



SidneyPacific
Graduate Community

House Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Agenda

- **Bylaw Amendment Voting**
- **Service Awards/Shout-outs**
- **Upcoming Events/Announcements**
- **Open Floor**
- **Dessert!**

Bylaw Amendment Process

- Amendments were proposed in November
- We will vote today
- 2/3 vote of House Council required
- 10-15 minutes for questions and discussion today

Proposed Bylaw Amendments (1)

- Section in question: III. Elections
- Voters will be asked to list the candidates in order of preference and the votes will be counted using the Full Preferential method. ... The winning candidate in any election shall be granted the option to accept office. **If the option is not exercised within one week**, 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.
- Change **“if the option is not exercised within one week”** to **“if the option is not exercised within a specified time period (no less than three days)”**

Proposed Bylaw Amendments (2)

- Section in question: III. Elections
- Voters will be asked to list the candidates in order of preference and the votes will be counted using the Full Preferential method. ... 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.
- Add “**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**”

Service Awards



- 4 Hall Dinners in 4 Months!
- Awesome Intercultural Potluck with 2-North (Isaac Oderberg)
- Frequent Volunteer
- Super Approachable!

Service Awards



- Enthusiastic volunteer and Coffee Hour chair since last fall
- Led Kitchen improvement initiative

Service Shout-Outs!



Emily



Sharon



Boris



Stephen



Leila

Changes to the Interest Groups

- Changes to the subsidies:

Number of people	Subsidy per person
3-5	\$5
6-8	\$8
>8	\$10

- Building the Leadership
 - ✓ Awards for people who initiate the events
(full subsidy if possible)
 - ✓ Connections

Beautification Updates

- Goal: Make SP a more beautiful place
- Committee is accepting proposals
- Proposal criteria
 1. Visibility/accessibility
 2. Feasibility
 3. Potential of submitter to execute idea
 4. Effect on ambiance
 5. Impact on quality of life
- **Send proposals to** sp-beautification@mit.edu
 - Rolling deadline/review cycle
 - First round will be approved for fall budget cycle

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Dec 7th – House Cup Art Contest
- Saturday, Dec 10th -- SP Jam Session: Take 2
- Sunday, Dec 11th – Christmas Tree Decorating
- Wednesday, Dec 14th -- Pre-Finals Waffle Night
- Sunday, Dec 18th -- Housemaster Yankee Swap
- Sunday, Jan 29th – Winter Retreat

Open Floor

Lobbyist for teh 40-hour nap week



Dessert Time!

