

Housecomm 2/14/2018

Rollcall: all but 1W here

Comm Elections!

Web Comm (2) takes care of the servers and some websites.

Nominations: cela - yes, m vadari - no, shreyask - yes

Cela and shreyask are webcomm!

Concert Comm (2) is responsible for running Fred Fest in the fall. Get cool bands. Learn how to run an event.

Nominations: Aaallen - yes, karinah - no, antarres - no, lisatang - no, swampfox - no, conradgo - no, higlesia - yes, zhoui - yes

Why do you want to be concertcomm?

Zhoui - wants to diversify EC music

Aaallen - likes music and concertcomm and what it does for EC + ~the campus~

Are you good at negotiating?

Zhoui - has run big events, negotiating with venues

Aaallen - has run FRC things with large budgets, band!

Aaallen and zhoui are concertcomm!

Do you want to know what events are happening when and are you good at responding to emails?

Consider running for **Social Comm** (2).

Nominations: Chris Xu - no. Julia - yes. Karina - no. adrianaj - yes, Kevin + Federico - yes.

Why do you want to be SC?

Kevin + Federico: we live close to each other and check our emails often.

Adrianaj: I guess I don't really. But I was nominated, so. [dropping adriana's candidacy]

Julia: it'd be nice to know about the events.

Motion to whiteballot Julia because we don't need multiple SocComms. Accepted. Julia's SocComm.

EC Historians (2) maintain dorm's social and physical history. It'd be cool if this was someone with web experience. Two is not especially helpful, just one would be enough.

Nominations: mayalk - conditionally accept? Moving on temporarily.

Bike Comm (2) keeps track of bike things and

Nominations for Bike Comm: none

sewing comm(1) keeps track of our sewing machine/sewing stuff. Also, there's a sewing machine at desk and nobody knows where it came from so you can keep track of that too.

Nominations for Sewing Comm: Natasha - yes. Karina - no.

Motion to whiteballot Natasha. Accepted. Natasha is SewingComm.

Game Room Comm (2) keeps track of EC recreational equipment and games.

Nominations for GameRoomComm: emilymcd - yes. Anna - yes.

Whiteballot emilymcd & Anna. Accepted. emilymcd & Anna are GameRoomComm.

Jock Comm (2) - your job is to get people to participate in intramural sports.

Nominations: adrianaj - yes. Conrad - yes.

Whiteballot adrianaj and Conrad. Accepted. Adrianaj and Conrad are JockComm.

WeightRoom Comm (2) - Nominations: Micheal K - yes, ammv2021 - yes, sweidman -no
Motion to whiteballot. Accepted.

Dining Comm (1) (also called NomComm) can hold cooking classes and communicates with dining.

Nominations: ecd - yes. Adriana - yes. Natasha - yes.

Why do you want to be NomComm?

Adriana: sophomore, 4e kitchen czar, I really care about EC cook-for-yourself culture.

Natasha: freshman, 3e birthdaycomm -- I make **all** the birthday pancakes. My mom taught me how to cook, so I was lucky to be prepared, but not everyone has that, and it's important that people can feel like they can live in a cook-for-yourself community even without prior experience.

Ecd: 2019, I have a lot of feelings about food, me and other putzen talked a lot to Naomi Carton about her \$15 Whole Foods meal suggestion

Housecomm takes votes. Ecd and Natasha are elected NomComm.

AV Comm (2) - purchasing & maintaining AV equipment that EC owns, coordinating with ConcertComm. There's a little less Visual than Audio in our work now, so if someone wants to do that, that could be cool.

Nominations: Sudermann - yes. Hadrian - yes.

Whiteballot. Accepted. Sudermann and Hadrian are AVComm.

Alumni Comm (1) - coordinate alumni involvement and run EC Day. If we decide to do Alt-Roasty things, you might have to coordinate with Alt Roast organizers (more details to follow)

Nominations: Juan - no. Ben - no. , Miana - yes, Maurizio - yes

Motion to whiteballot. Accepted. Miana & Maurizio are AlumniComm.

Camera Comm (3) - produces our i3 video and is in charge of our video-camera. They have a 4K camera and 600GB of video you'd be responsible for!

Nominations: Hadrian - yes. Pete - yes. Karina - yes, Maya - yes

Why do you want to be CameraComm? Relevant experience?

Karina: sophomore, take photos a lot, was official photographer for a conference, talked to a lot of EC residents about new ideas for i3 video, want to change our format up a bit

Hadrian: inertia is a property of all matter, I did a lot of work on last year's i3 video and spent a bunch of time cataloging stuff, so I could spend more, I'll be doing a lot of video editing

Maya: I was on last year's cameracomm and before on tetazoo's photography committee, I really enjoyed making the i3 video, I know how working with Housing works and what you can/can't put in the i3 video, and I've also been going through the archives and cataloging video, I've now seen every single video since 2013 pretty much

Pete: EC i3 video is the reason I picked the dorm, I want to work on it because it's a really valuable video, and I want to make a video that honors previous years' i3s, EC, and SH. I helped with last year's i3, made numerous animated short films.

Housecomm takes a vote. Hardian, Pete, and Karina are CameraComm.

Tool Comm (3) - we buy tools, EC has lots of tools, we buy more, repair old ones, interface with EHS.

Nominations: Antaris - yes. Luis - yes. Jonathan - yes. Ecd - no. Lisa - yes. Miana - yes.

Why do you want to be ToolComm?

Antaris: freshman, I think ToolComm is a resource that provides a lot of good and I want to help maintain that. I think I'd learn a lot, and I'm curious about the EHS process.

Miana: freshman, Toolcomm is neat, I'd be really happy to help maintain it and grow its capabilities.

Lisa: sophomore, I've used a lot of tools from Toolcomm (I built a large thing from Bad Ideas), I think there's a lot to learn about tool organization and I want to implement that

Luis: sophomore, I love tools, I love Toolcomm, I've already been interfacing with EHS so I think I could take that in a good direction, and I use tools a lot so I think I could do a good job maintaining

Jonathan: sophomore, I enjoy making things, and I hope everyone else feels that way too, all of last year I worked in a makerspace, so I think I could use that experience

Question from ecd: how do you guys feel about running trainings and writing surveys, since that's something EHS really want to happen? And how will you interface this with EC's total lack of order?

Jonathan: I wrote training manuals for the makerspace I was working at. Woodworking is my specialty, but I'm also getting skills in metalworking. I'll try to make it as easy as possible and make the rules as easy as possible, kick people out if they don't follow.

Luis: safety is #1 priority (*laughter*), I'll do my best to make sure you have the resources to build safely. I'd interface with EHS to make sure residents get the training they need.

Lisa: I haven't really done anything with official manuals, but I've taught people to use tools; I could consider adding keycard access to the new toolshop or at least large annoying signs

Antaris: as someone who came to MIT as a complete newbie, I really appreciate training, so it'd not be unreasonable to hold trainings, perhaps we can divide tools by hazard level

Miana: EHS would probably like if our trainings were easy for residents to access, we could make a video and a questionnaire like in other makerspaces on campus, so overall I'd make it very accessible
Housecomm takes a vote. Luis, Jonathan, and Antaris are elected Toolcomm.

Piano Comm (1) is in charge of all communal instruments/facilities. You should really tune the pianos!

Nominations: Ashay - yes. Emily - yes.

Why do you want to be PianoComm?

Ashay: sophomore 1e, I play the piano a lot and want to see the space become nicer; I'd like to do more than tuning the piano; I'd like to organize something like study breaks in the piano room and maybe get nice furniture for it. I was in the Logs and Emerson program, but now I dropped it all so there's a music-shaped hole in my heart.

Emily: freshman, I want to be PianoComm because I love piano and music, I tuned the slugfest piano myself, I think it'd be really great to get someone to tune the pianos professionally.

Whiteballot both. Accepted. Ashay & Emily are PianoComm.

Suds Comm (1) is best known for emailing when our laundry machines flood everything, but they also communicate with laundry facilities/make sure machines are working

Nominations: Antaris - no. Natasha - no. Swampfox - no. Miana - yes. Hadrian - no.

Whiteballot Miana. Miana is SudsComm.

Talbot Committee (1) is in charge of the space's upkeep. You also help Pinkie's! Or maybe you're really into Talbot.

Nominations: Milka - yes. Miana - no. Emily - no.

Whiteballot Milka. Accepted. Milka is TalbotComm.

Eco Comm (1) is EC's contact point for UA Sustainability and tries to encourage waste reduction, they help get compost bags/bins on halls; you can work to improve recycling

Nominations: Stephanie - no. Avital - no. sweidman - yes, anna johnson - yes

Anna: I want to implement composting dorm-wide

Stephanie: given that halls were concerned about the responsibility of taking it out

Anna: I know New House has Facilities take them out, maybe we can figure out something like that

Avital: how will you make composting less of a health hazard?

Anna: we should care about our planet, guys! Surely we can make it happen

Would you be willing to take the bins out?

Anna: maybe we can get one outside, I'm pretty sure we can figure something out

Whiteballoting both. Accepted. Anna & Sweidman are EcoComm.

Thrift Comm (2) organizes events like "flea markets", "thrift fashion" show, and collects donations for goodwill.

Nominations: sweidman - yes.

Whiteballoting. Accepted. Swediman is ThriftComm.

Coming back to EC Historian.

Mayalk: I'm happy to collect stories, but I really have no capability to put them online.

Since nobody else will, I'm running.

Whiteballot Maya. Accepted.

Coming back to Bikecomm.

Juan nominates himself. Whiteballot. Accepted.

WE'RE DONE WITH ELECTIONS.

Clothing optionality updates. Tesla met with Housing. Current status: Facilities still present in EC, contractors servicing public spaces and non-clothing-optional halls. If a contractor needs to make a repair on a clothing-optional hall, the hall will be emailed and clothing-optionality will be suspended for a day. Tesla feels positively about the meeting, Housing seemed receptive to our needs, there's also been communication on halls about being respectful towards contractors. We believe the situation is under control, we'll be talking about this more and figure out how clothing-optional halls interact with contractors.

This was a long housecomm, so let's take the vote on toplessness policy amendment next time.

JoeG and Housing do not want signs on halls, so those are probably not happening. But they're super excited about little booklets to give to contractors.

Rush update: meeting at 10p tomorrow.

Budget update: we'll vote on a budget at the next Housecomm. Past comms: please file reimbursements asap! Future comms: you'll get emails from Avital, hopefully you guys can figure out how much money you need.

Alt Roast: Gretchen is a former SH resident, now lives on 4W, contact person for this. The intention is not to have Steer Roast at EC, we just want a little kickoff event. We want to have grilling, firespinning, mud wrestling, ... There will be more specific plans soon. Gretchen & AlumComm will write up a proposal; HouseComm will have a vote on whether to accept it at all, then another vote on whether to combine it with EC Day.

The event would be outside, dry, during the day, registered, and would have little official association with other Alt Roast event. We don't expect political repercussions. We will want to institute some form of security so that random alums don't get on halls. EC is not expected to contribute a single dollar, money will come from SH and DormCon. Halls will get budgets for art. We'll send out more info, please discuss on halls, we know people have a lot of opinions all over the spectrum and we want to hear them.