By Richard Choe  

Looking to make the various bodies of the Undergraduate Association more cohesive, the UA Council decided at its Wednesday night meeting to create a Presidential Advisory Committee.

The rest of the meeting was spent on officer installation, during which time Shally Bansal '93 was named UA president and David J. Kriner '94 vice president. Bansal, who co-sponsored the PAC bill with Kenner, said that the group would serve only as an advisory capacity. The committee, which will meet bimonthly, includes the executive officers of the UA, the UA Council floor leader, presidents of the Interfraternity Council, Dormitory Council, and Pan-Hellenic Society, and chairmen of UA standing committees. Despite some confusion concerning the role of the PAC with regard to the existing Executive Committee, the bill passed by a vote of 16-1, with 6 abstentions.

In another legislation, Kenster presented a bill proposing that the council meet on another day of the week, since the JFC and DormCon meet on Wednesdays.  "It's sort of our responsibility to move our meetings to another day," since the JFC only began meeting on Wednesdays last year. The issue was tabled for further discussion at the next full council meeting.

The proposed Student Life Fee bill and its relevant bills, which have become a major issue in recent days, were not discussed, despite being on the meeting's agenda. Ousting UAVP J.P. Kinthy '92, one of the graduate education and student affairs, felt that the 15 percent of students who voted at the referendum was not enough, and that Smith "said that the council did not have the authority to decide what was sufficient."

Instal Iations of officers 

Bansal, Kenner, and Raajnish A. Chahal '93 formally assumed the respective offices of UA president, UA vice president, and UA floor leader at this final meeting of the 1991-92 academic year.

Policy Committee confirmations included Keren K. Yang '92 as chair of the Committee on Educational Policy and Emily R. Walker as chair of the Committee on Social and Economic Policy.

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Magger called Percy for an interview on Wednesday. "I was stunned when [Magger] called. It was the first I had heard of it," Percy said.

"I'm pleased that the Institute sees no merit in the suit and intends a vigorous defense," said Professor of Literature David Thorburn. "There is no substance in her suit. It simply amounts to political bias in the judgment of Institute faculty members." Thorburn added: "Her description of me as a tyrant of the political correctness is ludicrous. ... My intellectual and ideological commitments have always been recognized as democratic and pluralistic."

Provant said in an interview that he is not in a position to comment on the suit. "I am not in a position to comment on the allegations of Professor M. Hall," Provant continued. "As the Institute is involved, which I do not have the authority to decide what is to be discussed."

Wolff sued MIT for libel after the Institute in a memo dated May 1, 1991, referred to Wolff as "a tyrant of the political correctness." Wolff's suit is in response to the alleged defamation.

The MIT responds to Wolff lawsuit

Wolff, an MIT Research Associate, accused MIT of libel and breach of contract after she was terminated from her position at the Institute. Wolff claims that she was retaliated against for the supposed anti-liberal views.

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repealing their student loans. The non-resident status was introduced to allow students to continue their affiliation with the Institute without having to pay full tuition.

When this rule was adopted, tuition was low enough for the difference between 15 percent and 50 percent to be a reasonable fee for the use of resources like photography, libraries and laboratories, says Gerald B. Lerner, who drafted the resolution. After a decade of continuous tuition increase, the difference between resident and non-resident tuition rates does not reflect the extra cost imposed on MIT in accepting a thesis, he continued. 

Departmental funding varies

The Institute has seen a downturn over the last decade. Students pursuing graduate studies have been spared the full impact of these increases because they usually receive some form of financial support.

However, certain departments do not fund graduate students for the full period of their studies, primarily because of a lack of funding. The trend towards longer study periods, combined with adverse funding conditions in departments such as linguistics, urban studies, and architecture has put a number of graduate students under increased financial strain. The people who are forced to pay the last semester's tuition are those that can least afford it. Lerner explained, adding that students in departments such as political science and economics, who have suffered the most from the recent downturn of the job market, are particularly affected.

"I cannot predict what the final decision will be," Provant said. "All factors must be carefully evaluated, since a cost to the Institute is involved, which I do not believe to be high," Perkins said.

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For a male senior athlete for scholarship and leadership

Mathew D. Long '92

For a female senior athlete for scholarship and leadership

Sherri R. Chang '92

For the male and female senior scholar-athletes of the year

Lisa K. And '92

Amy J. Rovelstad '92

Rodrigue R. Rubiano '92

The Louis Seldon Prize in the Arts

For outstanding service to intramural athletics

Mark Jansen '92

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The Malcolm G. Kispert Award

For a graduating senior

Lisa K. Arel '92

Matthew D. Long '92

Cochrane Award

For outstanding service to the Institute

Kipp R. Frasure '95, David C. Wong '94,

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