

Housecomm 4/12/2017

Attendance: All halls are present

DSL Stickers

DSL gave us full size stickers explaining the good samaritan policy (in flowchart form). Two per hall, hang them up wherever!

UA Policy Document

docs.google.com/document/d/11Fh6_1ReVDNuITFCFyYH5YSYiRK2flaHkmSM7MWZFLI

Currently, UA does not have a method for making statements about politics, national, or world issues. The UA Public Affairs committee drafted a document, Allie will vote on this at the next UA Council meeting. Please comment on the document by Tuesday night if you have opinions.

CPW Reflections

CPW happened! People liked MIT! And maybe us! Thoughts:

- Adventure tours were not scheduled optimally
- Went through a lot more hair dye than normal, allocate more money to it?
- Maybe we can get more people to host prefrosh (all of MIT had trouble with finding hosts)
- Scheduling was bad, since Spring Break was right before
- Control weather better
- Having activities outside in rain/thunderstorm (tent?)
- Prom maybe should be in courtyard
- Talbot for prom was set up very well though
- Teach people to start a grill

East Campus Day

EC Day is happening May 6th. Join this list and help out!!! east-campus-day-2017@mit.edu

Things will be pretty casual. We will kick off with beautifying transparent horizons, then chilling and grilling and storytelling. Three things that need to be done:

1. Planning food -> Costco trip and some preparation
2. Physical manifestation of stories/EC linguistics, ie a wall people can write on
3. Oddball olympics -> lolsy sportsball competition

Food

This year, Suzy Nelson/Naomi Carton/Peter Cummings from Department of Student Life have been investigating options to low-key convert the Music Theater space in Walker to a chill social lounge/study/cafe area. Potential features include: 24/7 coffee and tea stations, low-cost to-go foods (wraps, salads, etc.), fruits/veggies, blackboard walls, opportunities for student employment, monthly cooking lesson social events by the cool chef who provided food earlier today. This is NOT a dining hall, and it is completely unrelated to MIT's dining caterer. In fact, they are working with Rebecca's Cafe, which is the local restaurant that used to be in Kendall

Sq and had provided 15% student discounts while they were there. The goal is to pilot this in September 2017.

Questions:

You are in need of food, when is it?: noon and midnight, 2am, not 7am

When are you lacking food: Monday and Wednesday

Where/when do people eat?: Chipotle

Food options from today: people liked it, would buy if price was good

Thoughts:

- Aggressively cheap
- Open after 2am
- Can buy onion (grocery store side of it would be cool)

Naomi will come to a future housecomm to fully discuss this. Will email out for a focus group of people to help Naomi on this.

Summer Storage

Insurance requirement will still exist, but we can probably store as much as you want since EC is open for the summer. Tabrez and Lucy are storage chairs and will send out more info later.

EC/SH “formal”

Just an idea right now, but people seem to have generally positive vibes.

New House Social

We will have a social to meet the New House people moving to East Campus on Sunday at 2pm with the transfer! Henry will send emails with information.

Clothing optional courtyard discussion

Allie’s personal opinion: I like being naked and like the idea of being naked in the courtyard, but this could potentially make people uncomfortable and it is very visible.

In constitution, there is info on referendum. This way, individuals can decide on this, and not just halls.

1. A policy will have to be written out, official document with exact words
2. Next, need to get votes to bring it to vote in referendum
 - a. Can bring it to housecomm and get 7/10 halls to vote on it
 - b. OR, get 100 residents to sign document
3. If it passes first vote, we need 2/3 of EC to vote it by referendum
4. If it passes again, we will need to talk to DSL
5. It becomes official!

Discussion

- what are the chances of DSL actually be ok with this if we pass this as our policy?
- skeptical, but maybe topless would work.
- can we run 2 referendum, like one for full naked, one for topless?

- that is possible, both of those will have to be written out and approved for voting
- full on nudity probs won't be approved, especially with random people walking pass throughout the day (children, tourists, professors). We should mainly try to get topless for all
- we can start with inside/stairwell/talbot
- do ppl hang out in stairwell?
- stairwell as a route
- all of sh is clothing optional so DSL probs won't shut that down
- Not sure if even female topless is ok. People walking by will still be freaked out, especially parents, EC may look really bad, with important visitors
- Open question to ppl who disagree: does this make you feel uncomfortable with seeing genitalia, or do you just think it will make EC look bad?
- Discussion about if people who disagree should be more vocal or not
- If you're not willing to put in effort to oppose it, then they don't care that much
- People who don't vocally oppose doesn't mean they don't care
- I'm vaguely uncomfortable with nudity, but feel like there are too many logistical problems with making courtyard clothing optional with ppl walk by
- People will take pictures
- If you are going to be naked, then you should be ok with pictures
- Kind of analogy: People fall asleep randomly in the infinite and pictures are taken
- Maybe restrict hours of clothing optionality?
- Support for idea of starting out with talbot/stairwell, good transition for those not in clothing optional halls
- Even if we don't go through with clothing optional courtyard, and settle on Talbot, it would be helpful for future proposals
- The "some people might be opposed to it" problem is generally solved with referendum
- If referendum is $\frac{2}{3}$ yes, $\frac{1}{3}$ no, would we actually go with it
- A vote is a pre-contract, you agree to it beforehand
- Everything else is constitution $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$.
- Don't want a small number of people to hold everyone else "hostage," but want productive conversation
- 8pm-7am clothing optionality?
- Can think about times (CPW, parents weekend, REX) to not be clothing optional
- Dclavijo and spocky can draft several versions
- Can we do pre-poll to see who is for/against this generally?
- Law: we are on private property but it's pretty sketch
- Are there legal things about people under 18?
- This discussion can continue on ec-inform

Open discussion

What is the best way to give anonymous feedback? Bin at desk, google form (maybe embedded on website, maybe protect with certs)