

# 2/11/2015 EC Housecomm Minutes

All halls are here.

## Retreat

Prereq: all new halls must have new hallchairs.

First east election is currently running and will be done Thursday.

Beast needs to do the thing.

Nope, Beast is just bad at communication.

We'll try to pick a date for the retreat soon.

Talbotcomm doesn't like to hear its own voice enough to prolong this housecomm.

## Elections

### Rush chairs

Nico says being a Rush chair means you interact with various admins and each other and send lots of email and herd lots of cats. Busy now, picks up in April, do a bunch over summer, and of course Rush (and a bit after). It's a ton of work and a ton of fun. But not enough to do it again.

### Nominees:

- piper
- tristanh
- wesley
- grant says nope
- billy says nope
- casie says nope
- raviles
- cami says nope
- mcfly says nope
- daniel clavijo says nope
- jake says nope
- lily zhou
- ava says nope
- wlivero says nope
- Nico's not stupid

- benkatz and shanko say no
- ameister
- awaln says nope
- liz says nope
- evie says nope
- nibr

Actual candidates:

- pipes
- tristanh
- wkl
- raviles
- lilyzhou
- ameister
- nibr

piper: 2E, sophomore, 2, she doesn't know if she wants to be a rush chair, she's used to dealing with admins and bureaucratic things with clubs and stuff, so she would be willing to deal with that side. She can take on other things as they come up.

tristanh: 5W, frosh, probably 6, he says he would be a good rush chair because he's good at coordinating things and taking initiative. He has no summer plans so will probably be in Cambridge.

ameister: 1E, frosh, she says she really likes EC and is good at organizing things and sending email and making things happen. She plans to be here this summer.

raviles: 2017, course 8, she says she wants to run because bad ideas was lots of fun and she didn't hate people at the end of it. She is also sad and chairless and looking for MOAR POWER.

lilyzhou: Sophomore, course 6, she thinks it's a really nice way to show off EC and show people why they want to live here and what we're about.

nibr: Olivia, sophomore, 3E, course 18, she wants to be a rush chair because rush is super exciting and last rush was fun. Seeing Sabrina struggle made her want to do it more.

wkl: Putz, 1C&2A, he wants to be a rush chair because he liked last rush and wants to run, he has experience managing very large projects, like building 66 and the coaster.

Everyone but raviles and nibr has drivers' licences.

raviles doesn't have but can get a credit card

pipes: Not here for summer, here for rush  
tristainh: here for summer and rush  
ameister: here for summer and rush  
raviles: here for summer and rush  
lilyzhou: no idea about summer, there's a 50% chance she'll be here, here for rush  
nibr: here for summer and rush  
wkl: doesn't know about summer, here for rush

What events have you run in the past?

wkl: Ran the coaster with benkatz  
nibr: Directed ESP thing  
lilyzhou: Nothing at EC, was an HMMT proctor, and is good at dealing with angry parents  
raviles: Bad ideas, she likes dealing with logistics rather than projects  
ameister: Rusn Pinkies, managed robots in high school  
tristanh: Also managed robots in high school. Is a tech editor and Open Data Discourse challenge event coordinator  
pipes: Helps run MIT 100k, Design for America hackshops, and has ran CPW events, and hall stuff

It's Friday, loldicks you need a licensed roller coaster operator. Stress?

wkl: Doesn't sleep  
nibr: Grab a friend and rant, tool on something  
lilyzhou: Some combination of not sleeping and ranting  
raviles: Actively looking for solutions  
ameister: If solvable, do the thing. If not, work on other things  
tristanh: Good at making other deadlines disappear. Resourceful and try to rally up people that could help.  
piper: 3am the fire department. Call 911. Thinks the situation wouldn't be stressful. if it is, stress bake.

What's a time when you've had to manage a budget, because rush TOTALLY DOES THAT NO REALLY ACTUALLY

piper: Design for America responsibilities flow and she sometimes has to deal with budget. HS stuff.  
tristanh: No experience beyond personal, will be managing the tech budget soon.  
ameister: A little bit of job budget and likes spreadsheets  
raviles: Also spreadsheetophile, yearbook, hall, bad ideas

lily: hallchair

nibr: HS

wesley: HS CA latin convention., \$120k (spoiler alert: more than rush). Got to make big 66 decisions

Steven is surprised that Wesley was assistant superintendent

What are your visions for rush?

wesley: more frosh in building, yay construction, food, frosh

nibr: Build cool things and food and yeah, also frosh and teaching and why things work the way they do, yay teaching

lilyzhou: Working #YOLO, hold a power tools seminar

raviles: Make everyone's ideas happen, balance between large projects and small frosh projects that won't kill anyone. Feed people. More organization, specific people to delegate to, formal grill captains and stuff

ameister: more variety of events to show diversity of EC and halls, make sure every hall is out there doing things.

tristanh: The most important outcome of rush is engagement and being welcoming.

pipes: What everyone else said. Also post-rush having the "right" freshmen pick EC requires more than having flashy events. The frosh should meet more upperclassmen.

And Yo brings up the [Tech article](#) about 35 frosh trying to FYRE out of EC and asks for opinions.

ameister: What happened to me during Rush was I saw the EC archetype and thought I had to be like that. People feel similarly and then learn that they belong here.

raviles: Thinks the article wasn't framed well. Housing process is about finding the place that's best for you. Don't think people firing out isn't our fault if they'd be happier elsewhere. If it is due to something we did, would like to know what those things are and how to address them.

lilyzhou: Talking to some of the frosh about FYRE. Agreed with ameister. Doesn't think we should change rush in order to attract more students to stay in EC while they might be suited better elsewhere benefits no one.

nibr: Has opinions. POV from FYREing in. She wasn't the the EC stereotype. Still came to EC. Think Rush went really well and we didn't do anything traumatizing. People who left left because they think they wouldn't fit. Pretty much what raviles said  
wesley: ++ameister/lilyzhou. people are intimidated. But people leaving isn't necessarily bad, going to different places where they'll be happier.

piper: Agree with Olivia that 35 might be high but it frees up room for people who want to be here. 2E got 3 interdorm transfers and they're all happier.

tristanh: An important job of rush is to make people find their home. If that's EC yay. As rush chairs can portray hall as accurately as possible, portray nuances, broaden range of activities. Not into power tools? Other things. Also do this through the i3 video.

raviles says: during Rush EC is putting on a united front, not supposed to pre-rush halls. Where is the balance between showing off diversity?

kwbartel: This is called into question every rush. As a rush chair, you find out what people want from the crowd, make decisions for the year.

nwfine points out that diversity does not have to be tagged to halls

nibr: Rush is short, no length of time enables discovery everywhere

wkl: remember it's not just frosh

Wesley, Rachel, Lily are the new rush chairs.

## SocComm

SocComm is in charge of reserving things. Talbot and the courtyard and grills and stuff and social things™. Part of the job is using animated gifs to convey your message.

Sacred tradition. Supposed to be a budget. Email Liz. Comm with the largest budget.

- wliverno says nope
- awaln says nope
- jisenhar says nope
- ltencate says nope
- ryanberg says nope
- rusch
- yanisa
- phoophie
- cyqwang
- ameister

yanisa: 4e, frosh, hall chair, runs things

rusch: 3e, gifs and parties

cyqwang: 3e, can use computers

phoophie: 3e gifs and emails and parties yay

ameister: 1e, gets gifs from tumblr

New SocComm: yanisa and ameister

## **MovieComm**

Jake did nothing. Movies.

- jisenhar
- eevolt
- wliverno
- rusch

Jake is MovieComm

## **WebComm**

Manages the EC locker and buys fonts

- chencs
- tristanh
- bgheneti
- jakobw

jakobw: Can do web things. Shakespeare webmaster. Django experience

chencs: Ringcomm webmaster, 4W webmaster, SSC website sort of django experience

tristanh: Servers websites organizations. Django experience

bgheneti: Admins servers and hall websites. Django experience

Everyone is overqualified.

Banti is WebComm

## **GameComm**

Buy nice things for EC to break. Get a box of ping pong balls and cue tips (the pool kind not the ear kind).

- vmayar
- rusch
- tsims
- bdemaio

Billy is GameComm

## **ToolComm**

Mange tools and shit. Try to stem hemorrhage of drills.

- phoophie
- rejberg
- astanton
- nwfine
- nmccoy
- tristanh

Any ideas for improving toolcomm?

astanton wants a better sign out system.

phoophie wants organization.

Ava wants to know how comfortable the candidates are dealing with sketchy tools.  
Everyone thumbs up.

Molly asks about RFIDs and tristanh wants to do the things.

astanton actually does power tool budget things.

nmccoy think implementing RFIDs are hard.

rejberg has done tool orders for robotics and takes inventory. He wants to establish what's missing.

Nico points out that there exists a cirsaw that is held together with pcord he put there his freshman year. (Nico is old.)

Yo points out housing's obsession with "makerspaces".

Toolcomm is Ali, Nico, Nick

### **PetComm**

Adherence to the pet policy!

- camilara
- dclavijo
- jisenhar
- rusch
- ekrupcza

Cami is petcomm

### **JockComm**

If you have feels about intramurals you care about Jockcomm

vmayar has gone to all the meetings and has been whiteballotted.

Nope TalbotComm likes their voices. They want to know about money. Budget is next time woo! outgoing comms need to request money for next people.

Guests! From the UA! Laila and Robert! Running for things! Fairness! Sarah and Sonja also met with other people running for the UA, Matthew and Sophie, full disclosure and things. Going to adjourn, but if you have feelings about the UA talk to them. jes says they're pretty cool.