Committee on Student Life (CSL)
Friday, September 23, 2011
Room 12-196 12pm – 2pm
Minutes taken by Lisa Stagnone

Present: Oz Agar, Hamed Alemohammad, Danielle Guichard-Ashbrook, Phuree (Will) Smittinet

Guests: Tom Gearty (Director of Communications/Special Asst. to Dean); Yangbo Du; Katherine (Katie) Vogel (School Of Engineering); David Chang (UA Chief of Staff); Graham Ramsay (Program Coordinator)

TOPICS: Survey Questions
Previous Senior Survey instruments and results are available here:
http://web.mit.edu/ir/surveys/senior.html

What would you, as students, like to see on the survey that is not there now?

-More financial questions: We believe that MIT is a place where class does not matter. I would like to know if student feel this way or if they perceive class and money to make a difference.

-Expand on Race: Do you feel your race is listed / is this list diversified?

-Impact of social life on grades: Do certain friend groups have higher GPA’s? If put with more aspiring groups, will you do better with your own grades? Peer pressure to keep up with the other.

-Do you think your grades are higher than your friend’s grades? If they are higher, do you think they are this way because of what? (psets groups, tutoring, socializing with high achievers, etc...) If this is the case, this may be helpful within DSL and use this information to train GRT’s, RBAs.

-UROP: How valuable is it? Was it easy or hard? Was it different than working an internship?

-Undergrad life: Was it stressful? How did you react to it?

-Were you ever discriminated against during your time at MIT? Sexual orientation, gender, race...

-Was it right to get the brass ring after your sophomore year?

-Is pass/fail the way to go for freshman? How did people use pass/fail? Did it allow for student to become adjusted to college life and not have to worry about a GPA?

-How much time did it take you to adjust to college life?
- Did MIT prepare you for your career? Did you get the exact job that you wanted to get?

- Did the Career Center Guidelines help you to follow your path?

- What are your expectations before entering MIT?

- What are your expectations after graduating MIT?

- What do you now think of your expectations now that you are an MIT Alumni?

- Where are you learning your skills from? How were they learned (from being involved in clubs, activities on campus, presentations)?

- Leadership: It's missing from the survey. Where are we learning leadership from?