April House Meeting

Tuesday, April 1st, 2014
Agenda

• 2014-2015 House Government
• 2014-2015 SPEC Elections
• Service awards
• Service shout-outs
• Upcoming events
• Open floor
2014-2015 House Government

• April 1 [TODAY]: April house meeting
  – SPEC election
  – Trustee chair election

• Committee Chair applications open until April 11

• Hall Councilor applications open April 6; “Meet the HC” events April 9-11; Voting until April 18

• May 6 [Tue]: May House Meeting
  – Official transition for officers
2014-2015 SPEC Election

Speeches and Questions
• Statements: Up to 5 minutes for remarks per candidate
• Q&A for all candidates – 20 minutes
• Option to submit questions anonymously: email:
  • sp-trustee-chair@mit.edu

Discussion
• Following Q&A, the candidates will be asked to leave and we will hold a confidential discussion for up to 10 minutes.

Voting
• Voting for all positions simultaneously
• Only Hall Councilors vote for Chair of the Halls
• Full preferential method
2013-2014 SPEC Candidates

President
Jenny Wang

VP of Information
Chi Feng

VP of Residential Life
Erin Shen

VP of Resources
Election April 10th

Chair of the Halls
Mariana Matus
Speeches
Question Period

1. Questions must be questions.
2. Questions may be directed to one, some, or all candidates.
3. Candidates may choose not to answer a question.
4. Questions regarding alternative election scenarios are prohibited:
   “If you weren’t elected to this position, would you consider running for ____?
5. Questions will last 20 minutes. Any attendee may motion to extend discussion by the following:
   “I’d like to motion to extend discussion by X minutes.”
Discussion Period

• All conversation is confidential
• Unsubstantiated comments are not appropriate
• Open floor conversation with all comments welcome (for, against, neutral)
• If you are uncomfortable with this section, you may leave and we will call you back in before voting
About the Ballot

- 2 versions of ballot: committee chairs and hall councilors

- A valid ballot (for a given race) is one whose only marks are unique positive integers in the range from 1 to n, where n is the number of candidates!

- Blank ballots are counted as “no confidence”.

- A ballot with invalid characters will be invalidated, removed from the vote, and count against quorum.

- A missing ballot is treated as an abstention and counts against quorum.
Example Ballots

Alice ________ 1
Bob ________ 2
Carl ________ 5

Alice ________ 1
Bob ________ 2
Carl ________ \( \pi \)

Alice ________ 64
Bob ________ 2
Carl ________ 2
Example Ballots

Alice ____________ 0
Bob ______________ 2
Carl ______________

Alice ______________
Bob ______________ 2
Carl ______________

Alice ______________
Bob ______________
Carl ______________

Alice ______________
Bob ______________ 2
Carl ______________
Voting Instructions

Order the candidates according to your preference if multiple candidates for one position: “1”, “2”, etc.

Mark only unique, positive integers in the range from 1 to n, where n is the number of candidates!

Empty spaces are interpreted as “no confidence”

Any stray marks or words will invalidate your vote
VP of Resources

Nominations period re-open until Tuesday, April 8th at 11:59 PM

Email sp-nominations@mit.edu to nominate a candidate

Elections will take place at an extraordinary house meeting on Thursday, April 10.
Service Awards

• Frank and Madars (Web)
  – Rolled out the new website design
  – Continuous dedication to maintaining and improving the SP website
Service Awards

• James (Social)
  – Planned great and new events
  – Excellent at contacting and managing external parties
  – Great volunteer and with volunteers
Service Awards

• Yang (6th floor)
  – Being a tremendous resource to residents
  – Facilitating constructive dialogue between roommates in conflict
Service Shout-Outs

• Kelli (Outing)
Service Shout-Outs

• Ungtae (IT)
Service Shout-Outs

• Velibor (Athletics)
Service Shout-Outs

- Aditya (Music)
Service Shout-Outs

- Vadim (Interest groups)
Service Shout-Outs

• Steve (Publicity)
Upcoming events

April:
• 2 [Wed]: Officer Information Coffee Hour
• 5 [Sat]: Science Carnival
• 5 [Sat]: Boston Photo Outing
• 6 [Sun]: Despicable April Brunch
• 6, 13, 20, 27 [Sun]: Power Yoga
• 6 [Sun]: Hall Councilor Info Session
• 7, 14, 21, 28 [Mon]: Zumba
• 9 [Wed]: Coffee Hour
• 9 [Wed] – 11 [Fri]: Meet the Hall Councilor Candidates
• 10 [Thu]: Special House Meeting
• 11 [Fri]: Applications for Committee Chair close
• 11 [Fri]: House Cup Air Band Competition
• 15 [Tue]: Applications for Hall Councilor close
• 15 [Tue] – 18 [Fri]: Committee Chair interviews
• 16 [Wed]: Canadian Coffee Hour, eh
• 23 [Wed]: Graffiti Coffee Hour
• 30 [Wed]: Coffee Hour. H&W Seminar: Bystander Intervention

May:
• Sat 5/3 - Introductory Argentine Tango
• Tue 5/6 - May House meeting
Open Floor
Food!