Opening Remarks

Berit, Felix, Andreas

Julie, Neel

SP Housemasters
What to exSPECT when you’re in SPEC

A guide to a SPECtacular year
A Sparknotes Guide to SPEC
President

- Community engagement
  - GSC
  - Other graduate residences
  - MIT Administration
- Alumni relations
- Environment, CoSI, Community Service/Outreach
VP of Residential Life

- Increase social interactions and cultural awareness
- Applies for grants for SP activities
- Coffee hour, brunch, BBQs, parties, SPICE, cultural, outings, orientation, athletics
VP of Information

- Maintains information infrastructure
- Community Announcements
- SP website, newsletter, publicity, SPTV, photos
VP of Resources

- Manages SP’s physical resources
- Prepares Budget
- Manages SP Finances
- AV, bikes, computers, music, art, inventory, aquarium, plants
Chair of the Halls

• Promotes resident interaction at the hall level
• Provides training and support to Hall Councilors
• Manages residential affairs
  – In-house lottery
  – Materials for new residents
  – Open Doors Night
11 Tips for next SPEC
#1: Hit the ground running
#2: Adopt your own vision
Stay in SP, my friends

- SP: Best graduate community in the world [citation needed]
- I don’t always live in dorms, but when I do, I live in SP!
#3: Be prepared
#4: Try new initiatives
Brrr, it’s cold!
#5: Be confident in your abilities
#6: Emphasize Orientation
#7: Be organized
#8: Support officers
Et tu, Sherrie?
How do you play basketball?!

Wheee!

#9: Pursue activities outside SP
#10: Keep good relationships with other SPEC
#11: Have fun!
Why join SPEC?
- Time management
- People management
- Communication
- Negotiation and Good compromise
- Listening skills
- Presentation skills
This cardboard box is cheaper than my rent!
Thank you, Roger & Dottie! 2013
[Insert Yourself Here]
Thanks for a SPECtacular year!
(and good luck next year!)
2014-2015
SPEC Elections Procedures

Sidney Pacific Board of Trustees
Nominations Procedure

• Any graduate student resident of Sidney-Pacific may make a nomination.
  – “I nominate NAME for POSITION”

• A resident may self-nominate

• A resident may make multiple nominations

• A resident may be nominated for multiple positions tonight though at elections may run for only one.

• Please say the name clearly and assist the trustees in recording it correctly.
Elections Timeline

• Nominations remain open until _MARCH 18_
  – You may email nominations to _sp-nominations@mit.edu_

• Nominees must submit a statement of candidacy and any other supporting materials to the trustees by _MARCH 18_

• Though campaigning is permitted, candidates are asked to respect residents’ homes by observing all poster/flyer rules

• Elections will take place April 1st, 2014
  – Winning candidates must accept by April 4th, 2014
SPEC Timeline + House Timeline

- Mar. 4 - Nominations dinner (Today!)
- Mar. 15 - SPEC Info Session
- Mar. 18 - Nominations close
- Apr. 1 - April House Meeting – SPEC Elections; Officer applications and Hall Councilor Nominations Open
- April 2-19: New SPEC interview and select new committee chairs. Hall councilor elections happen in this time interval as well
- Apr. ~15 - SPEC-Elect take office
- Apr. 19 - Hall Councilor election results announced and 1st round committee chair results sent out
- Apr. 22 (noon) - 1st round acceptances required; 2nd round sent
Nominations are now open for SPEC 2014-2015

President
Chair of the Halls
Vice President of Resources
Vice President of Information
Vice President of Residential Life
Roger and Dorothy Mark Award

• Honoring Roger and Dottie Mark’s contributions
Roger and Dorothy Mark Award

• Award criteria:
  – First year resident
  – Being proactive about building and improving the community
  – Encouraging social connections, enabling neighbors, and effecting change
Roger and Dorothy Mark Award

• Cherry Gao
  – Involved with our new composting program
  – Recruiting fellow residents
  – Became Environment Chair
  – Enthusiastic advocate for sustainability across campus