# 54 UA Council #1 Agenda

*Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:00pm | W20-400*

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8:06 meeting started

8:11 minutes approval

Meeting Schedule
- David: Upcoming dates are 10.26, 11/30, 12/14
- Shruti: will be sending our UA Council overview sheet
- Shruti: Send in a picture if you would like to be featured on the UA website

State of the UA (David):
- Met with admin regarding campus access and covid-19 management
- Planned in-person retreat (Kanoe)
- Organized the UA budget (Favour)
- Found representatives for:
  - Institute Committees representatives
  - Committee chairs
- Presidential Search undergraduate town hall
- UA Leadership forums: met with Senator Edwards, will be meeting with Representative Livingstone
- Did some speaking in DC and LA

Today:
- Kicked off dei session at orientation
- Welcomed class of 2026
- Nominated 1st slate of institute committee reps
- Cleaned the office
- Ua recruitment
- Met provost barnhart about campus access
- Started meeting as
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- Send in updates for the UA Byte

Judicial Review Board
- Judicial Review Board needs an odd number of UA reps
- Will be taking a vote to confirm new candidates, and one returning member
- Returning member: Emma Wang % 2023,
  - New member: Ellie Rabenold
- Council expanded jud board in 2019

UA Standing Committees
- David introduced the new cochairs of each committee: C&D, Community Service, Education, Finboard, Innovation, Public Affairs, Sustainability, and Wellcomm
- Innovation only has one chair at the moment since the past cochair stepped down over the summer
- Shruti: according to the bylaws, council has 7 days to pose any objections

**Class Council & Election Commission Update**
- Just confirmed an election commissioner today night
- Class of 2026 needs to have their council elections, petitions due the first Monday of October, with petitions released at least 4 days prior
- Hoping to extend the petition period, with petitions due Tuesday instead of Monday, pushing the election back one day
- Simmons: why are petitions important?
  - Shruti: unknown for sure, hoping to make bylaws edits soon
  - David: Possibly to incentivize only people who really want the role to be a candidate

**Institute Committees**
- Lexi: Introductions to the institute committees,
- First applications sent out over spring, later second round sent out
- David: will be sending out the IC nomination report, is a population vote

**F23 UA Budget Proposal**
- Favour: Proposing the UA budget for the school year 2022-2023
- The whole officer team worked to put together the budget
  - Alumni affairs: 1500
  - C&D: 3750
  - Community service: 2,100
  - Education: $6,600
  - Finboard: $450,000
  - Innovation: $28,650
  - Involvement: $1,650
  - Public Affairs: $1,950
  - Wellbeing: $2,700
  - Sustainability: $24,020
  - Officers: $29,856
  - ASA: $10,100
- Total: $562,926
  - New fund: $400,232
  - UA Reserves: $162,694
- Money pulled out of the reserves should not necessarily be a precedent for future years
- This is also a population vote (7 days)
- For questions, reach out to Favour
**Freedom of Expression Report**
- Report has been released, David was one of the partners involved
- Pretty lengthy report
- Shruti: Report was long, not many undergrads are likely to have read it, not very accessible
- Share with your constituents if you’d like and get a feel for their thoughts
- Favour: read the 2 page statement
- Feel free to share opinions
- David: possibly look into the scenarios at the end

**Campus Access**
- David, Shruti, and President/VP of GSC met with Provost Barnhart on Monday
  - Plans are not permanent
  - This was unclear initially
  - Working on a survey to send out to MIT community members to gauge opinions/priorities
  - Would Council be okay piloting this survey?
    - East Campus: is GSC also doing this? Answer: yes
    - Carolina: can we ask that the results of this survey be made public?
  - David: met with various stakeholders:
    - Some faculty were unsatisfied
    - Alumni association were also unsatisfied with reduced campus access
    - GSC: also upset about the situation
    - Reached out to Cambridge city council: No response, will try to find other ways to get the opinions of the broader Cambridge community
    - Many of the stakeholders had similar viewpoints
  - Simmons: many people in Simmons against the idea
    - Also very easy to ignore the policy going through side doors, etc
  - East Campus: members also don’t agree with the policy: don’t increase safety, and issues with technology/IDs make campus inaccessible
    - Places like the stud, banana lounge becoming increasingly inaccessible
    - Performance groups suffering under new CAC policies, booking rooms, etc.
  - LGC: some apathy, lots of dislike towards the policy, no positive opinions towards the current policy
  - Shruti: There will be an opportunity to potentially change the policy through the survey

**Presidential Search Committee (PSC)**
- Composition: 9 corporation members, 8 faculty, 1 undergrad, 1 grad student, 1 staff, Student advisory committee: (2 more undergrads, 2 more grad students)
  - First time that students have had representation on the committee
- Admin not involved: conflicts of interest
- Led by John Jarve, Diane Greene, Lily Tsai
- June-July: Community Engagement
  - 12 student engagement sessions
- July-August: attributes formulation and thought leader conversations
- September: formulation of interview questions and thought leader conversations
- November: hopefully new president!
- Executive committee will have the final confirmation vote
- Psc-sac@mit.edu - students on the committee
- pres-search@mit.edu - committee
- LGC: is there a list of thought leaders/groups that you’ve talked to?
  - YJ: lots of confidentiality around the process, some thought leaders are candidates
  - YJ: tried to ensure that there was an array of diverse voices

Logan motion to adjourn, Nick seconded
8:56 council concluded