

Yay last housecomm woo!

Here: 1W (yay!), 2W, 3W, 5W, 1E, 2E, 3E, 5E, 4W

Not Here: 4E

- Dorm Life Survey results & analysis
- Updates from meeting with DSL about the East Side Festival
- Reminders & updates from the treasurer
- Reminders & updates from rush chairs
- Summer storage updates and Q&A

ESF Debriefs

We got a lot of responses to the survey. We had a debrief in-person here in Talbot last Wednesday, a lot of people shared their feelings. We got a lot of feedback on security, on culture & EC-SH balance. We had a very productive discussion, a lot of people had strong feelings but we felt like this was something we could have a discussion about and do better next time.

Then there was a meeting with the DSL to go over the residents' feedback. Tesla started talking about security, and DSL tried to reassure them saying "we could do this better next year", and at that point Tesla went "wait stahp we're not having security again". We agreed we'd be planning that earlier. dbsheen confirms that he's been told that if the event is planned earlier, there shouldn't be issues with security.

This means that if we're running the event again, we'll probably be electing people who will be responsible for it in the middle of next Fall.

DSL seemed fairly convinced that they were a bit too difficult to work with and should be less of a watchdog for regulations in the future. Tesla is going to work with DormCon Risk Management on standards for how events like this should be organized.

Treasurer stuff

If you haven't submitted your receipts, please do. If you didn't run a FAC, you'll get a fine, so please run a FAC.

Rush stuff

Rush is happening! The deadline for the early returns application has passed, but it was actually fake! The real deadline is tonight, so do the thing! On the wiki there's a list of traditional events that you can sign up to run, or you can sign up to run new events! Rush chairs don't spam ec-residents@, but there's a lot of exciting stuff happening on [cowbois@](#).

[EC wiki RUSH 2018 Page](#)

Possible Senior Gift event

There is a chance Senior Gift Committee will be hosting an event here on Friday, because a negligible proportion of EC seniors have given to the Senior Gift. They will try to explain why

giving to the SG is a good idea---feel free to listen and decide if you think it makes sense, and also get free food. Senior Gift could be a powerful tool to send a message (even by donating!), but it needs to be more transparent, so you should tell the SG people that this is something that matters to you.

Q: would the people here be students from the SGC or admin types? Tesla tried to specifically get a EC alum who's in the Alumni Association, but it's unclear he'd actually be sent. But there'd probably be someone from the AA, and probably some student volunteers.

If this actually happens, there will be an email with more details from Tesla.

Dorm Life Survey

A lot of you took the first ever Dorm Life Survey in the fall. The survey was organized by DormCon, and the goal was to get quantitative information on how happy people are with their dorms, the amenities, culture, support resources etc.

Thanks a lot to Max for putting together a presentation on the results!

One thing we saw very clearly from the survey responses is that EC residents generally don't know GRTs outside their hall, but would like to know other GRTs better, and this is something we'll work on.

EC residents spend 1 more hour per day in their dorm on average than the overall average. More residents feel at home than average. Most people feel welcome on other halls, but there's a nontrivial part of residents who don't. Most people identify more with their hall than with the dorm on the whole. 84% of people are happy with the dorm tax (\$85/semester). Most people have some idea of what EC exec is working on, but there's a decent number of people who feel like information about that could be more accessible.

We asked people how important specific things were to EC culture. Freedom of expression won by far, 93% think it's very important. Murals are second, cook-for-yourself is pretty high.

There was a textbox for what made people feel a part of the EC community, and the responses were very wholesome, people feel welcome and accepted, and they also like cats. A significant number of people felt that EC was not super welcoming to transfers/freshmen/new residents or just felt that they'd like more people to be around more of the time.

A lot of people go to GRTs for mediating conflicts, but not for study breaks. Most people say they go to study breaks to have a meal. But also somehow we beat all the dorms by far on people saying they "learn more about themselves" during study breaks.

If you want to learn more about this, come talk to Max or Tesla about the results. EC-specific information will not be public, but exec & house team has access to it, you can talk to Rob or exec if you have specific questions; averages over the entire student population at MIT are available on dormcon's website.

Summer storage Q&A with Tabrez

Tabrez is the Housing Operations coordinator, aka JoeG Whisperer and Summer Storage Chair! You have until May 18th (this Friday!) to submit your proof of insurance to residence@mit.edu.

You **must** have insurance to use summer storage. MIT has recommended

<https://www.collegestudentinsurance.com/>, and you should check if your parents' policy might

cover you. People who submit this information successfully will be added to a mailing list, and get more information.

DSL has provided free boxes which you can get from the basement. Your boxes must be labeled with your contact information, unlabeled items might get thrown out.

The basement will be open until move-out day (May 27th), after that the cages (Walcott and Wood) will be locked, and you won't be able to store or take things. Electrical appliances can be stored in the Wood Staging Area, but that will not be secured.

The cages will be unlocked at the end of the summer term, which is something like August 21st, approximately. If there are special circumstances that mean you need to access your stuff earlier, contact JoeG or Tabrez and we can arrange something.

What about people who are moving out later because they're volunteering for Commencement? Talk to Tabrez individually.

Another Rush update

Submit your designs for swag! Do the thing! As soon as possible!

Woohoo last housecomm of the semester adjourned!!