New UA Constitution Approved
The undergraduate population approved a new UA Constitution in December last year. Two changes are particularly important to University Council:

1. The UA Chair and Vice-Chair for External Affairs have been abolished. Now, a directly elected UA President and UA Vice-President will represent undergraduates on the University Council Steering Committee.
2. All instances of “UA Chair” in UC documents need to be replaced with “UA President”
3. The UA and the NEC have jointly decided to share appointing authority over a number of University committees. For ease of reference, a table of appointing authority will be made available when the two bodies have ratified the committee-sharing agreement.

The UA will be working with the Secretary’s Office to implement these changes, and other changes described in the recently passed Student Representation Resolution.

Annual Report
The UA has released its Annual Report last week. It can be found at http://pennua.org/annualreport09.pdf. It includes a comprehensive summary of calendar year 2009, and is well worth the read!

White Paper on Undergraduate Education
The Student Committee on Undergraduate Education, that indefatigable body of advocates for undergraduate education, has released its quintennial White Paper on Undergraduate Education. The White Paper can be found at http://www.scribd.com/doc/25182024/2010-White-Paper. Every undergraduate instructor at the University will shortly be receiving a hard copy!

Resolutions Approved
The UA has recently approved two resolutions of significance –

1. A resolution on recycling practices
2. A resolution calling on the Wharton School to end its practice of discriminating
against students who wish to pursue American Sign Language to complete their degree. We are following up with relevant administrators to see to the implementation of these resolutions.

**Undergraduate Action on Haiti**
Undergraduates across the University have been taking action to direct desperately needed resources to Haiti:

- CHAC was involved with the Haiti Benefit concert which took place in Bodek Lounge on 1/18/10. The CHAC Exec board ran a bake sale at the benefit concert with the help of many of our constituent groups. The bake sale raised $275 which is around 10% of the overall proceeds from the concert.

- In terms of on going relief efforts, Penn for UNICEF, a CHAC group, is coordinating multiple programs. Students are able to donate either $5 for UNICEF reliefs or $10 for Red Cross International by texting specific numbers. They also have a Professor Pledge Campaign in which they are asking professor to donate $20 if they are able to secure 1,000 signatures and $1,000 from students.

- The Latino Coalition along with El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA), Grupo Quisqueyano (GQ), La Casa Latina, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc., Beta Epsilon Chapter (LTA), Minority Association of Prehealth Students (MAPS), and Wharton Latino put together a food/medicine/ and clothing drive for the people in Haiti. The drive went from Monday, January 18th to Friday, January 22nd, and we set up over 20 collection sites.

  In total, they collected over 144 boxes, with roughly 30% food, 30% medicine and 40% clothes. All of the donations were picked up by the Haitian Professionals of Philadelphia, who have procured a private Jumbo Jet to send all donations to Haiti. Overall, we are very proud of the Penn Community for helping us in this effort, we had over 50 volunteers, and exceeded all our expectations. More pictures can be found on our website: [http://sites.google.com/site/latinocoalitionpenn/photos](http://sites.google.com/site/latinocoalitionpenn/photos).

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