



Undergraduate Association Monthly Report

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President

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Past Month:

This past month I have been working with students and administrators to bring a low-cost grocery store to campus. We've been scouting possible locations, designing a student staffing model and brainstorming products to sell. We're hoping to launch next school year! In addition, with the Graduate Student Council, we've been exploring new grocery shuttle options and are hoping to start a new shuttle to Market Basket next year.

I've also been working with other students to create a fund to provide ticket subsidies for students who cannot afford event tickets. We've been piloting this with Senior Ball this month and have partnered with S³ to distribute tickets in order to ensure all seniors can attend the event!

We're also working to collect feedback on SafeRide in order to assess the pilot on-demand system and shuttle service generally.

Current Projects:

This last month I plan to help transition the new UA leaders as they plan for the year ahead!

Vice President

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Past Month:

During the past month I worked with Sarah and other students and admins to develop a survey that will be sent to all students regarding SafeRide and on campus transportation. We are assessing students' wants and needs so we can develop the best solution moving forward.

I have continued to work on SLAing for the Designing the First Year Experience course. We have set up meetings for students to present at in the coming month including a Corporation Meeting, Academic Council Meeting, and Faculty Meeting.

I continued to work on organizing MIT I Messed Up (MIMU) with the UA Committee on Community & Diversity and the four class councils. The event will be happening this Tuesday (May 1st) at 6:00pm on Kresge Lawn.

I worked with other students and admins on the finalization of the new dining vendor that will be taking over Retail and House Dining- we selected Compass Group and they will be coming onboard this Fall.

Current Projects:

Currently I am working with Kat to plan for next year. This includes selecting our new officer team and committee chairs and beginning to ensure proper transitioning occurs in the organization. We are going to be having a dinner for the incoming committee chairs this Sunday in order to get them some information that will allow for efficient work to occur over the summer. I have also been working with the incoming Treasurer on finalizing our budget that we will apply to get approved for from a board of students and admins in the coming weeks.

Internally in the UA I am also working with other members on the creation of a UA bible for members to be able to share resources with each other. We are also looking at ways to re do the office over the summer in order to make it a more popular spot on campus- it's open to all Undergraduates 9am - 5pm on weekdays.

Finally, I am going to be meeting with the Office of the Vice Chancellor's Visiting Committee in the next week. We have solidified our presentation that we will give which includes recommendations that we think will benefit the student body.

Chief of Staff

Mo Eltahir

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Past Month:

Presented the confidentiality policy to the Faculty Policy Committee and to chairs of Standing Faculty committees. I also worked with people from DSL and VPR in order to help design programming for Peer Mentors in dorms centered around bystander training. I also created and sent out an application for the 2018-2019 Institute Committees.

Current Projects:

Will spend the next couple of weeks promoting the Institute Committee Application to specific groups. Interviews will start the week of May 6th and we will have a slate by the following weekend.

Treasurer

Jonathan Coden**Email:** ua-treasurer@mit.edu**Past Month:**

This past month I focused on rolling out the Travel Grant program as well as overseeing the allocation process. The other project I've been focused on is helping the next officer team build an excellent budget for the next year as we transition student funding to the New Fund.

Secretary**Kathryn Jiang****Email:** ua-secretary@mit.edu**Past Month:**

The Designing the First Year class is starting to report out to different administrators and groups on campus, including the Visiting Committee for the Office of the Vice Chancellor, Academic Council, faculty meeting, and MIT Corporation.

The undergrad subgroup of the Career Exploration and Services Committee is collecting information about the current career exploration offerings for undergrads, such as career fairs, clubs, and formal programs, in order to understand how these activities vary by students in different years, departments, socio-economic status, etc. We are also conducting a literature scan to see what are impactful programs for students to choose career paths.

I've been providing feedback on a range of educational initiatives, including a workshop on NEET, the New Engineering Education Transformation program, and the new degree in Urban Science and Planning with Computer Science. More broadly, I'm been considering different models for integrating CS into different departments and majors, whether that be through the computational thinking GIR or through joint majors.

Current Projects:

The UA is compiling all of its resources to create an internal wiki for committee chairs and committee members. This would help with transitioning and onboarding, as we are also in the middle of transitioning new committee chairs for next year. I'll also be continuing to help present the FYE course findings to different groups.

Assistant Officer on Diversity**Citlali Trigos-Raczkowski****Email:** ua-diversity@mit.edu**Past Month:**

This month we finalized the Latinx fly-in program Sin Limite, bringing in 37 admitted students to campus for the first weekend of April. Afterwards, I worked with Admissions and the LCC to sift through the student and prefrash feedback in order to advocate for steady funding.

Current Projects:

For the next month, I will be working to reach out to student leaders on campus to gather expectations for this role and reflect on how this position can greater influence and help students and campus climate. Because the position is so new, one of the major roles is setting your own goals for the year. Looking forward to a new officer team coming in, I'll be working with Mo to help set these.

Student Support and Wellness Committee

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Past Month:

UA Student Support and Wellness has had two main projects in the past month. Firstly, we released a tutoring survey to the undergraduate student body that is currently live. Second, we did a photo and red flag campaign for sexual assault awareness month. The photos from the campaign can be found on the UA Facebook page and the red flag campaign was held on Kresge. In addition, we discussed with Vice Chancellor Ian Waitz how active listening can be incorporated into the first year experience.

Current Projects:

We are continuing to gather responses to the tutoring survey, and in collaboration with the Vice Chancellor's office are surveying academic administrators to understand both tutoring perspectives. We are collaborating with MindHandHeart and MIT Facilities to widen the scope of the initial pilot project plan and to secure permanent funding for a campus-wide free sanitary hygiene program.

Committee on Community Service

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Past Month:

This past month we celebrated the Together In Service Initiative. We interviewed many student representatives of different groups on campus that work to make the local or global community a better place. We then compiled our findings into a brochure and gave them to students at our booth in the student center. We concluded the week with a service trip to Fresh Pond Reservation!

Current Projects:

Currently, we are planning a guest speaker event for May 2nd to talk about what life before, during, and after the MA prison system is like. Please join us 7:30-8:30pm in 4-273!

Public Affairs Committee

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Past Month:

Over the past month, we held a CPW breakfast and spoke with a lot of pre-frosh interested in joining the UA. We have continued to publish the TerraByte and recently received 700+ views on our last post!

Current Projects:

As the year come to an end, we will be holding an event in Stata on May 3 to encourage more people to subscribe to the TerraByte and survey what the general student body's opinions on current city and national politics. We are also prepping for some guest speaker events for the fall.

Events Committee

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Past Month:

We have been organizing springfest and the springfest week of events. It required lots of logistical booking of locations, publicity, getting contracts, and ordering food.

Current Projects:

We just completed our springfest week of and the concert event. Next week we will be holding our internal elections and then we will continue with our transition to next year's boards process. We will also start looking for fall fest comedy artist.

Marketing Committee

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Past Month:

Marketing has been completing all new branding materials for the UA. We will be finishing all internal information by May 1st, however, complete roll-out of branding will not be introduced until next semester in the fall. We also completed materials for UA Alumni Affair's alumni lunches and MIMU.

Current Projects:

In the last month, we will be discussing higher-level changes to the UA website as well as future plans for next semester.

Technology Systems Group Committee

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Past Month:

For the past month we have been continuing to support and revise the on demand saferide system. We have also continued to work on the MIT App Store, and have been circulating a feedback survey on the MIT Mobile app. If you haven't filled it out yet, check it out here (<https://bit.ly/2HBx8Zt>) or find it in the Byte or Anno!

Current Projects:

We are prepping for some large projects next year, including the BetterMIT Hackathon, a tedx speaker series and the MIT App Store beta launch. If you are interested in learning more or contributing over the summer, feel free to send us an email.

Alumni Affairs Committee

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Past Month:

We had our first MIT Better World alumni panelist lunch focused around the health of the planet. We discussed how we can each play a part in the effort to protect our planet. We have begun to planning for our next lunch focused on innovation and entrepreneurship taking place May 12.

Current Projects:

We are collaborating with the MIT Alumni Association to put on an accessing your alumni network information session. In addition, we are in talks with the Boston MIT alumni association to put on events with them.

Innovation Committee

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Past Month:

We launched a prototype lounge space in 26-110 ("Compton lounge") as a space to experiment with ideas we are researching for our *Future Space* report (due out this month). We are seeing about a thousand unique students use the space each week. Dean of Student Life Suzy Nelson generously gave \$1,000 and helped extend permissions to keep the space open till the end of the semester. We are working to create more such spaces (and keep Compton up-and-running permanently) and are continuing our research and outreach--we are hearing great feedback within Compton, are looking to launch an all undergrads survey next week (currently working with MIT Institutional Research) and hope to further extend involvement.

We presented a progress report to the Committee on Student Life (CSL) Friday 4/20 and are preparing a follow-up presentation for this Friday 5/4 with the Campus Planning Committee and the student representatives on CSL, Priyanka Chatterjee G, '16, Bruke Kifle '19, Caroline Mak '18, and Daniel Yahalomi '18.

We also met with local VC firms including Highland Capital Partners and Matrix Partners to discuss how we can better connect students with funding. In progress.

Current Projects:

As above, and planning for MIT Innovation Week 2019.

Involvement Committee

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Past Month:

Discussed with Verdes management options for student input and potential areas of improvement. Gauged what aspects of Verdes management is most interested in hearing student input about.

Current Projects:

Working to accumulate student body opinions on Verdes food options, pricing, and hours. Planning end of year UA party!

Financial Board

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Past Month:

Finboard made allocations for the UA Travel Grant in the first pilot cycle of the new program. Over 15 MIT students successfully requested funding through the Travel Grant.

In addition, I met with several student groups over the last month to explain Finboard's Funding Guidelines, continued correspondences with several student groups adjusting to the Pilot, and met with and oriented several of Finboard's new Audit-Team members as part of our ongoing auditing initiative.

Current Projects:

I am currently working with SAO to acquire all Pilot/Funding Accounts for each student group so we will no longer be reliant on the ASA for this information. As soon as I can determine this information, Finboard will offer several spreadsheets detailing groups' involvement in the Pilot and Funding Account numbers on its webpage.

Finboard will review the results of the UA Travel Grant and revise the program as needed over the next month to ensure that the program is fulfilling its goals of effectively offering professional advancement opportunities to deserving MIT undergraduates. Concurrent auditing of the two groups chosen last semester and two new groups chosen this semester is ongoing. Our incoming Chair has been chosen, and the rest of our future exec will be determined in the next few days.

Sustainability Committee

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Past Month:

Our Earth Day ESI booths were a success! The event attracted over 300 people including many young children and people of all ages loved making terrariums and doing sustainability-related trivia. We also recently had a successful Charles river clean-up. One Sustainable World planning also continues avidly.

Current Projects:

Trash2Treasure organization is going ahead at full speed. Look forward to putting your items in reuse rather than throwing them out at the end of the semester! Our Outreach subcommittee is having a Blue Planet screening on May 5th. Our Garden subcommittee continues to work on putting up a Green Wall in MIT Medical. Along with all of this, One Sustainable World is coming up very very quickly!

Campus Planning

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Past Month:

- Concluded dining vendor review
- Elected chair and vice chair positions for 2018-2019 academic year

Current Projects:

- Planning May 4th presentation on “Student Centers at Peer Institutions” for the Committee of Student Life; hope to more effectively use space to ensure students from different spheres of campus interact regularly
- Designing Rebecca’s in Walker Memorial