



MIT UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

56 UA Council #9 Agenda

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 8:00pm | 3-370

Order	Item
1	Allocation of Laundry Funds for Off-Campus Students
2	UA x SEB Springfest Collaboration (Q&A)
3	Discussion of Participatory Budgeting Funding
3a	UA Funding for the Tech
3b	UA Culture Fest (iFair) Updates
4	UA Bylaws Amendments Review

Roll Call:

Living Group	Present? (Y=Present, Blank = Absent)
Baker	Y
Burton-Conner	
East Campus	Y
MacGregor	Y
Maseeh	Y
McCormick	Y
New House	Y
New Vassar	Y
Next House	Y

Random Hall	Y
Simmons	Y
Interfraternity Council	Y
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Interfraternity Council	Y
Living Group Council	Y
Off Campus	Y
Panhellenic Association	Y
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Bill:

 [Bill for Allocation of Additional Undergraduate Laundry Funds.pdf](#)

iFair

if you know any Cultural Organizations, FSILGs, etc. that would be interested in hosting a booth during it (it will be happening during the day), please tell them to fill out either this interest form or application form **before Spring Break**:

Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/1xdtDr5qZDbRVE628>

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/HpaGWX5jWwDy5jDC8>

Bylaws Amendments:

 [Copy of UA Council Bylaws Edits for Fall 2024](#)

Minutes (please refer to linked slides for more information)

- Presented bill to allocate \$7,000 from reserves to undergraduates without access to Institute laundry (\$10 Tech Cash per student living in graduate dorms and off-campus; per-capita for Institute living groups without laundry)
 - Arguments between giving \$10 Tech cash and lump sum for FSILGs
 - Concern over lump sum option being distributed in a timely manner
 - Proposal to increase budget to \$10,000
 - Would be pulled from reserves, which have too much funds currently
 - **PASSED**: allocate \$10,000 from reserves to undergraduates without access to Institute laundry (give lump sum to FSILGs on per capita basis; give \$10 Tech Cash to remaining students)

- Yes: all but Baker, 1 IFC
 - No:
 - Abstain: Baker, 1 IFC
- Presentation on SpringFest from SEB
 - Request for \$40,000 from reserves for enhancing the concert (better production and bigger artist), additional carnival ride, more food, more merch, decrease cost of tickets, subsidize more booths
 - Artist already chosen (contract not yet signed—need funds before this can happen)
 - This funding is beyond what is normally allocated to SpringFest
 - Suggestion to allocate \$25k from PB funds and \$15k from reserves
 - Counterargument for 5k from PB
 - Some pushes for full amount from reserves
 - Spending the PB funds instead of reserves makes no difference
 - Hope for more collaboration between UA and SEB in the future
 - **PASSED**: give \$40k to SEB for SpringFest from reserves
 - Yes: all but EC
 - No:
 - Abstain: EC
- PB funding reallocation proposal from *The Tech* from editor-in-chief Karie Shen
 - Current funds primarily from ads (completely independent from UA and Institute funding)
 - Potential UA funding (non-journalistic and without printing/distribution) opportunities amounting to \$17,040
 - **Suggested to provide \$7k** and bring up issue regarding paying student appointments
 - Production staff are compensated, writers are not, business will ideally be in the future, technology turned down funding
 - Piloting increasing issue frequency from once every other week to weekly, which would require increased funding
 - Would cost \$20k more
 - Concern over if other student groups would want PB funding
 - Suggestion to pull from discretionary funds from FinBoard
 - Vote **DELAYED** to next Council meeting
- Additional PB funding reallocation proposals: IFair from David Kwabi-Addo (ISA), EC Exhibition
 - UA History budget expended; arguments regarding the fairness of funding EC over other dorms
 - **UA History ultimately requesting \$4,250**
 - **IFair requesting \$5,000**
- Meeting over time; bylaws and amendments in offline discussions
 - Criticism of Council to address agenda items in a more timely manner
- Final PB funding allocation vote proposed (**TABLED**): \$10k for *The Tech*, \$4.25k for UA History, \$5k for IFair
 - Requests for additional information from *The Tech* about what the funds will be used for
 - Could ask for report on what the spend the money on

- *The Tech* wants to revoke proposal and provide a more concrete account at the next meeting