March House Meeting

Thur. March 19, 2014

Please sign in so we know who was here. Thanks!
Agenda

- SPEC 2015 election
- Trustee nominations
- Service awards and shout-outs
- Upcoming events
- Open floor
- Dessert
## Diversion of House Funds

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<th>Social</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Budget (GSC)</th>
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<td>Video game tournament</td>
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Event already planned through House Masters

Plan for reallocating funds to a June Dance Party.

Request $1,200 from GSC FB

Alcohol cost low - Leftover wine from Wine & X events
Partial food costs shared with the May BBQ
2015-2016 SPEC Elections

March 19, 2015
2015-2016 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 or by email:
  • http://s-p.mit.edu/government/trustees_anonymous_mail.php
  • 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
2015-2016 SPEC Candidates

President

Wen Jie Ong

VP of Information

Anand Natarjan

VP of Residential Life

Sydney Sroka

VP of Resources

Joe DelPreto

Chair of the Halls

Maryam Aliakbarpour
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.”

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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, Hall Councilors
- A valid ballot is one whose 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 counted against quorum.
- A missing ballot is treated as an abstention and counts against quorum.
Example Ballots

Alice__________  1
Bob___________  2
Carl___________

Alice__________
Bob___________  5
Carl___________  64

Alice__________
Bob___________
Carl___________ \( \pi \)

Alice__________
Bob___________
Carl___________  2
Example Ballots

Alice 0
Bob 2
Carl

Alice 2
Bob 2
Carl

Alice no
Bob 2
Carl

Alice yes
Bob 2
Carl
Voting Instructions

- Write “1” if you wish to vote for a candidate.
- Empty spaces are interpreted as “no confidence.”
- Any stray marks or words will invalidate your vote.
Trustee Nomination: Boris Braverman

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

- 3rd year resident
- Web chair 2012-2015
  - 2 service awards,
  - 2 service shoutouts
- Winner of inaugural Mark award
- HVAC Committee
Service Shout-Outs

Rushabh (SPICE) and Franck (Music Chair)
Service Awards:
Sterling Chu
IT Chair

- Making sure that SP computers are always available for residents
- Constantly supplying ink and paper to printers
- Maintaining the front desk signature pad
- Acquiring and setting up a new computer for the HGO
Keeping SP green by maintaining and expanding SP’s plants

Organizing a variety of events and keeping residents engaged (plants sale, Harvest Pizza, Tea making, Valentine’s Day roses, and upcoming flower arrangements for common areas)
Service Awards:
Ioana Josan-Drinceanu
Interhall Coordinator

- Pioneering many new events to promote Wellness in our community:
  - Roommate Dine out
  - Procrastination Dinner
  - Life Challenges at MIT
Service Awards:
Anita Kalathil
2-South Hall Councilor

- Doing a great job building community in her hall.
- Looking out for other hall councilors.
- Volunteering at SP events.
Service Awards:
Web Chairs

Frank Wang  Anand Natarajan  Eric Stansifer

- Behind-the-scenes website migration to new server
- Adopting new software-engineering “best practices”
Upcoming Events

------------------- March -------------------
- March 21 (11 am): Hall Councilor Info Session
- March 23 (6:30 pm): Life Challenges at MIT
- March 25 (8 pm): Swing Dance Outing
- March 31 (11:59 pm): Deadline for officer and HC applications

------------------- April -------------------
- April 4 (4 pm): Flower Arrangement Interhall Event
- April 6 (12 pm): Easter Brunch
- April 11 (TBD): Pottery Class with Housemaster Berit J.
- April 11 (7:30 pm): Aquarium Outing- Sushi dinner
- April TBD (9PM): Cultural Coffee Hour #1- Canadian Club
- April TBD (9PM): Coffee Hour- Internal Ice Cream Social
Open Floor
Dessert!

Remember to sign in!