designs will be shown at Hacking Arts on Dec 8th - social events: had trip to Arboretum Nov 3rd; upcoming: garden cook and eat, beeswrap making session, splash lesson demo, white elephant 	X
Wellness		
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Boba and Tech (publicity event Nov 22) -BetterMIT with Innovation -met with Outlit -moving forward with online advisor project 	X

Minutes

- 7:41 Cabinet Begins
 - Officer Updates:
 - Headshots happened today, send one if you couldn't make it
 - Let us know if you want website updated
 - Student Committee Interviews, position to be slated and voted on by undergraduates
 - Interviews with MIT Global for better messaging

- UA Alumni Affairs
 - Engineering social good hackathon
 - Working with subcommittees
 - Meet with Outlit app team
- UA Involvement
 - Study Break just happened
 - Collaboration between committees (mixer in the future)
- November 21st Mixer instead of Cabinet
 - Sharing policy initiatives on big post it notes
 - Physical calendar of UA wide events
 - Clay molding
 - “Potluck” where each committee brings something that represents them
- How to deal with website feedback responses
 - Divide by committee so they can be distributed and implemented
- The Byte:
 - Highlight one campus resource every week
 - Explain why you would go to this resource
- Bylaws (both those of committees and the UA):
 - Clearer pathway for removal
 - One POC (in addition to officer and JudBoard support)
- Have Leah send out an email
 - Invite her to comm meetings
- All UA Calendar events and meetings
- Committee cohesion
 - Checking in on people who do not come
 - Creating social connections within committee
 - Formalize process of removing someone from a committee
- Mission statement to sign when committee members join
 - Keep it actual contract succinct
 - Link it to larger code of conduct
 - Hazing and Harassment policies
- Diversity in the UA
 - Gender-Imbalance within the committee
 - Changes to the application process, hierarchy, campus presence
 - Looking into past data on membership

- Branding
 - More effort to cohesively brand committees
 - Pub everywhere to help with retention and recruitment
- UA Centralization
 - Committees host UA wide social events (ex. sustain)
 - Design permanent touches to UA projects (plaques, laser cut, etc.)
- Training for Chairs
 - Diversity, VPR Training, AODS, MedLinks, Title VI, Pleasure, Lean on Me, PeerEars
 - Spring UA Chairs Retreat?
 - Fair?