August House Meeting

Tuesday, August 6th, 2013
Agenda

• Trustee vote
• SP Buddy Program
• Orientation
• Facilitating recycling and composting
• Newsletter committee
• Service awards
• Service shout-outs
• Upcoming events
• Open floor
SP Trustee Nominations

• Role of Trustees
  – Serve as advisors to SPEC and the House Council
  – Administerate elections
  – Ensure adherence to the SP Constitution
  – Resolve formal complaints, i.e., discipline

• Introductions today

• Voting at August House Meeting <-Today!!
  – Confirmed with 2/3 vote of House Council
Trustee Nominee Mirna Slim

• Lived in SP for 5 years
• Past involvement
  – Outing (2009-2010)
  – VP of Reslife (2010-2011)
  – Active volunteer
Trustee Nominee Diana Chien

- Lived in SP for 3 years
- Past involvement
  - Outing (2011-2013)
  - Many Arts-related events
BEING CANADIAN: The Boris Brawnman Story

by Fabian Kozynski
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU’RE TALKING ABOUT SO HERE’S VIKING DAN KOLODRUBETZ RIDING HIS WAFFLE STEED TO CERTAIN GLORY IN BATTLE
Trustee Vote

• Secret ballot
• Hall Councilors have a special ballot
• Mark the box to vote for confirming the nominee; leave the box blank to vote against confirmation
• You can vote for one, both, or neither nominee
Trustee Vote

Sidney Pacific Board of Trustees Confirmation Ballot

For Hall Councilors Only

To vote to confirm a candidate, mark the corresponding box. You may vote to confirm one candidate, both candidates, or neither candidate.

Mirna Slim □
Diana Chien □

Sidney Pacific Board of Trustees Confirmation Ballot

For non-Hall Councilors

To vote to confirm a candidate, mark the corresponding box. You may vote to confirm one candidate, both candidates, or neither candidate.

Mirna Slim □
Diana Chien □
Trustees (in May)

Amy Bilton  Chelsea He  Ian Jacobi  Tarun Jain  William Li  Po-Ru Loh

William Loh  Brian Spatocco  Ramesh Sridharan  Jit Hin Tan  George Tucker  Yuxi Zhang
Graduating Trustees

Amy Bilton
Ian Jacobi
Po-Ru Loh
William Loh
Jit Hin Tan
Yuxi Zhang
SP Buddy Program

• What is it?

• Objectives:
  – Help newcomers ease into life at MIT
  – Get newcomers integrated into SP community, dorm government/leadership
  – Form friendships (“Better Together” etc.)
SP Buddy Program

• How will it work?
• Schedule
  – SP residents apply - either as individuals or (preferably) in groups of 2
  – Incoming residents sign up
  – Matching – optimize closeness
  – Kickoff dinner
    • current residents cook with/without incoming residents
    • subsidized by Deans/SidPac
  – Point-based activities until late October
    • 10 activities, pick 3
    • Examples: Run a mile under 7:30 min (average), catch a fish from the Charles, get in a photo with President Reif, etc
  – Closing Event
SP Buddy Program

• So what?

• Begging:
  – YOU can help organize this
  – YOU can sign up!!
  – YOU can ask others to sign up!!
Orientation Events

WE NEED YOUR HELP

- Sunday 8/18 – Sunday 8/25: Welcome Desk
- Tuesday 8/27: SP Orientation BBQ and Movie Screening
- Friday 8/30: Plant Sale
- Saturday 8/31: Open Doors Night
- Sunday 9/1: SP Orientation Brunch
- Tuesday 9/3: SP + Ashdown Soccer Challenge
- Wednesday 9/4: SP Orientation Coffee Hour
- Friday 9/6: SP Orientation Dance Party
- Sunday 9/8: Learn to Swing Dance!
- Sunday 9/8: Photo Scavenger Hunt + Dinner
- Tuesday 9/10 & Thursday 9/12: HM Welcome Dinners
- Wednesday 9/11: Helpers & Interest Groups Coffee Hour
- Friday 9/13: Dessert Outing
- Saturday 9/21: Kimball Farms Bike Outing
Interactive orientation map

• **What?** A map of the area with vendors grouped by category. Easily accessible with a smartphone or computer.

• **Why?** Because MIT map lacks information and orientation guide has outdated information.

• **How?** Crowdsourcing. Send your suggestions to [http://goo.gl/CHker4](http://goo.gl/CHker4)
Facilitating recycling and composting

Current system is deficient:

• Some (most) apartments come without any recycling and composting bins
• Lack of bins makes recycling inconvenient and composting almost impossible
• Placing food waste bags over corridor's carpet gradually produces stains and smell
• Food waste bags left outside doors for pickup don't seem to end in composting containers

Questions? Please contact sp-environment-chair@mit.edu
Facilitating recycling and composting

Efficient new system:

• If you do not recycle or compost:
  – Nothing changes

• If you recycle and have a bin in your room:
  – Nothing changes

• If you recycle and do not have a bin:
  – A recycling bin will be provided that you can use and empty in one of main floor containers when full

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Facilitating recycling and composting

Efficient new system:

• If you want to contribute to composting:
  – A food waste bin like those in kitchens will be provided to you
  – Free compostable food waste bags will be provided in every kitchen
  – Food waste bins in kitchens will be replaced by the next bins larger in size (will fit more than one bag)
  – Take food waste bags from your room to kitchen's container and deposit there

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Facilitating recycling and composting

Efficient new system:

• Cleaning staff will change kitchen bins every morning as they do today
• To avoid (very unlikely) overcrowding of kitchen bins this will be open to only 5 rooms/floor
• If you want to contribute to composting and are not in the group of 5 rooms keep doing what you're doing today
• If you enter the 5-room group please bring your food waste bag to kitchen!

Questions? Please contact sp-environment-chair@mit.edu
Join the Newsletter Committee!

Why should you join?

• Give your input to the newsletter.
• Win gifts for your contributions and/or popular articles you write!
• Free food!
• Minimal commitment:
  – Attend a monthly meeting, discuss ideas for new content.
  – Contribute one 200-300 word article per month.

Interested? Please contact sp-newsletter-chair@mit.edu
Service Awards

• Francisco (4S)
  – Great surrogate hall councilor
  – Held many summer hall events
  – Volunteered at other officers' events
  – Grills all the meats
Service Awards

- Mariana (5N)
  - Great surrogate hall councilor
  - Held many summer hall events
  - Volunteered at other officers' events
Service Shout-Outs

• Yufei (CoSI)
Upcoming events

August:
• 7 [Wed]: Coffee Hour
• 10 [Sat]: Bike Trip to Walden Pond
• 11 [Sun]: Power Yoga
• 16 [Fri]: Tastes of New England + N\textsubscript{2} Ice Cream + Red Sox Screening
• 18 [Sun]: Outing to Hammond Castle
• 18 [Sun]: Power Yoga
• 21 [Wed]: Coffee Hour – Last one of summer
• 24 [Sat]: Cooking for Caspar
• 24 [Sat]: Budget requests due for Fall cycle
• 25 [Sun]: Power Yoga

September:
• 1 [Sun]: Power Yoga
• 3 [Tues]: Next House Meeting
Open Floor
Food!