54 UA Council 6 Agenda
March 7th, 2023, 8:00 - 9:00pm

1. Roll Call 8:00 - 8:05
2. Minutes Approval 8:05 - 8:10
3. State of the UA 8:10 - 8:15
4. Elections 8:15 - 8:20
5. Budget Report 8:20 - 8:30
6. P/VP Stipend 8:30 - 8:40
7. UA Governance Working Group 8:45 - 8:50
8. UA Public Affairs 8:50 - 8:55
9. JudBoard Reserve Pool 8:55 - 9:00

State of the UA
- David: Focus areas
  - Committee Highlights
    - Travel Grants
    - Student Faculty Dinner
    - Banana Lounge
  - Admin Relationships
    - Worked on getting Kornbluth adjusted and focused on undergrad topics
    - Will be involved in her inauguration
  - Timely topics
    - Communicating undergrad sentiments around affirmative action
    - W20 renovations
  - Future of the UA
    - Elections soon
- Governing documents
  - Capacity building
    - Connecting with SOLE and director of leadership

- **David: UA Elections**
  - Run & encourage people to run! UA experience is not required, just looking for passion and being willing and able to advocate!
  - Schedule in slide deck
  - David & Shruti have been holding mixer meetings for candidates

- **Favour: Budget Report**
  - See slide deck
  - Reallocation of unused funds by inactive committees to UA committees that need it (especially FinBoard and the new UA History & Research committee)

- **Shruti: Council Overview**
  - Legislative branch of the UA
  - Meeting agendas usually include
    - Updates from the UA
    - Discuss issues affecting dorms or MIT
    - Gives approval for legislative action
    - More info on overview doc! & please respond to Shruti with picture for UA website

- **Carolina: P/VP Funding Proposal**
  - See slide deck for proposal
  - Reach out to Carolina (ua-coo@mit.edu) if interested in advocating for paid labor for MIT student leaders
  - Where does the UA money come from?
    - Mostly from student life fee and other sources
    - Trying to figure out how the student life fees are allocated
    - Student life fee goes to UA as well as MIT Medical, DAPER, etc.
    - Used to be funded by Fall Career Fair → transition to the New Fund
  - Is there a target amount to go into the reserves every year?
    - Whatever is left over goes to the reserve
    - Comment: nothing against the proposal but why aren’t more funds given to student groups?
    - Re: unused funds by clubs return to the UA and 80-85% of UA budget goes to FinBoard which goes to clubs
  - Would the vote on UA P/VP funds be about if they’ll be receiving funds or on the logistics?
    - Vote will be on if they receive funds
    - Officers will work out logistics with SOLE then present options to Council
  - Where does the UA P/VP time commitment come from?
    - E.g. in a week: 12 hours meetings (DSL, HRS, Dining, Chancellor Team, IS&T, UA Cabinet, UA Council, UA Officers), 4 administrative (agendas,
RFPs, emails, bookings), 10–12 hours on projects (e.g. election commission, dining, preferred names of graduates read at commencement, printing)
- Grad students get administrative assistant through the Office of Graduate Education, however, we don’t have one
  - What is the Bush Fund used for?
    - Expenses that fall out of the UA budget: chargers/tech for the office, Officer/GSC social dinners, professional development, supplemental funds for 2022 Ukraine Fundraiser
    - Contention due to a past President using it for Fraternity & Housing fees; primarily used for professional development now
  - Offline vote to be sent out
- **David: UA Governance Working Group**
  - Governing documents are obsolete and confusing – want to establish a review process
  - Email ua-officers@mit.edu to join
- **Paul & Kim: UA Public Affairs**
  - [Policy Platform](#)
  - Please talk to constituents and get feedback
  - Example of UAPA advocacy success: Advocated for increased travel budget in financial aid and will be increasing in the future!
  - Is Council the only source of input?
    - Student feedback gathered through things like a town hall, the exact process will be determined through an internal process
- **David: JudBoard Reserve Pool**
  - Reserve Pool Nominees on slide
  - Approval vote will be offline
- **David: Next council**
  - Will be discussing free expression – it would be appreciated if people come with reflections on how it has been in dorms