May House Meeting

Tuesday, May 6th 2014
Agenda

- Thank you to outgoing House Council
- Introducing the new House Council
- Officer retreat
- Trustee introduction
- Trustee vote
- Composting initiative
- Upcoming events
- Open floor
Thank you to outgoing House Council
Introducing SPEC 2014-2015

Chi Feng
VP of Information

Mariana Matus
Chair of the Halls

Jenny Wang
President

Tamás Kolos-Lakatos
VP of Resources

Erin Shen
VP of Residential Life
Thank you SPEC 2013-2014!

Steven Chang  
VP of Information

Rachael Harding  
Chair of the Halls

Boris Braverman  
President

Bernhard Zimmermann  
VP of Resources

Fabián Kozynski  
VP of Residential Life
Introducing the new House Council
What it means to be an SP officer

- Volunteer Government
  - Building and shaping the SP community
  - Friendliest, most active people you’ll meet
  - “First citizens”

- Supporting each other
  - We are a team – together, we can do what seems impossible
Introducing the new House Council

- SPEC
- Office of the President
- Office of Resources
- Office of Residential Life
- Office of Information
- Hall Council
Office of the President

- Presenting SP to outside organizations
  - MIT administration
  - The Graduate Student Council (GSC)
- Interfacing SP with non-SP:
  - Cambridge
  - Academe
  - The environment
Office of the President

Wen Jie
CoSI

Georgia
CoSI

Nav
Community Service

Cherry
Environment

Tiziana
Environment
Office of Resources

- Manage SP physical resources
  - bike fleet, plants, aquarium, audio/visual equipment, public artwork, music equipment, IT facilities, front desk inventory
- Steward financial resources
  - process financial transactions, maintain financial records, and manage SP’s budget
Office of Resources

Joe
A/V

Alexandre
A/V

Chen
Aquarium

Cindy
Arts

Francisco
Bikes
Office of Resources

Colleen
Controller

Sean
Controller

Ryan
Inventory

Franck
Music

Uyanga
Plants

Sterling
IT
Office of Residential Life

• Create events to promote social interaction
  – Among SP residents
  – With the Rest of the MIT Community

• Help residents
  - enjoy “life outside the Lab and their rooms”
  - make friends
Office of Residential Life

Vadim
Outing & Interest Groups

Marianna
Outing & Interest Groups

Sydney
Orientation

Rushabh
SPICE

Maryam
Coffee Hour

Alessio
Coffee Hour
Office of Information

• The communication bridge between the officers and residents
  • Posters, mailing lists, website, SPTV

• Document SP events
  • SP Flickr and Youtube channel

• Keep the SP machine running
  • Resident info, inventory, finances, packages, elections, lotteries, publicity
Hall Council

Welcome!

Feel at home  Make friends

Help you
Hall Council
Hall Council

Sudhir
Floor 1

Anita
2S

Charles
2N

Jingzhi
3S

Sherrie
3N

Ian
4S

James W.
4N
Hall Council

Sam  
5S

James P.  
5N

Xiaowei  
Floor 6

Naichun  
Floor 7

Danny  
Floor 8

Jay  
Floor 9

Ioana  
Inter-Hall Coordinator
Trustees

Chelsea He  
Tarun Jain  
William Li  
Brian Spatocco  

Ramesh Sridharan  
George Tucker  
Matthew D’asaro  
Diana Chien  
Mirna Slim
Introduction to SP Trustee

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

• Introductions today
How did we get here?

- typically upper-year residents with significant SP involvement
- nominated by SPEC
- elected by two-thirds majority vote by House Council
What do we do?

From the SP Constitution:

“Act in an advisory capacity”

“Administer fair elections”

“Exercise the judicial powers of the Sidney Pacific Graduate Community”
“Act in an advisory capacity”
“Administer fair elections”

well-run and robust elections
“Exercise the judicial powers of the Sidney Pacific Graduate Community”

constitutional questions
disciplinary hearings
More questions?

Talk to us in person!

Emails:
sp-trustees@mit.edu
sp-trustee-chair@mit.edu

Anonymous Email:
s-p.mit.edu/government/trustees_anonymous_mail.php
House Manager

Jack Ahern
Housemasters

Berit, Andreas and Felix

Julie and Neel
Transition details

- New Council officially in charge
- Meet!
  - Transfer keys
- Outgoing officers:
  - Submit reimbursement requests
  - On May 31, old accounts will be deactivated
Transition Brunch - May 10

Meet 9:45 am in SP lobby!

RSVP link will be sent tonight
Officer Retreat – June 15

All-day event at MIT Endicott House

Save the date!
Trustee Nominee Stephanie Nam

- Lived in SP for 4 years
- Past involvement
  - SPEC (2012-2013)
  - Publicity (2011-2012)
  - Active volunteer
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
Why compost?

- Reduce garbage
- Reduce greenhouse gas
- Reduce chemical fertilizers
Composting at all events at Sid Pac
We need your (officers’) help!

1. Provide (us)  
2. Collect (you)  
3. Place outside (you)
Trustee Vote Results
Upcoming events for May/June

May:
- 7 [Wed]: Hillel Coffee Hour
- 10 [Sat]: Transition Brunch
- 10 [Sat]: Sid Pac Garden Party
- 14 [Wed]: House Cup Finale
- 24 [Sat]: End-of-Term BBQ

June:
- 7 [Sat]: Tutorial for Cheese Tasting with L’espalier
- 15 [Sun]: Officer Retreat
Open floor
Dessert!