

East Campus HouseComm

12/11/13

1E and 1W are absent (they showed up later)

First up: elections!

Secretary

Nominations:

Elizabeth Berg –sophomore on putz, wants to get more involved in EC. Been secretary for ESP for a year.

Steven Keyes – Junior on tetazoo. Usually comes to housecomm, likes the atmosphere and angst and information. Qualified to be secretary because in junior year of high school he was secretary for 4 different clubs.

Kevin Zhou – freshman from 4e. Thinks housecomm is pretty cool. In middle school he was pretty good at a typing program, challenges the rest to a duel

Question from Leonid: will you maintain the personal calendar of president and VP?

Steven? How personal a calendar?

Fuzzy clarifies that this will involve all aspects of Jes and Phoebe's personal lives.

Steven: Yes

Kevin: No

Ejberg: No

Candidates are kicked out.

Steven is elected!!

Treasurer

Manages East Campus account, deals with RFPs, talks to SAO

Nominations:

Sonja – 4w. Good at numbers and details. I like to do things that are not productive for me but are productive when I don't want to do work. I plan a lot of vacations that I can't afford. I like busywork.

Sadun – 1E freshman. Want to get more involved in EC. Likes the idea of interacting with SAO, wants to learn more about them. <general outcry from the room> Like anyone I can send in emails and turn in paperwork. Turning in paperwork gives me a rush.

Jake: how many euros for one transferrable blowjob?

Sonja: one baguette

Sadun: we don't use euros in EC

Kate: average email response time

Sonja: depends on sender

Sadun: 30 minutes if awake

Margo: What do you do if SAO fucks up? Who do you talk to when a student is owed money?

Sonja: figure out where the holdup is. A problem could occur at any number of steps.

Sadun: I would ask past treasurers until I was familiar with they system.

A disgruntled EC-er: Will you give me my \$350 back?

Sonja: yes

Other questions along these lines.

Jake: how many school busses can you promise us?

Sonja: none. But I am interested in sponsoring stud finders.

Face: What experience do you have interacting with the administration

Sonja: in an official capacity, none

Sadun: only personal academic schedule things.

Candidates are kicked out.

Sonja is elected.

CPW Chairs

Coordinate all EC CPW events. Coordinate with admissions, get funding, make projects happen.

Spatz: We're electing CPW chairs sooner than we usually do so we have time to get things done by deadlines. There's the planning phase and the execution phase. Run meetings, run to home depot, make a budget. Submit events, EHS approval.

We will be electing 3 CPW chairs.

Nominations:

Katie Bartel – sophomore on putz. Care a lot about CPW. Putting 6.005 project on the line to be here at elections. Loved it last year and as a prefrosh

Valentina – sophomore on beast. Liked CPW, wants to make other people feel happy and excited, especially second semester it is necessary.

Rudy Garcia – 5e freshman. CPW is pretty recent in his memory, pretty excited to help plan it. I think it's a pretty nice break from everything. I say the word pretty a lot..

Jake Isenhardt – sophomore on tetazoo, excited about CPDBU and rush. Really loved it as a prefrosh. Want to do that for the incoming freshmen and the lolz

Billy DeMaio – putz, involved in most CPW/rushy things. I'm planning on not doing much next semester in terms of classes.

Martin: how many classes are you taking in the spring

Billy: 3

Jake: 5

Valentina: 4 or 5

Katie: 4+0

Rudy: 4 and a 9-unit class

Mike Flynn: do you have a valid drivers liscence?

Yes from everyone except Rudy. Disclaimer from Katie: I'm from new York.

Sonja: if you were in a relationship with another CPW chair, would that affect you?

Katie: me and billy aren't actually together

Jake: how did you know about me and rudy. No seriously, it'd be good. (Jake and Valentina are together for realz). It would not ruin their relationship to do it together or if one of them got it and the other didn't.

Who do you want to work with? We decide the answer to this question is basically unnecessary

Mike Flynn: how do you cope with stress? If you cut of human contact when you're stressed, say so now.

Katie: When I'm stressed I put a lot of time into it.
Billy: I ask people for advice and help
Valentina: I talk to people about everything
Jake: I buy chipotle when I'm stressed. "For everyone!"
Rudy: I used to withdraw into myself but now I know people who help me a lot.
If someone's fucking up how do you fix it?
Billy: yell at them
Jake: don't let it get that far
Valentina: hall chair on beast, has experience. I'll pick up the slack or help out
Katie: have a conversation with the person, get a mutual solution
Rudy: time crunch: attempt to clean their fuckup, when you got the thing done then have the conversation.
Fuzzy: what is the largest event you've been in charge of?
Katie: in charge of An Hour Wasted with Fuzzy and Leonid. WMBR in general
Valentina: WMBR, in high school set up a bunch of talks for the school, poetry slams, interhall feed
Jake: Various secret projects. Which are a lot of work.
Billy: School plays in high school.
Rudy: In high school, held a state-wide office, managed 200 kids with their projects.
Candidates are kicked out
Billy, Katie, and Rudy are elected.

Community Standards Document

We sent out a document of our community standards. We asked you to review it. Nobody really said anything. Can we formally approve this document as representing our values? The document is approved by an 8 out of ten vote of Housecomm.

Murals

Kelly has had 2 meetings with other dorm presidents and one with Henry Humphries regarding murals. Housing wants us to have a document indicating that every hall that has murals has a process. The document so far is, halls create their own process. Nothing we are doing needs to change and thanks for sending us your "policies" such as they are. We're just trying to make it clear to them that we do have standards about what goes up on our walls. There doesn't seem like there's going to be any action on their part.

The other part is, we're going to go around and take pictures of murals that are cool or exemplify our community. If you have suggestions of murals you would like to feature, send Kelly an email.

Rooming updates from Leonid

Leonid: if you want to move halls, and you have a specific hall you want to move to, let Leonid know very quickly. Also probably Phoebe the new VP. Also, EC will be open for the summer. Us and MacGregor will be open as summer residents. This means both parallels.

Community service project update from Nelson

Community service project: building a recording studio for a community center. The place that wants the recording studio wants to give us as much free reign as possible, but we also need to be responsible and build something they can use. Links being sent out to ec-residents will show all the amazing things these kids are doing already with what they have. They can get funding for us. If we want to make it super-special, we can throw in our own funding. But we need to give them a commitment. The director would also like to come here to speak with us all and have the teenagers perform for us. They would want us to be done with the place and have it open by the summer. Also, would we be interested in making a science lab, because whatever they have is basically unusable.

Jes volunteers to take the lead on this project and thinks even a group of 4 people would be enough. Several people raise their hands.

Sarah: we as a community have a history of not being quitters. We're not concerned about this.

Nelson also thinks this can give us an in with the Cambridge city council

JockComm wants to exist again

Rachel Nations is really involved with IM sports. She wants EC to have some low-key IM teams, and is happy to be our representative to their meetings.

Rachel Nations is the interim JockComm until Spring elections.

Concerns about VP election

Kelly: basically, we had an election which was very very close, but the people running the polls didn't know we were doing preferential voting or misunderstood the concept and thought that preferential voting wouldn't matter. However, with write-ins, there were actually 3 candidates. Almost nobody did preferential voting, so it was impossible to tally up the election once we had established that neither candidate had a majority. There was a complaint to ec-exec, and we decided to re-run the election. The second election was also very very close, but following the rules in the constitution we came out with the correct results.

We apologize for the mishandling of the election, since it hadn't been a problem in the past we assumed it wouldn't be a problem. Kelly apologizes for not making sure electcomm knew the processes in our bylaws. We will learn from our mistakes.

Margo: Just bringing up this thing in the constitution.

If any election is disputed, 7 out of 10 halls must vote to determine whether to hold another election. We did not follow this even though it is in our constitution. (Article V section 7.1)
Margo: it seems that in cases of uncertainty, the answer is “the president decides.” Wouldn’t it be worthwhile to write down what happens if the election is run incorrectly.
Ec-exec agrees but we determine that we can’t have a constitutional amendment without notice.

Nelson gives out cards on how to become a GRT.

Buy girl scout cookies from Kate’s cousin on Sunday afternoon!

Kelly says goodbye emotionally to being president of EC, and Housecomm thanks Kellynid with applause.