

Agenda:

- New EC exec
- Topless policy, clothing-optional & contractors
- Steer Roast

Attendance: all here

There's a new EC exec, woohoo!

Avital has a Rush announcement. Rush is having their first meeting on the 15th, and hall-level brainstorming sessions. 1W and 3W have not responded to request for help scheduling, please do.

Toplessness, clothing-optional, contractors

Toplessness forum feedback: admins found it to be a positive experience and were happy to learn our opinions and understand how things worked at EC.

There has been confusion about what "public spaces" are. EC residents understand this to not include hallways, whereas admins/contractors expect it to include them. Contractors thus expected people to be clothed on hallways, including on clothing-optional halls, during the toplessness policy suspension.

Housecomm will not change individual halls' policies, but we should talk about what we can do to avoid these misunderstandings. Proposals included having signage notifying people they're entering a clothing-optional space, as well as making something like an informational flyer to be given to outside contractors coming into the building for the first time. We also want to communicate both to the contractors and the residents how to handle these awkward situations and have some kind of guidelines, especially to avoid contractors reporting seeing naked people as incidents to their supervisors.

EC currently has no outside contractors coming in because of one of incidents like this. Exec is working on fixing this, we expect progress early next week. Toolcomm notes that they are said because this has caused work on the Woodroom to be suspended. Please let Tesla know if you or someone on your hall has an emergency where you need an outside contractor (electrician, plumber, ...) urgently.

Tesla is going to meet Dennis from Housing together with hall chairs from clothing-optional halls to talk about this.

Spocky and Natasha are volunteering to design signs. HouseComm takes a vote on whether the signs (to be placed behind hall doors) are needed (specific design to be approved at a future HouseComm). The vote **passes** (7 for, 2 against, 1 abstain).

Multiple clothing-optional halls express concern for the possibility of parents seeing signs. They also point out that both of the nays came from clothing-optional halls, and this decision affects them much more than everybody else.

It is concluded that the signs will be designed and discussed again in the future. Signs will not be put up before another vote. Hall reps are encouraged to talk to their halls about this.

Natasha volunteers to help write a “Welcome to EC, here be dragons/snaked people, sometimes” introductory text for contractors. Lydia volunteers to help too.

It has been suggested to renew the business hours suspension of the toplessness policy indefinitely. There is discussion of how long to renew it for.

HouseComm takes a vote on a business hour suspension until the first Housecomm of next semester. The vote **passes**.

A proposal to amend the policy we’ll be considered next week.

Steer Roast/Alt Roast/EC Day

SH refugees are planning an Alt Roast. It has been proposed by current EC residents who are former SH residents that part of the opening ceremony happen at EC. This is the first time SH-affiliated people have explicitly reached out to us and ask for specific action w.r.t. remembering SH.

Proposed activities include mud wrestling, lighting the pit, art installations, fire spinning. There’s been discussion of who’d pay for it, the general sentiment seems to be that SH alums/refugees could pay for most of it.

Expect more updates and discussions.

Remember that next housecomm is **next week**, on 2/14, and not in two weeks.