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# March House Meeting

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

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# Agenda

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- Updating Budget Cycles
- SPEC Election
- Voting for Bylaw Amendment for Hall Councilor Election
- SP Equipment and Inventory Policy
- Trustee Nomination
- Service Awards and Shout-Outs
- Upcoming events
- Open floor and dessert

# Updating Budget Cycle Timeline

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- Synchronize with external funding and MIT fiscal year
  - Deans, Housemasters, GSC, ASA
  - Know granted funding before budgeting major events
- Enhanced officer and SPEC transition
  - New officers observe and make suggestions for creation of Cycle 4 budget but old officers submit
  - New officers make first budget after getting some experience in the position
- Consistent durations and deadlines
  - Easier to plan and iterate with shorter cycles

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2016-2017 SPEC Elections

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# 2016-2017 SPEC Election

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## 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:
  - [http://s-p.mit.edu/government/trustees\\_anonymous\\_mail.php](http://s-p.mit.edu/government/trustees_anonymous_mail.php)
  - [sp-trustee-chair@mit.edu](mailto: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



# 2016-2017 SPEC Election

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**President**                      Nicholas Triantafillou

**VP of Information**        Ben Yuan

**VP of Residential Life**    Greg Izatt

**VP of Resources**            **Reopen nomination: 3/15-3/28;**  
**Election: 3/29.**

**Chair of the Halls**        Akshay Mohan



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Speeches

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# Question Period

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1. Questions must be questions.
2. Questions may directed to one, some, or all candidates
3. Candidates may choose to not 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.”*

6. <http://shoutkey.com/combustible>





# Discussion Period

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- 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

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- 2 versions of ballot: committee chairs and hall councilors

**•Sidney Pacific Executive Council**  
**•Election Ballot**  
**•*For Hall Councilors Only***

- Within each race, vote with unique positive integers. Blank votes indicate “no confidence”.

Stray marks in the box invalidate your ballot!

**•President**

Nicholas Triantafillou

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**•VP of Information**

Ben Yuan

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**•VP of Residential Life**

Greg Izatt

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**•Chair of the Halls**

Akshay Mohan

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•**Sidney Pacific Executive Council**  
•**Election Ballot**  
•***For non-Hall Councilors***

•Within each race, vote with unique positive integers. Blank votes indicate “no confidence”.

Stray marks in the box invalidate your ballot!

•**President**

Nicholas Triantafillou

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•**VP of Information**

Ben Yuan

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•**VP of Residential Life**

Greg Izatt

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# About the Ballot

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- 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  $n$ .
  - ❑ Number “1” is the highest ranking preference.
  - ❑ “ $n$ ” is the number of candidates for a position !
- 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**.

# Voting Instructions

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- 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*

# Example Ballots

Alice	1
Bob	2
Carl	

Alice	
Bob	5
Carl	64

Alice	1
Bob	2
Carl	$\pi$

Alice	
Bob	2
Carl	2

# Example Ballots

Alice	<u>0</u>	<del>X</del>
Bob	<u>2</u>	
Carl	<u>      </u>	

Alice	<u>      </u>	
Bob	<u>2</u>	
Carl	<u>      </u>	

Alice	<u>no</u>	<del>X</del>
Bob	<u>2</u>	
Carl	<u>      </u>	

Alice	<u>yes</u>	<del>X</del>
Bob	<u>2</u>	
Carl	<u>      </u>	



# VP of Resources

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- Nominations period re-open until **3/28/2016** at 11:59 PM
- Email [sp-nominations@mit.edu](mailto:sp-nominations@mit.edu) to nominate a candidate
- Elections will take place at an extraordinary house meeting on **3/29/2016**.

# Hall Councilor Amendment

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- Rationale
  - To facilitate the recruitment and transition for the new house government within the timeline given to the community by MIT housing.
  - In anticipation that the number of the nominees may be smaller than the open positions.

# Hall Councilor Amendment

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Original : Nominations shall open at the April House Council Meeting and close after two weeks.

Proposed change: “Nominations shall open at a **House Council Meeting after the election of the executive council** and close after two weeks.”

Original: The Board of Trustees shall officiate the portion of the Hall Meetings regarding the election. Members of each Hall may cast their votes at their Hall Meeting or during one additional period, to be chosen by the Board of Trustees, falling between the close of nominations and the May House Council Meeting.

Proposed addition: “**For hall council elections taking place between March 1st and September 30th 2016, a candidate must be ranked on more than half of the ballots cast in order to receive a hall councilor position in that election.**”



# SP Equipment and Inventory Policy

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## Summary:

- Dorms *MAY* borrow our A/V, kitchen, and music equipment after they sign our inventory sharing contract
- Individuals and student groups may not borrow our equipment for events, even if they are at SP
- SP residents may borrow small items for SP events (igroups, SPICE, SPontaneous, etc.). The resident must contact the appropriate SPEC and publicize the event appropriately



# Trustee Nomination

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- Lived in SP for 4.5 years
- Past Involvement
  - Coffee Hour (2012-2013)
  - VP of Resident Life (2013-2014)
  - Active volunteer

# Service Awards

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Sebastian Palacios  
*CoSI Chair*

# Service Awards

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Grace Goon  
*Publicity Chair*



# Service Awards



Natasha Patel-Murray  
*iGroups/Outing Chair*



# Upcoming Events

Wed	3/16	9:00 PM	Officer Info Coffee Hour
Thurs	3/17	7:00 PM	St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Fri	3/18	6:30 PM	Allegiant Movie Outing
Sat	3/19	12:00 PM	Art & Artists at Mount Auburn
Sun	3/20	7:00 PM	Controller Office Hours
Wed	3/30	5:45 PM	The Sound of Music Broadway Outing
Sat	4/2	7:00 PM	Wine and Cheese
Sun	4/17	12:00 PM	April Brunch
Wed	4/20	9:00 PM	Trivia Coffee Hour
Every Mon		8:00 PM	Zumba
Every Wed		9:00 PM	Coffee Hour

# Open Floor



# Dessert!

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