

EC HouseComm Minutes 2016-02-10

“All halls” are here. demaio is 1W for today.

Comm Elections

There are a lot of comm elections on the agenda. Specifically:

TalbotComm	EC Historian	PianoComm
ToolComm	GameComm	SudsComm
ConcertComm	NomComm	SewingComm
AVComm	AlumniComm	EcoComm
WebComm	WeightroomComm	ThriftComm
SocComm	BikeComm	

We’re only going to elect the first seven comms today because they’re the most budget/schedule-constrained. Budget will be discussed at next HouseComm and we’ll get to the rest then.

TalbotComm is in charge of planning nice things for Talbot. “Nice things” happened last semester like the beanbags. What color will the beanbag covers be? More murals? Hammocks? If you want to be the person who makes bad ideas happen all year round, run for TalbotComm!

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| banti says no | lucyyang says no | rkestin says yes |
| • rkestin is new TalbotComm by white ballot | | |

ToolComm is in charge of buying tools, especially for rush and CPW. Makes sure all the tools don’t get lost, which is hard. Tells people that ToolComm closet isn’t on Putz anymore and you can’t just take people’s personal tools. About 95% of the work (read: yelling at people) is during rush.

rkestin says yes	kerriewu says no
mickyk says no.	nmccoy says no
benrf says for toolcomm? noooo	nwfine declines
lytle says sure	emittman says sure...
bgheneti says no	tneedham says no

- rkestin, lytle, and emittman are new ToolComm by white ballot

ConcertComm organizes FredFest and could potentially do other music/concert-y things. You work a lot with joeg, decide what bands play, spend money for it, and do a lot of the event registration. You get a pretty good budget. Run music events for EC community and more!

bgheneti says yes

yanisa says no

cyrilcs says no

tsims says hrmm..get back to me. I accept.

- bgheneti and tsims are new ConcertComm by white ballot

AVComm - Sometimes people e-mail out where are the EC speakers? And they ask you and you say no. But they should be in the EC AV closet and AVComm makes sure the speakers and cables aren't borked and ostensibly make AV improvements to EC. Also are supposed to know where things are. Also sets up music for rush and CPW.

Casie says no

kcher says yes

dclavijo says yes

ldecastr says okay

malw says no

snp says no

Candidates:

- dclavijo played music during the last thing - rush. Knows how to use the speakers.
 - jisenhar: When you turn on the speakers do you set them to line or mic?
dclavijo: I'm gonna go with line.
jisenhar: Yeah don't fucking set them to mic I will kill you.
- ldecastr knows how to use the speakers and set them up and can carry them places.
- kcher used speakers for Bad Ideas, can also lift them, doesn't fuck up audio equipment.

Two people for AVComm.

Yay, ldecastr and kcher.

Music plays for new AVComm. Snaps ensue.

WebComm - Occasionally people like Piper tell you to change things on the website, or want a new way to update budget so you write a script. Also takes care of server room. The server room has power now and also some servers. Hopefully more servers to come soon.

bgheneti and spocky both say yes

Can we have two WebComms? They're negotiating who does front-end. spocky can do that.

- spocky and bgheneti are new WebComm by white ballot.

SocComm answers a lot of e-mails and controls who can use Talbot by answering e-mails. Also placates the people who want to use the volleyball court in the summer. It's nice if you know how to register parties, but you don't have to.

yanisa says nooo.

yanisa says no again

lebron says no

mickyk says no stahp

bgheneti says no

mjsavole says no

soma1 says what? okay?

benrf says

sudermap says no

- soma1 and benrf are new SocComm by white ballot

EC Historian - tristanh isn't here right now so we're going to do this later.

AHM Apartment Discussion

Sandy Alexander has been approved by our house team and the chancellor and has been given an offer to be our new AHM. We haven't gotten her acceptance yet, but hopefully we will soon. This means we need to make decisions fast and need to have location/design ready by end of February/beginning of March. Hall reps should help with this. Send exec or Piper/Lily concerns or suggestions. rcm has made a helpful PowerPoint.

For reference: cwicks's apt is 850 sqft, rcm's is about 1600 sqft. ADA cap is not that hard to stay under. Each parallel is worth \$7M according to MIT. This means we have like \$2M to spend, and we've only spent like \$250k in the last 3 years. That's a lot of money we can spend. Budget will probably not be a concern.

To make sure we don't have delays over the summer and can get people back into the dorm quickly, we should probably try to decide quickly instead of making infinite wank. There are a few changes from previous apartment planning meetings. Our current options:

- Whole apartment on one floor in east parallel - 1E Goodale; 3E, 4E or 5E Walcott.
 - 950-1000 sqft - 2 bedrooms, kitchen, dining and living room area
 - Hall loses 4 rooms + 1 bathroom. 2 rooms lost are potentially doubles.
 - Removes 4-5 residents from affected hall.
- Apartment split over two floors in east parallel - 3E/4E or 4E/5E
 - ~1000 sqft
 - Each hall loses 2 rooms + one bathroom from one hall.
 - Spiral staircase where the janitor's closet is.
 - There would probably be a door from the apartment onto both halls because furniture and fire escapes.
- NEW OPTION: Apartment split over two floors in some of the space that Desk/housemaster apartment currently take up. rcm doesn't need half his apartment. Could take out part of his apt and part of desk/mailing room area to make 2-story apartment. Sandy doesn't have a partner, so this is a feasible option.
 - ~875 sqft.
 - Effect on Desk - mailboxes would go straight down the hall but you will still get your mail (probably, it's East Campus. Also it's Desk).
- Unfavorable options:

- music/trash room + bathroom is a tight squeeze and is twisty and small. We also generate a lot of trash so we need the trash room. Also people actually use the music room.
- Cut out kitchen end of Talbot because it has the kitchen/bathroom, or the Desk side of Talbot. This has a pretty negative impact on Talbot space, which is currently used frequently and well.
- Tiny house in the courtyard. This is, like, a whole new building. Rush buildings would just be built over it. Exciting!
- Houseboat dorm is out of the question, sorry kids.

We have requested written confirmation that EC *will* be getting early returns.

Q&A:

- Q: Is adding something onto the roof totally out?
A: Doesn't work with plumbing and getting stuff onto the 6th floor is more expensive, and there aren't pipes that already go up there.
- Q: What's the downside of Desk/HM option?
A: Both HM and AHM in same parallel? Piper isn't sure. Future housemasters might have more people and need more room. However, in "five years" EC will be hella renovated.
- Q: Could Desk be moved closer to the Munroe door?
A: No, that doesn't work with fire code.
- Q: There was some talk of nice things like compensation happening to halls that lose rooms to an apartment. When will we get [more information about/an idea of] the kind of compensation halls would get?
A: Depends on the hall and their needs. If your hall has a preference, you should make it known.

Halls are voting on how to make the AHM apartment location decision. Our options are to decide on this today after discussion, or give you more time to discuss and send out a poll to all residents, or turn this into a hall rep discussion. Vote to decide today must be unanimous.

We're not deciding today. We will set up a meeting within the next week to decide. Send the people from your hall who will be most helpful.

Rush has no announcements.

Want to have more feelings about the AHM apartment? Keep an eye on your inbox so you can partake of the EC tradition of loud feelings.