Meeting 1 (09/29/13)

We discussed the charge given to us by the UA Council, and noted that the issue at hand is much larger than any specific issues (e.g. RLADs, dining, etc.) We realized that we must evaluate the overall student-administrator communication system.

We discussed our meetings with administrators, and planned additional ones. A particular issue noted was that administrators indicated that they would be averse to anything that read like a strict contract. We agreed to keep this in mind as we moved forward.

We discussed a variety of ideals for communication (trust, speedy communication, etc.) We discussed some content from the Chancellor’s Student Leader Summit, and ways to incorporate them into the plan. One note was the need for two-way communication - a sort of “up the tree, down the tree” decision making and information sharing process. We also emphasized the need for students to understand the MIT organizational structure, in order to know who to reach out to for various issues.

We discussed that researching recent events, and how students/administrators interacted throughout them, would provide good insight for best practices. We brought up examples from the past 5 or so years. We also discussed ways to get student input for the UA SAC statement; mainly, this included surveys and focus groups.