

# UA Monthly Report

April 2019



# UA Officers

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



# President



Alexa Martin

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## Past Month

- Continued giving feedback on commencement changes
- Finished wellbeing hub proposal
- Worked with dorm presidents to get feedback regarding housing changes and communicated feedback with the administration
- Helped publicize the AAU survey on sexual misconduct
- Ensured elections for the UA were executed
- Provided feedback on meal plan changes
- Met with clubs most affected by the proposal for ASA bylaw changes and communicated back with ASA

## Current Projects

- Transition the next leadership



# Vice President



Kat Jiang

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## Past Month

- Planned student leadership transition training
- Wrapping up final Career Exploration and Services Committee report with recommendations on a career exploration fair and centralized hub
- Continued giving feedback to the Shuttle Committee

## Current Projects

- Working to ensure a smooth transition for the new committee chairs and officer team

# Treasurer



Ricardo Villareal

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## Past Month

- Process reimbursements for campaign costs for most recent election cycle.

## Current Projects

- Begin working on budget for next year with newly appointed Treasurer.
- Update Engage membership with new Committee Chairs.
- Ensure all Committees have correct financial signatories to streamline reimbursement processes next year.

# Secretary



Mahi Elango

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## Past Month

- Continued giving feedback to the Shuttle Committee
- 2nd floor Lobdell Working Group

## Current Projects

- Conducting interviews for and nominating UA officers, committee chairs, and students on Institute Committees
- Setting up transition meetings and building groundwork for next year's UA President term

# UA Cabinet Committees

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



# Education



Jingwei Ma

## Past Month

- Met with the Registrar Office to talk about subject evaluation improvements
- Finished a report on improving departmental advising
- Met with the Vice Chancellor about mid-semester subject evaluation and started a collaboration



Daiyao Zhang

## Current Projects

- Violations
- Meet with MindHandHeart and decide which department to pilot advising with
- Mid-semester subject evaluation
- Preparing a subject evaluation survey report for undergrads to see
- Planning a student-faculty mixer for next semester



# Innovation



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**Team internal:** started running collaboration meetings where each subteam runs an incomm-all meeting, cycling weekly; thinking about the latest MIT Enrolled Students Survey (ESS) numbers on student sadness (one-third of students have, in the past year, often or very often felt very sad)

**Arts at MIT:** mural collaboration with *Borderlines* underway (painting ongoing in the banana lounge); procured a piano (free) to be placed around campus for free play ([mitpiano\\_project](#)); exploring mobile art carts and the long-term creation of art makerspaces; preparing survey

**Banana lounge:** hosting Banana Lounge anniversary on Friday (5/3) + cardboard box hackathon on Saturday (5/4); working with *ActiveMinds* in response to notes of students struggling in the lounge + put out student help resources; daily showcase of where bananas are from + the people behind them; working with suppliers to increase quality and reduce food waste; laser cutting coasters for the banana baskers to encourage student self replenishment; studied power socket use and have nine more power strips now; more plants; introduced banana plants; banana consumption increased (~4000/week); extra compost bin being organized; weekly vacuum organized; weekly clean by UA Innovation members; hosting in-lounge cleaning supplies; more paper; expanded non-caffeinated options; paper towels; online feedback form; study breaks with MindHandHeart; hosting *good grub* pilot (below); exploring options to improve bathrooms nearby

**BetterMIT:** compiling a report on learnings from the Spring '19 *Better MIT design challenge* event

**Campus corners:** investigating spaces for collaborative play (a "playground") and for napping (separate spaces); preparing survey

**Community centers:** long-term exploration for social space on campus

**Good grub:** running a healthy food delivery pilot (*Clover*, *Whole Heart Provisions*, and *Life Alive*, at the moment) to Banana Lounge, prototyping infrastructures to allow better--cheaper, tastier, healthier--and more accessible food options on campus

**Beyond MIT:** launched "fun funds," an experiment to help students get off campus and explore worlds beyond MIT; exploring alternative ways to connect students to communities and worlds beyond MIT

**Space of Quiet:** continuing our development of 50-305 as a space for reflection and contemplation, working with the *MIT Office of Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life*; ran a student survey to hear ideas and concerns (901 responses); presented to UA Council (3/13); lounge furnishings are almost completed; seeking an early May opening



# Public Affairs



Grace Chuan

## Past Month

- Met with MIT's Civic Engagement Office and Vice Chancellor Ian Waitz to discuss "Welcome to Cambridge" segment during freshmen orientation
- Got a CVC card for TerraByte ads
- CPW events



Ashti Shah

## Current Projects

- "Welcome to Cambridge" segment
- TerraByte
- Working with Cambridge Public Schools to see how to establish long term connections between MIT's service groups and the school system

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# Sustainability



Avital Baral

## Past Month

- Expanded dishware loaning program
- Charles River Cleanup
- Fenway Park RedSox game Cleanup
- Careers in Sustainability Alumni Dinner



Rebecca Grekin

## Current Projects

- Reusable Boba Straw Sale
- MIT Climate Night Booth
- Course 15k Sustainability Booth
- Ongoing planning for Saxon green space
- Trash2Treasure Collection for storage & fall sale
- UA Garden seedling planting and Mental Health & Counseling Green Wall maintenance

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# UA Operations Committees

Operations Committees improve the efficiency and ability of the UA.



# Community Service



Lucy Liao

## Past Month

- Organized small volunteer group with Greater Boston Food Bank
- Planning a boba sale in Lobby 10 for Cradles to Crayons
- Elected new chairs



Aaron Robles

## Current Projects

- Organizing a community service themed study break with PKG
- Organizing boba sale
- Doing reflection and planning for next year

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# Events



Alby Joseph

## Past Month

- SpringFEST Artist Reveal 04/04
- SpringFEST 2019 ft. 6LACK with Solstice Fayemz 04/26
- Free Food Trucks (Zinnekan's and Roxy's) & Swag Event 04/22
- Comedy and Cheesecake ft. IMPROV Boston with RKB 04/24
- Sold >750 concert tickets online + in person



Alice Zhang

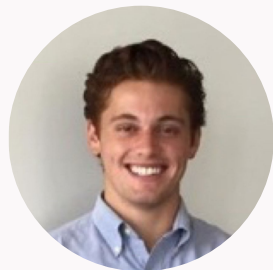
## Current Projects

- SpringFEST wrap-up
- Electing new committee chairs
- End-of-year recap

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# Involvement



## Past Month

- Comment Box Launch!
- Online Feedback Form

## Current Projects

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- Continue to implement comment boxes and feedback form
- Living Group Identification
- Internal UA Party (w/ some swag!)

# Technology



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## Past Month

- Split student resource app development into two tracks:
  - Rapid deployment
    - Will launch by the end of the semester.
    - Looking for beta testers! Please email [ua-technology-chairs@mit.edu](mailto:ua-technology-chairs@mit.edu)
  - Long term finished product.
    - Will complete over the summer
- Following up with the winners of our BetterMIT innovation challenge and he

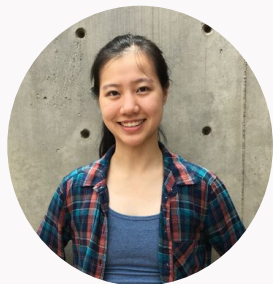
## Current Projects

- Looking for summer developers and new members
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# Tea with Teachers



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## Past Month

- Organizing video edits with MIT Video Productions

## Current Projects

- Filming promo for the new season
- Finishing edits with MIT Video Productions
- Hopefully many new released videos soon!

# 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.

