May House Meeting

Thursday, May 7th 2015
Agenda

• Thank you to the outgoing House Council
• House Masters Speech
• Introducing the new House Council
• Trustee introduction and voting
• Bylaw Amendment
• Transition:
  − Transition brunch
  − Officer retreat / Hall Councilors Training
  − Planning for Summer Budget
Agenda

- SPTV updates
- Service shout-outs
- Upcoming events
- Open floor
- Dessert
Thank you to outgoing House Council
Housemasters

Berit, Andreas and Felix

Julie and Neel
Brian and House Staff
Lily
HVAC Committee

Jenny  Frank  Ahmed  Alex  William

Maryam  Dan  Chi
Service Shout-Outs

Chi and Frank

• Work on housing application
  − Special application needed for this year due to HVAC renovations.
  − Developed professional interface in a short amount of time
  − Provided timely bug fixes
Thank you SPEC 2014-2015!

Chi Feng
VP of Information

Mariana Matus
Chair of the Halls

Jenny Wang
President

Tamás Kolos-Lakatos
VP of Resources

Jay Sicar
VP of Residential Life
Introducing SPEC 2015-2016

Dan Whisman
VP of Information

Maryam Aliakbarpour
Chair of the Halls

Wen Jie Ong
President

Joseph DelPreto
VP of Resources

Sidney Sroka
VP of Residential Life
Introducing the new House Council
Introducing the new House Council

• SPEC
• Office of the President
• Office of Resources
• Office of Residential Life
• Office of Information
• Hall 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
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

Jay
Community Service

Jingzhi
CoSI

Sebastian
CoSI

Asthana
Environment

Jane
Environment
Office of Resources

- Manage SP physical resources
  - bike fleet, athletics, 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

Chen
Aquarium and Plants

Jeff
Arts and Music

Lakshya
Athletics and Bikes

Alexandre
A/V

Xiao
A/V
Office of Resources

Linyi
Controller

Sandeep
Controller

Mandy
Inventory

Jason
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

Saki
Brunch

Ting
Brunch

Ishwarya
Coffee Hour

Nicholas
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
Office of Information

Quntao
Photofile

Xijia
Photofile

Grace
Publicity

Steve
Publicity
Office of Information

Ben
Web and SPTV

Chih-Chieh (Jay)
Web and SPTV

Eric
Web and SPTV
Hall Council

• First contact point of residents
  – Managing roommate conflicts
  – Refer residents

• Making sure residents feel welcome.

• Organizing fun events with lots of free food!

• Interhall coordinator: Organize Interhall events
  – Our focus: health and wellness events
Hall Council

Marvin
Floors 1 and 2S / 2N

Kevin
Floors 3 and 4S / 3N

Gregory
Floors 5 and 6S / 6N

Jenny
Floors 7 and 8B / 4N

Zelda
Floors 8O and 9 / 5N

Akshata
Interhall Coordinator
Trustee Election

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

• Two candidates: nominated earlier this year
  − Both can be elected

• Voting today
  − Confirmed with 2/3 vote of new House Council (26 votes)
The Nominee: Boris Braverman

- 4th year resident
- Brunch chair 2012-2013
  - Service Award
- SP President 2013-2014
- Frequent volunteer at events
The Nominee: Frank Wang

• 3rd year resident
• Web chair 2012-2015
  - 2 service awards,
  2 service shoutouts
• Winner of inaugural Mark award
• HVAC Committee
Voting Members

• Each voting position has 1 vote (i.e. 1 ballot), regardless of the number of co-chairs
• HCs have 1 ballot, but their vote counts thrice
• Voting positions:
  – President, CoSI, Community Service, Environment
  – VP of Resources, AV, Aquarium/Plants, Arts/Music, Athletics/Bikes, Controller, Inventory, IT
  – VP of Reslife, Brunch, Coffee hour, Cultural/SPICE, Orientation/Social, Outing/Interest Group
  – VP of Info, photofile, publicity, SPTV/web
  – Chair of the Halls, Hall Councillors
Trustee Voting

• 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

• Can mark both
Bylaw Amendment
Bylaw Amendment on Hall Division

- **Purpose:** To balance the number of residents under each hall councilor during phase I of HVAC renovation

- **Proposal:** Combine 3 Blue with Floor 2
# Hall Division in Phase I

## Current Division vs. Proposed Division

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Transition details

• New Council officially in charge
• Meet!
  – Transfer keys
• Outgoing officers:
  – Submit reimbursement requests by May 31
New Officers: Planning for the summer budget

• Plan your events
  – Summer cycle: June 15 - September 15
  – Includes orientation!

• Question?
  – Ask outgoing officers
  – Ask SPEC

• Will vote on budget at June house meeting
Transition Brunch - May 9

Meet 9:45 am in SP lobby!

RSVP link will be sent tonight
Officer Retreat – June 6

All-day event at MIT Endicott House

Save the date!
Hall Councilors Training

• Coming in June
• Mandatory for Hall Council
• Officers are very encouraged to attend
SPTV Updates

• Proposal for upgrade to current SPTV architecture
• Sebastian Palacios
Current SPTV system
Proposed SPTV system

• Provide hall-specific information
• Stop relying on cable infrastructure
  – Several signal issues
• Important: *IS&T not supporting cable infrastructure in the future*
• Solution: IP-based infrastructure
Proposed SPTV system
IP-based demo
Budget

• Bundle:
  – New Raspberry Pi Model B+
  – 8 GB MicroSD card pre-loaded with operating system
  – WiFi Dongle
  – HDMI Cable
  – Power Supply
• 9 TVs in south. 6 TVs in north
  – $79.99 per bundle
• Total list price: $1199.85 (without shipping and tax)
• Option: half of the building first, then the rest
Trustee Vote Results
Upcoming events for May/June

May:
• 8 [Fri]: GSC Leadership BBQ (5-9 PM, Forbes Family Cafe)
• 9 [Sat]: Transition Brunch
• 10 [Sun]: May Brunch

June:
• 6 [Sat]: Officer Retreat
Open floor
Dessert!