

UA Monthly Report

October 2018

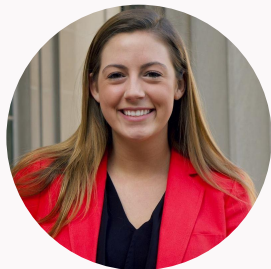


UA Officers

UA Officers work on policies and ensure the organization is running smoothly.



President



Alexa Martin

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Past Month

- 10/2 Discussed policy changes in travel for student groups
- 10/4 Ran the First Year Experience forum with the Office of the Vice Chancellor
- 10/11 Ran the Welcome dinner, attended by ~50 of our new committee members
- 10/15 Attended Committee on Commencement Meeting to discuss ways to make commencement shorter and more enjoyable for students & families
- 10/16 Attended an all staff Student Support & Wellness Meeting to discuss an idea to physically group together MIT's support resources
- 10/25 Presented on the role of student leaders at a J-WEL panel
- Gave feedback on the College of Computing and ensured avenues for student input during the creation of the College and search process for the new Dean
- Met with President, Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, VPSL, and the Corporation

Current Projects

- 11/7 & 11/28 upcoming UA Council meetings
- Working on OVC/UA co-sponsored dinners to discuss the first year experience
- Upcoming Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
- Will continue to meet with admins and advocate for undergraduates



Vice President



Kat Jiang

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Past Month

- 10/3, 10/18 Brainstormed ways to increase student involvement in the UA, set expectations, show appreciation, and reward committee members in Cabinet
- 10/4 Ran the First Year Experience forum with the Office of the Vice Chancellor
- 10/11 Ran the Welcome dinner, attended by ~50 of our new committee members
- 10/19 Helped interview applicants for the Vice Chancellor Advisory Committee
- 10/25 Presented on the role of student leaders at a J-WEL panel
- Gave feedback on the College of Computing and ensured avenues for student input during the creation of the College and search process for the new Dean
- Sat in on committee meetings to meet new committee members
- Met with IR to discuss best practices for UA-run surveys
- Distributed to-go ware packs and started using the dishware borrowing program for all meetings to make the UA more sustainable

Current Projects

- 11/1, 11/15: Upcoming Cabinet meetings with all committee chairs
- Planning November UA GBM
- Mid-semester reflection for committee chairs



Chief of Staff



MJ Porzenheim

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Past Month

- Interviewed and selected nominees to Vice Chancellor's Advisory Committee
- Helped review SAGE applications
- Attended the usual slew of meetings (CUP, etc.)
- Began coordinating with Education on advising project.. Recruiting people to work on departmental advising

Current Projects

- Mid-semester check ins with Institute Committees
- Working with Education on an advising project... or maybe giving this to Education wholecloth? @Jingwei!



Secretary



Mahi Elango

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Past Month

- Continued sending out issues of *The Byte*
- Worked with UA Public Affairs Committee to send Midterm Elections information
- Met with administration on improving the Shuttle system
- Met with CAC, UA Campus Planning Committee, and others, on first and fifth floor renovations in the Student Center
- Met with TechMart Committee on improvements and creating a sustainable student-run model

Current Projects

- Continue working on above projects
- Work with UA Involvement Committee to create “thought leaders” on campus to open a more diverse and direct line of communication between the UA and students to hear what and where students need UA support
- Look at ways to update the UA Office (W20-401), and create office guidelines



Assistant Officer on Diversity



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Past Month

- Reaching out to the different diverse groups around campus
- Setting up a bystander intervention pilot for several dorms in campus

Current Projects

- Provide input on ICEO search
- Researching into graduation achievement gap
- Continuing to reach out to cultural groups with a focus on housing

UA Cabinet Committees

Cabinet Committees represent students in a given area to people outside of the UA.



Campus Planning



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Past Month

- Had first committee-wide meeting
- Gauged interest and identified 4 key projects with dedicated, assigned teams

Current Projects

- Social spaces
- Outdoor spaces
- Signage/maps
- Public/student art

Education



Jingwei Ma

Past Month

- Sent out dinners email to undergrads, posters for dinners are out
- New violations officers met with Tami Kaplan to violations reporting resources

Current Projects

- Grade transparency and student-faculty interaction: Currently in research/planning phase
- Plan a discussion forum for grade transparency in this semester



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Innovation



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Team internal: project teams created, members have chosen their projects for the semester; new members have been assigned mentors; Chair has met with 22 from 30 new members one-on-one to discuss goals and how the committee can serve them

Arts: hanging of student art in Compton underway

betterMIT: planning underway for Spring '19 programming with UA Technology

Compton ("banana lounge"): deal with new banana supplier (*CA Produce/Yell-O-Glow*) in progress (7% cheaper; better quality; and with delivery included); more plants en route; finalizing daily cleaning routine with *MIT Recycling* and *MIT Facilities*; sleep and meditation study breaks coming up with *MIT Medical* and *Mind Hand Heart*; stress-relieving toys add (donated by *Mind Hand Heart*); hit 25,000 bananas delivered on Sunday 10/28

Food: Life Alive stepped out of the pilot program to bring better food to campus (too many orders for them to handle); are reaching out to other vendors

Space of quiet: under development with the *Office of Religious, Spiritual, & Ethical Life*. Survey and student outreach later in November

Social space: met with MIT Corporation; Associate Provost Krystyn Van Vliet

A number of other projects are also underway but still being defined. To be detailed in the November report



Public Affairs



Grace Chuan

Past Month

- Created educational materials about voting in midterm elections
- Developed 3 projects for this year
 - Expand TerraByte
 - Advocate for STEM education reform in Cambridge
- Boston City Council Initiative- Working with MIT Greek Life to facilitate advocacy for students living across the river and not living on campus.



Ashti Shah

Current Projects

- Working on expanding TerraByte; collab with UA marketing to create a web-based platform for our posts, integrating our articles into the MIT app

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Sustainability



Avital Baral

Past Month

- Ran Fenway cleanup event
- Meetings with GSC sustainability, MIT Office of Sustainability to collaborate on projects including reusables at campus vendors, Sustainability-focused campus tours
- UA Garden Tomato Sale



Rebecca Grekin

Current Projects

- Dishware loaner program for student group gatherings
- Trashion Show planning
- Sustainability student groups mixer

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Student Support & Wellness



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Past Month

- Recruited six new members to committee from previously under-represented groups
- Held discussion at UA council regarding depiction of Gandhi in MIT Medical mural

Current Projects

- MIT Medical mural
- Student Mental Health & Counseling Services poster campaign of survey data
- Free sanitary hygiene products on campus



UA Operations Committees

Operations Committees improve the efficiency and ability of the UA.



Alumni Affairs



Grace Hsu

Past Month

- Inducted 12 new committee members
- Brainstormed new projects to focus on for Fall and Spring

Current Projects



Michelle Menkiti

- SAA + UA Better World Panel Series (Nov3)
- Preparing for the Next Panel (Dec)
- Finalizing Projects, and determining group members to head them

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Community Service



Lucy Liao

Past Month

- Got community service chair contacts for all fraternities and sororities
- Began process to recruit community chairs in dorms
- Set up Instagram account to publicize on-campus community service events



Aaron Robles

Current Projects

- Reach out to contacts in sororities and dorms to arrange a meeting together
- Looking into arranging a community service event with Mass Audubon
- Looking into quality content for Instagram page!

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Events



Alby Joseph

Past Month

- Organized Fall Study Break for undergraduates on Halloween (10/31) on Kresge Oval
- Celebrated Halloween by giving out apple cider, munchkins, candy, and pumpkins to undergrads
- Collaborated with UA Involvement to get student feedback at the study break



Alice Zhang

Current Projects

- In the process of planning annual Tech Twinkles Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Reaching out to wellness groups on campus to collaborate on the event
- Working on SpringFEST survey to gauge student music interests

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Finboard



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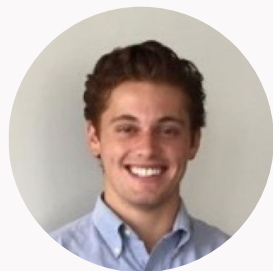
Past Month

- Finalized Fall allocations (preliminary and appeals)
- Recruited new student group liaisons and members of the audit team

Current Projects

- We are working on ironing out all of the UA Travel grant logistics and getting new members up to date on our process
- We will likely be expanding the audit process in this month to include more student groups with the increase in size of our team.

Involvement



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Past Month

- Welcomed 5 new committee members and began to hash out different project ideas for members to pursue

Current Projects

- 11/2 Boba + Movie Night
- 10/31 Study Break w/ Events Committee w/ Comment Box
- Developing Actionables for each of committee goals/initiatives to pursue over the rest of the semester

Marketing



Clare Liu

Past Month

- Student-Faculty Dinner pub materials
- MIT Better World Alumni Panel Series informational posters

Current Projects

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- UA Zine
- UA Door Signs

Technology



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Past Month

We have continued to plan our community focused makeathon. We decided to push back the launch of our 'App Store' in favor of a slightly more complex, but robust system. While revising our approach, we have also been exploring features to implement, and rebranding.

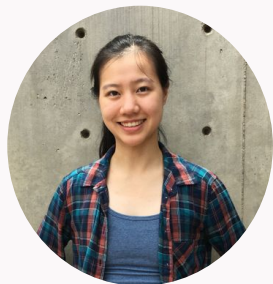
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We will continue to make progress on both our student tool and the community makeathon. Our latest iteration of the system can be thought of as an MIT specific implementation of Quora, with the goal of making information and resources at MIT more accessible.



Tea with Teachers



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Past Month

- Meeting and welcoming new Members!

Current Projects

- New onboarding training for new members especially in videography
- Finishing edits for last years filmed videos

Thanks for reading!

If you have ideas for projects to work on or ways to improve your experience at MIT, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us.

