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February House Meeting

Tuesday, February 16th 2016

Agenda

- Proposal for Bylaw Amendment for Hall Councilor Election
- 360 Feedback for SPEC
- Voting on Spring Budget Cycle
- Voting on Bylaw Amendment for Social / Orientation Chair
- Service Awards and Shout-Outs
- Upcoming events
- Open floor and dessert

Hall Councilor Amendment

HC election explained

- Need to elect 13 hall councilors, but have only 5 halls

- Previously : each hall voted for the candidates applied for the hall

- April 2016: **the whole house votes for 13 potential hall councilors**

  - The candidates run with a list of halls they prefer to serve on.

  - Each candidate will be ranked by the **full preferential voting system**, and will be offered the position of the halls in the order of their preference.

- Depending on the outcome of the April election, following rounds of election will be held.

- The Board of Trustees are responsible for running the election and deciding on the logistics. The basics of the current plan is explained here for transparency, but we are open to any suggestions.

Hall Councilor Amendment

Why do we still need an amendment?

- Likelihood of less candidates than the number of open positions

- To ensure that the enthusiastic, motivated, and committed candidates win the election

- Way to implement for the voters' to say 'no' to a candidate

- **"NOBODY": a dummy candidate**

  - Voters can rank any candidate below "nobody" to indicate that they do not want think the candidate will be a good hall councilor

  - After the voting period, the candidate ranked below "nobody" will not be eligible for the position.

- We propose this as a temporary amendment for the hall councilor election in spring 2016.

Hall Councilor Amendment

Voters will be asked to list the candidates in order of preference and the votes will be counted using the Full Preferential method. If no candidate receives a majority of first choice votes, the candidate with the fewest first place votes will be eliminated and that candidate's votes will go to the candidate that was listed as a second choice. This process will continue until a candidate receives a majority of the votes and is declared the winner. The first runner-up is determined by eliminating the winner from the votes cast and applying the full preferential method as described above among the remaining candidates. This process is repeated until a complete order of finish for all candidates is determined. (In the event of a tie in a hall council election that cannot be broken by any other means, the Chair of the Halls may cast a deciding vote.) The winning candidate in any election shall be granted the option to accept office. If the option is not exercised within a time period specified by the trustees (not less than three days), it shall pass to the runners-up, in order of finish, resting with each for a period of one day, until the office is accepted.

No change

For hall council elections taking place between March 1st and September 30th 2016, a candidate must be ranked on at least half of the ballots cast in order to receive a hall councilor position in that election.

For hall council elections taking place between March 1st and September 30th 2016, an additional 'nobody' candidate will be added to each ballot and any candidate who ranks lower than 'nobody' in the final order of finish will not receive a hall councilor position in that election.

Hall Councilor Amendment

Pros

- Ensures the good candidates will be elected

- In keeping with the spirit of SP

Cons

- Complication in procedure

- Against the positive, encouraging spirit of SP

- We propose this as a <u>temporary</u> amendment for the hall councilor election in spring 2016.

- The proposal and the previously explained logistics will be emailed to sp-all, so the residents' opinion can be heard through the hall councilor votes.
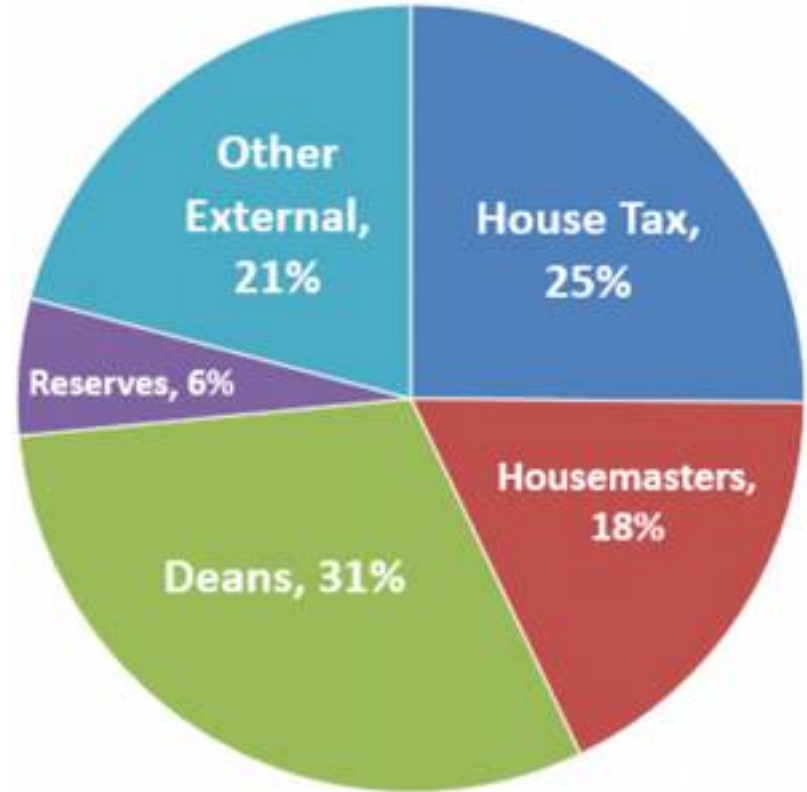
360 Feedback for SPEC

- In the spirit of learning and of transparency, we're asking all officers to complete a brief 360 degree review of their respective SPEC

Spring Budget

- Allocation Summary:
  - 92 Budget Allocations
  - $52,585 Allocated

- Funding Sources:
  - House Tax, Reserves
  - Housemasters, House Managers
  - Deans (ODGE, DSL, GSLG, GCF)
  - GSC, ASA, GradRat

- Review / discuss budget

- Vote!

Funding Source Breakdown

- Other External, 21%
- House Tax, 25%
- Reserves, 6%
- Housemasters, 18%
- Deans, 31%

Bylaw Amendment Proposal

- Increasing Social Committee to 3 officers
  - Still one voting position
- Removing separate Orientation Committee

Changes voting balance between HC's and officers from 28/26 to 27/26
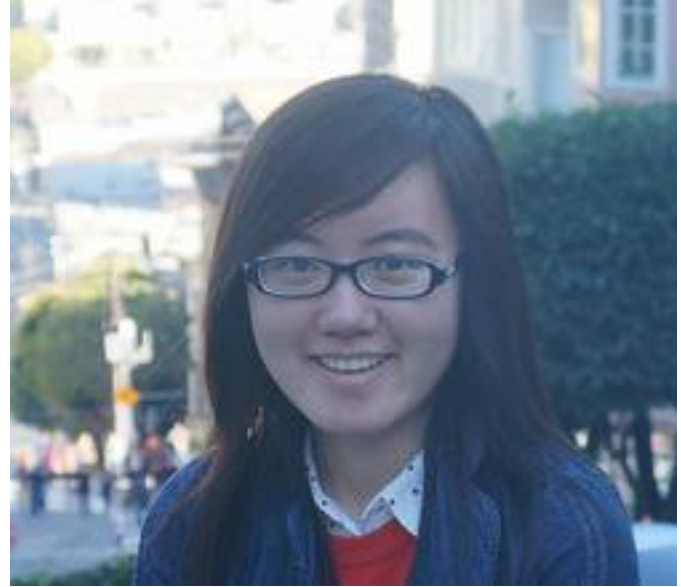
Amendment 15

In section I of the bylaws

1. Deletion of Orientation Committee (bylaws I.d)
2. Expanding the role of Social Committee with addition of "Charged with the production of orientation resources and the organization of a program of orientation activities for new Members entering in the Fall and Spring terms." to bylaws I.d.ii.

Service Awards

Alexandre Girard

Xiao Fang

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Jingzhi   Daniel   Steve
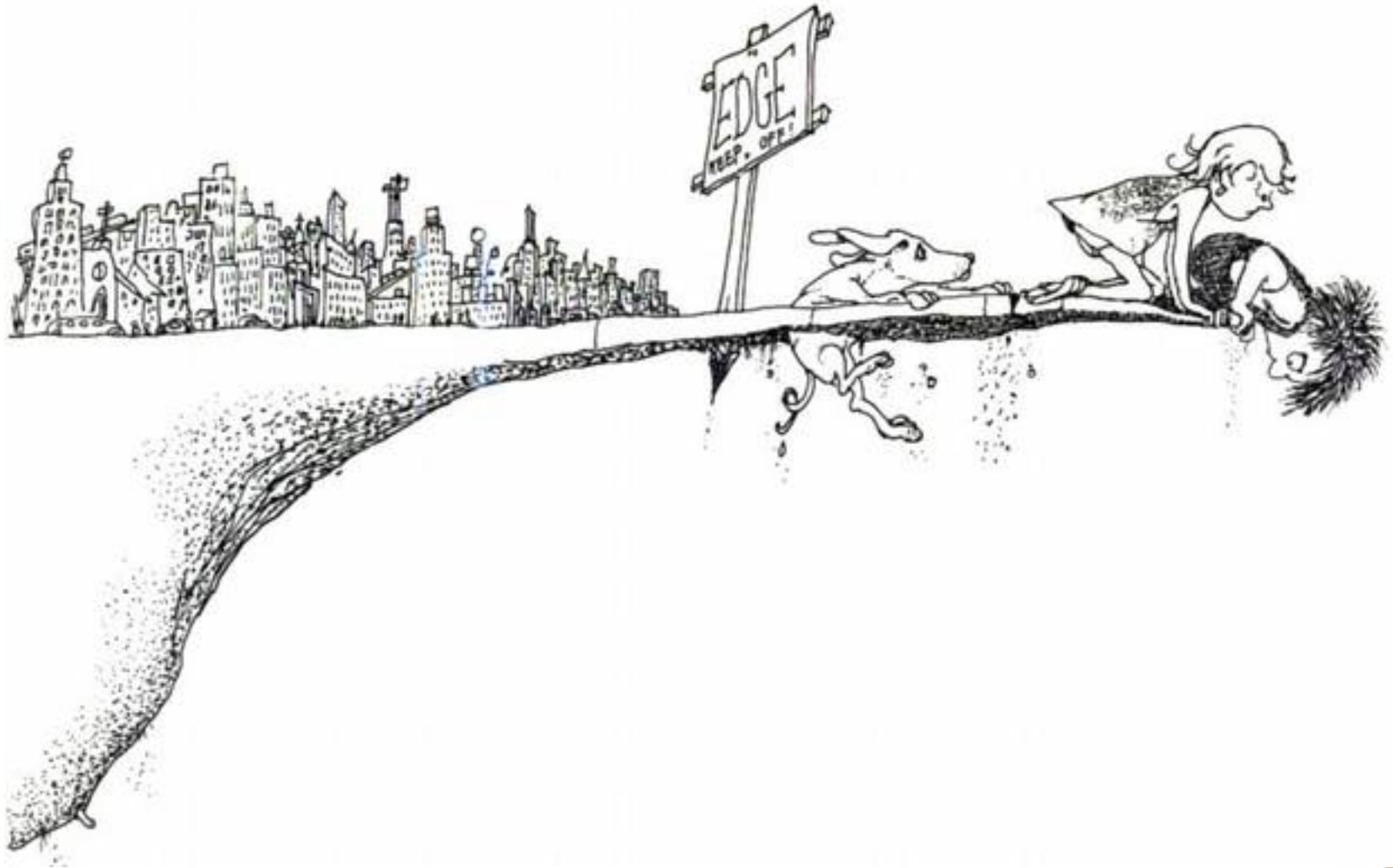
Service Shout Out

Hall Councilors

Officers' Winter Retreat

- Kings Bowling
- Saturday, February 20th - Meet in lobby at 5:10

Upcoming Events

Sat	2/20	6:00 PM	Officers' Retreat
Sun	2/21	6:00 PM	Open Doors Night
Tues	2/23	6:00 PM	CoSI Dr. Alan Jasanoff and Dr. Ed Boyden
Sat	2/27	6:00 PM	SPEC Info Dinner
Sun	2/28	12:00 PM	February Brunch
Sun	2/28	6:30 PM	Academy Awards Ceremony
Mon	2/29	6:30 PM	SPEC Nominations Dinner
Mon	3/14	TBA	π Day Social
Every Mon		8:00 PM	Zumba
Every Wed		9:00 PM	Coffee Hour

Dessert!