

Housecomm 10/11/2017

Agenda:

- Concertcomm updates
- Bikecomm updates
- Q & A with Dean David Randall
- Open discussion

Dean Randall will be providing Insomnia Cookies! :D

All halls are present!

Concertcomm updates

- (10th!) FredFest is on Sat 10/14 7-10pm!!

Feat. LVL UP (low fi), nnamdi (hip hop), tredici bacci (jazz); Nice weather forecast - lit. FREE.
Free pizza + icecream.

Open to MIT Campus!! Invite friends. Invite friends to FB event. Help poster on hall?

Bikecomm updates

Bike racks are now rainbow!

Missing sleek black bike that was cut but taken (from Goodale storage) before bikes were allowed to be taken. Please look out for it!

If you find/took it, there will be no penalty for you returning it.

Q & A with Dean David Randall

Who is David?

- Currently: Official Title = Sr Ass Dean of Student Well Being "S3"
- 2005-2010 S3 Dean
- 2010-2016 Head S3
- 2016-2017 New Group "Student Support and Well Being" -- goal is to organize collaboration between student support groups:

Thanks for the cookies!

Yankees fan - woo(?)(!)

What is "Student Support and Well Being"?

- New group to organize collaboration between student support groups:
- covers 5 resources:
 1. S3
 2. Student disability services
 3. "Community Development and Substances Abuse" (previously called Alcohol and Drug Office)
 4. Violence Prevention and Response (VPR) -- victims of sexual misconduct
 5. CARE team - new group

- ** Student leave and return review because students had felt kicked out and not welcome back (Including for medical leave)
- Warm and fuzzy
- Kate McCarthy, Jimmy D. (next AD), and Hester (MacGregor AD)
- 99 of 100 students applied to come back from leave and returned last year!

Questions for David:

- How do I know which support resource to talk to?
 - Don't think - talk. Many people to talk to. Most think S3 is a good easy place to start. Financial, personal relationship, academic concerns. Can help or point you to someone who can help.
 - MIT has a "web of support" - but will always talk to person before sharing their info between different resources
- Other situations for CARE team? [basically question about student privacy]
 - e.g. student got Concussion > called MIT EMS. Put off by the fact that random adult strangers not only were informed but also called to follow up for seemingly minor incident (felt violation of privacy)
 - hard to balance not neglecting students and not violating privacy. err on side of checking in on students personally.
- What do you do if you need extension in a class, you go to S3, Dean recommends extension, but Professor denies Dean's extension recommendation?
 - S3 is better at predicting which professors don't accept and handling these cases
 - May need to go back to S3 dean - they can call professor personally
 - S3 dean may ask for more info
 - S3 dean can work with you to balance other tasks/stressors in life
- What if you can't make Suzy's OH because class?
 - Email Suzy Nelson! Ask to meet nelsonsm@MIT.EDU
 - cc Victoria Davenport (Suzy's assistant) vdavenport@MIT.EDU
 - Victoria is awesome = has fruit and candy woo
 - Could also email David - less direct, but he can help connect
- Retrospective Sr House assessments? student debriefs? reflect on "communal punishment" vs personal accountability. Is there discussion on how this could be addressed in the future?
 - Student report (led by Allie also working with Suzy, Cindy, etc) -- will be sent to Corporation Joint Advisory Committee (CJAC) --> hopefully result in policy changes by beginning of next semester
- Besides UA, Dorm government, how can students get involved?
 - Students and student leaders all have power
 - MIT administration want to partner with students to solve problems! Want to hear not just student leader opinions, but also normal student thoughts.
 - administration can't promise to do every study that is proposed to them, but will listen and discuss your ideas and help if they can.

- David has office hours! in 4-110, F 11-12 (WITH DOG); can mix around a bit semester to semester. If you can't make it, email David!
- Impact on dorm student life. e.g. consequence of UG dorm overcrowding on singles/doubles and mental health etc.
 - hard to predict difficult situations like closing dorm -> consequences across system.
 - Try to mitigate by consulting heads of house, etc.
 - Goal of new support groups = connect support resources more directly to Dean so they can be better involved in big decisions

Questions by David:

- "Withdrawals and Readmissions" -- renamed to "Leaves and Returns" to reduce stress. Are people concerned about leaves and returns?
 - some people concerned/afraid about hospitalization
 - David: Key is that a lot has changed/improved about leaves and returns from 5 years ago. Re-admission rate has increased from 65% (5 years ago) to ~100% (last year)
 - Committee on Academic Performance decided
 - In past, Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) concerned that people would come back and struggle and leave again --> set bar higher. Today, CAP has different approach: "put control back in students hands".
- Hospitalizations:
 - Suicidal thoughts/Existential crises is a human thing.
 - 40 students end up psychiatrically hospitalized (most have gone to Mental Health and Counseling; many voluntary) -
 - If this happens to a student, it is determined by a MHC professional to be necessary; the CARE team can contact the student immediately (personal response) to determine how they want to handle the situation (contact parents/family? how to return?) - goal to put as much control in student's hands
 - Rob follow-up: in EC hallmates can be family. Is this something a CARE team considers?
 - CARE team includes dorm ADs (Next, MacGregor) - understand tight dorm culture.
 - Can help with info like How to get to hospital? what are visiting hours? different places have different rules (visiting hours, phones allowed, etc), so CARE team can help sort through this info
 - Student follow-up: "voluntarily hospitalization" -- choice between voluntary leave or involuntary leave??
 - Hospitalization Leave Committee -- new policy to not to threaten involuntary leave on a student. appeals process for involuntary leave.
 - Karen Singleton more information
 - Parental follow-up: What if student is on parent insurance but don't want parents to know (parent get medical bill)?

- CARE team can't do much about medical bills
- especially difficult for questioning sexual/gender identity,
- easier to navigate on MIT extended insurance because managed by MIT Medical

Want to discuss

- 1) How do we build trust between students and administrators
 - a) Minutes for student-administration meetings should be made available to students (and especially to meeting attendees) -- e.g. no minutes shared from a CSL meeting with 20-30 people last year (which students were invited to)
 - i) David will talk to Suzy about it tomorrow
 - b) Ethical considerations for consent for data use?
 - i) MIT has been very cautious with survey data. WRT to student support, David can assure people that S3 satisfaction surveys are handled very seriously
 - c) Better efforts to treat students as people, empathize with students? Make decisions based on students as people, not on institute image? Many people feel hurt by recent MIT decisions
 - i) David - Subcommittee chair on Sr House turnaround team, still maintain contact with students that he worked with
 - ii) Best way to re-build trust is to meet people as individuals (not just "East Campus students", "East Side students". Friday dog
 - iii)
- 2) What are student support groups doing well? Not well?

CSL Prelim discussion on smoking report

- Report will probably say: Want to look forwards to how to phase smoking out of dorm interiors. Transition to no smoking inside (can still smoke in courtyard - not necessarily no smoking). E-cig probably not part of the situation (Cindy doesn't care about vapor, just smoke). Want more smoking cessation resources. Allie suspects/hopes it will respect student autonomy a lot. They may say what they want but let us control how to do it.
- Report not finished, but maybe things will happen soon/by next housecomm? No timeline for finishing.
- Smoking cessation resources - Tabrez (Medlinks) and Allie to follow-up
- Hazel replaced by Leslie (lovely) - but don't know Leslie's stance on smoking
- Susy said she would have to talk to Hazel before okaying sharing the report
- CSL reports are recommendations to Susy. Non-binding.
- Component of student autonomy vs CSL recommendations?
- Probably want us to eventually change official policy, but not plans to police.

Open discussion

- Walker cafe? architectural plans exist. construction delayed. surprise

- East parallel roof mostly done? wrap up on Friday. Scaffolding down next week
- Reminder: sign up for FACs! This semester we are enforcing \$100 hall fine for not organizing a FAC. Yay food!

Budget proposal:

Comm	Requests	Request Notes/Item
Alum	\$ -	
AV	\$400.00	Locking cabinet, 2 wireless trackers, cable maintenance
Bad Ideas	\$2,000.00	
Bike		
Camera	\$1,100.00	new videocamera https://www.amazon.com/Panasonic-HC-WXF991K-Ultra-Camcorder-Camera/dp/B01A60T3R4?psc=1&SubscriptionId=AKIAJJSJSDJSYDTI27722Q&tag=epcamera-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=B01A60T3R4
Concert	\$4,500.00	Artists, Food, Stage/AV, Event reg. Note: LEF and WMBR funding, 1700 in proj acct
CPW	-	
Historian		
Eco	\$100.00	Composting and new garden?
Elect	\$100.00	Snacks and Stickers
Exec	\$200.00	Housecomm snaxs, discr
Game	\$300.00	Ping pong table
Jock	\$75.00	T-shirts, IM games
Nom		
Piano	\$300.00	Piano tuning
Rush	-	Some remaining unallocated money to be set-aside for Rush 2018
Suds		
Sewing		
Soc	\$2,500.00	Parties and FACs
Talbot	\$150.00	Replacement items for lounge/kitchen
Thrift		
Tool	\$600.00	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qimaSDg2JwUu-ZsQ0_OdXEjQDP5tjF2McAS8Uufg87c/edit#gid=976638885
Web	\$100.00	Zipties, cable ties, labels, misc.
Weight Room	\$250.00	replace lost weights

Random old receipts		
TOTAL	\$	